



Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026



Our Lady of Guadalupe

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:30 pm	OLG, Spanish
Sunday	7:25 am	SNDA
	9:30 am	OLG, English
	11:30 am	OLG, English
Monday & Tuesday	6:00 pm	
Wed., Thurs., & Fri.	12:05 pm	
ADORATION	Tuesday	after 6:00 pm Mass
CONFESSION	Saturday	4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To honor the Lord as Servants of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries of God by spreading his message of Love, Hope, Faith and Respect. In trusting his message, our diverse community will always remain united and be guided by the Holy Spirit, to encourage and support the development of the Sacramental Life and by being a community open to others that are coming in search of Christ's love and teachings.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel tells us that on that very day, the day of the Resurrection, two disciples are walking away from Jerusalem toward Emmaus. Jerusalem is the place where everything happened: hope, promise, crucifixion, and now the empty tomb. They had hoped that Jesus Christ was the one to redeem Israel. But, their hope has died. Their expectations were shattered by the Cross. Even though they have heard rumors of the Resurrection, it is too much to believe. So they walk away, carrying sorrow, confusion, and disillusionment.

And this is where the Gospel becomes deeply personal. How often do we walk away from "Jerusalem moments" in our own lives? Moments where God seemed present, where hope once burned brightly, but now something has gone wrong. A prayer wasn't answered. A loss came unexpectedly. A plan collapsed. Like those disciples, we say: "I thought God was in this... but now I'm not so sure."

As they walk, the risen Christ comes alongside them. The Gospel says their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. Jesus Christ is present, walking with them, listening to them, but they do not know it.

This tells us something essential about the spiritual life: God is often closest when He seems most hidden.

The disciples are not abandoned. On the contrary, they are accompanied. Christ meets them precisely in their confusion, not after they figure everything out, not after they regain perfect faith, but *in the middle of their doubt*. And He approaches them. He does not interrupt. He does not correct them immediately. He asks a question: "What are you discussing as you walk along?" God listens first. The disciples pour out their disappointment. They recount the events: the condemnation, the crucifixion, the burial. They even mention the women's report of the empty tomb, but it sounds more like a puzzling rumor than a source of hope.

This moment is crucial. Their honesty becomes the doorway for revelation. Too often, we think faith means hiding our doubts or pretending everything is fine. But this Gospel shows the opposite: transformation begins when we speak truthfully to God. The disciples do not yet understand, but they are real. And that is enough for Christ to begin His work.

Then comes a turning point. Jesus says, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe."

This is not an insult, it is a loving correction. And immediately, He begins to interpret the Scriptures for them, showing how everything from Moses to the prophets points to the necessity of suffering before glory. Without Scripture, the Cross makes no sense. With Scripture, the Cross becomes the path to redemption. Christ reframes their entire understanding. What looked like failure was actually fulfillment. What seemed like defeat was victory. What appeared to be the end was the beginning. And slowly, something changes within them. Later they will say, "Were not our hearts burning within us?" Faith often begins not with full clarity, but with a burning heart, a sense that something is true, even before we can fully explain it.

When they reach Emmaus, the disciples urge Him to stay. This is another key moment. Christ does not force Himself upon them. He waits for an invitation. "Stay with us." And He does. At the table, He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them. In that moment, their eyes are opened. They recognize Him and then He vanishes from their sight.

This action echoes the Last Supper. In the breaking of the bread, the disciples encounter the living Christ. The same pattern continues today in the Church: Christ is made known in the Word and in the Eucharist. We could say the entire story has two movements. **The Word explained** (on the road) **The Bread broken** (at the table)

This is the structure of Christian worship and the structure of transformation.

April 19, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Vigilia del Tercer Domingo de Pascua

5:30p.m. † Angelita Lopez
† Lucy Vela

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Patrick Higgins (B-day Rem.)
† Michael Higgins (B-day Rem.)
† Jesse Gonzalez
† Veronica Martinez (B-day Rem.)
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Noel O. Cantu (B-day Rem.)
† Ernesto Perez (1st Ann.)

11:30a.m. † Julian Escamilla (B-day Rem.)
† Maria Escamilla
† Juan Moscot

Monday, April 20, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

12:05p.m. † Angel Zepeda (2nd Ann.)

Thursday, April 23, 2026

12:05p.m. † Carmela Garza (B-day Rem.)
† Joe Gallegos (B-day Rem.)

Friday, April 24, 2026

12:05p.m. † Juanita R. Hesky
† Jose G. Manrique
† Delia C. Manrique
† Joe Daniel C. Manrique
† Carol Joe Seidel (B-day Rem.)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Vigilia del Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

5:30p.m. † Reymundo Chavarria, Sr. (15th Ann.)
† Inez L. Chavarria (34th Ann.)
† Ariel Lichtenberger (8th Ann.)
† Hilario Muñoz
† Olivia Muñoz

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † M/M Agapito & Zenaida Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Israel V. Bueno
† Jesus Salinas Jr. (6th Ann.)
Derek Galindo for Healing

April 5, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,336.00
Loose Collections	3,548.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	44.00
Total	\$ 5,928.00

Second Collections:

Catholic Relief Services	0.00
Catholic Home Missions	0.00
Holy Land	590.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 590.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	45.00
Loose Collections	306.00
Total Deposit	\$ 351.00

II Collections

April 19th - Mother's Day Flowers

April 26th - Catholic Missions Appeal

May 3rd - Retired & Infirm Priests

May 10th - HGN

May 17th - Catholic Communications

May 24th - Bishop Stewardship Appeal

May 31st - Father's Day Flowers

June 7th - Father's Day Novenas

June 14th - Teen Ministry

June 21st - Faith Formation

June 28th - Peter's Pence

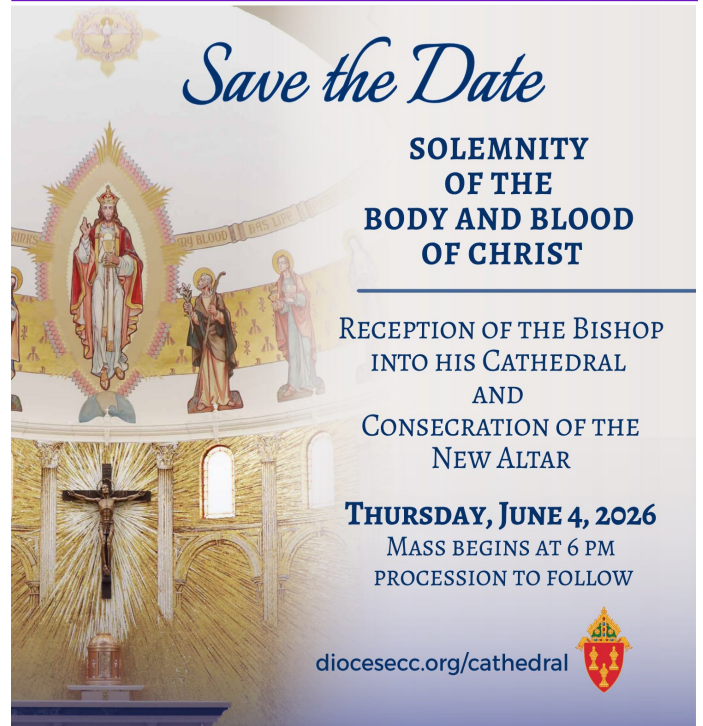
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**SOLEMNITY
OF THE
BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST**

RECEPTION OF THE BISHOP
INTO HIS CATHEDRAL
AND
CONSECRATION OF THE
NEW ALTAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

MASS BEGINS AT 6 PM
PROCESSION TO FOLLOW



OLG Corner

4/20/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
4/21/26 5:30PM/7:00PM FAITH FORMATION
4/22/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING
4/26/26 10:45AM FAITH FORMATION
(Last Sunday Classes)

Have a Blessed Week!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Alice

Invites You to a
HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER SERVICE

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

May 15-23 Novena to the Holy Spirit

We invite you to join us in celebrating the Vigil of Pentecost with healing prayers. Come and experience a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit through a powerful healing service. Receive God's blessings, guidance, and His anointing.

Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Seeking Door Greeters

Please consider volunteering as a door greeter. To sign up or for more info contact Melba Lara 361-701-6142

RESTORE MY SOUL

(Psalm 23)

Lay down your burdens.
Let Him restore your soul.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church | Alice, Texas
OLG Women's F.L.A.M.E. Retreat
A time of renewal, healing, and encounter with the Lord

June 18 – June 21, 2026

All women are welcome

Step into a sacred four-day journey of prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. This retreat is an invitation to lay down your burdens, open your heart, and allow the Good Shepherd to heal your wounds, renew your strength, and restore your soul through Christ.

Whether you are weary, searching, or longing for deeper intimacy with God – this retreat is for you.

Registration & Information

Belinda Franco 361-562-2233 | Melissa Jasso 361-660-4032
Cynthia Castillo 361-562-1588

Attention

2026 GRADUATES

We will be celebrating Mass
for all 2026 Graduates
on May 24, 2026 at 11:30am mass
with a luncheon to follow at Parish Hall.

Please call office to sign up.

First Communion Candidates

First Confessions & Mini Retreat

April 25, 2026

8:00am - 1:00pm

First Communion Mass

May 2, 2026

10:00 am



Confirmation

Sunday, May 17, 2026
during 11:30AM mass
with Bishop Aviles

Luncheon to follow in Parish Hall



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church MEN'S F.L.A.M.E.

BINGO

JUNE 7, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: KC Hall, Alice, TX

Donation.....\$20.00 per Ticket

Specials will be sold for \$1.00

Food and drinks will be sold during Bingo

