

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 2026

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us one of the most tender and powerful images in all of Scripture: *the shepherd and his sheep*. This passage is not just a poetic metaphor, it is a deeply personal revelation of who Christ is, who we are, and what kind of relationship God desires with us.

Jesus speaks of *thieves and robbers*, those who do not enter the sheepfold through the gate but climb in another way. These figures represent anything or anyone that tries to take hold of our lives apart from God: false promises, empty ambitions, distorted truths, even our own disordered desires. They come, as Jesus says later, "to steal and kill and destroy."

But then comes the image of the shepherd. "The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." The shepherd is not a stranger. He belongs. He is recognized. He is trusted. And here is the key line: "The sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

This is the heart of the Gospel. God does not deal with us as a crowd, but as individuals. He calls each of us *by name*. He knows your story, your wounds, your hopes, your struggles. There is nothing generic about His love. It is intimate, intentional, and personal.

The Christian life is not first about rules or rituals; it is about learning to recognize a voice. The voice of Christ. A voice that does not confuse, manipulate, or condemn, but one that calls, invites, and leads.

Yet here is where the challenge lies: Do we recognize His voice? Because we live in a world full of noise. There are many competing voices: Voices that tell us our worth depends on success or approval, Voices that promise happiness through power, pleasure, or possessions, Voices that stir fear, division, or despair

These are the voices of "thieves and robbers." They may sound convincing. They may even sound familiar. But they do not lead to life.

Jesus says plainly: "The sheep do not follow a stranger; they run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Recognizing Christ's voice is something we *learn over time*. It comes from relationship. From prayer. From Scripture. From silence. From staying close to Him.

The more we listen, the more we recognize. Then Jesus shifts the image in a surprising way. He says: "I am the gate."

Not only is He the shepherd who leads, He is also the gate through which we enter.

In the ancient world, sheepfolds were often simple enclosures, and the shepherd himself would lie across the entrance at night. He became the gate. Nothing could come in or go out except through him.

What does this mean for us? It means that Jesus is not just a guide among many. He is the way. The access point. The one through whom life, safety, and salvation are found.

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."

Notice the freedom in that line: *come in and go out*. This is not imprisonment. This is not control. This is life lived in security and abundance. The sheep are not trapped, they are protected and provided for.

And then we arrive at one of the most beautiful promises in the entire Gospel:

**"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."**



Our Lady of Guadalupe  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

**PARISH OFFICE** 1300 Guerra St., Phone: 361-664-2953  
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon and 2:00-5:00 pm (Closed every Tuesday)

*April 26, 2026*  
*Mass Intentions*

*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

*Monday, April 27, 2026*

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Tuesday, April 28, 2026*

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Wednesday, April 29, 2026*

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Thursday, April 30, 2026*

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Friday, May 01, 2026*

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Saturday, May 02, 2026*

*Vigilia del Quinto Domingo de Pascua*

5:30p.m. † Ramon Roberto Chavarria (3rd Ann.)

*Sunday, May 03, 2026*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez  
† Winnie Higgins (B-day Rem.)  
† Santos Hernandez  
† Marissa Ileana Saenz  
† Noel O. Cantu

11:30a.m. † Juan Moscote  
† Jesus Salinas, Jr.

**April 12, 2026**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	1,917.00
Loose Collections	1,122.30
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	121.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,160.30</b>

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	5.00
Catholic Home Missions	20.00
Faith Formation	642.51
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$ 667.51</b>

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections	00.00
Loose Collections	293.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 293.00</b>

**II Collections**

**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**

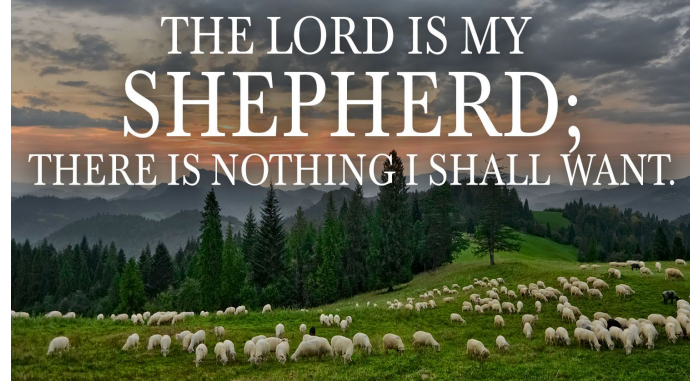
**July 5th - Faith Formation**

**July 12th - Church in Africa**

**July 19th - Charitable Works**

**July 26th - Teen Ministry**

**August 2nd - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**



**\*\*\*Mass Intention Deadline\*\*\***

All mass intentions will be celebrated at mass.  
All information to be printed in the bulletin must  
be submitted 14 days prior to the bulletin date.  
This includes intentions, anniversaries  
and birthday celebrations.

*Thank you for your cooperation.  
If you have any questions please contact the parish office.*

# OLG Corner

4/28/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY  
 4/29/26 5:30PM/7:00PM FAITH FORMATION  
 (Last Day of FF)  
 4/30/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING  
 5/02/26 10:00AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

*Have a Blessed Week!*

## First Holy Communion



May 02, 2026

10:00 am

## Confirmation

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



*Luncheon to follow in Parish Hall*

*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.

## MEN'S F.L.A.M.E. RETREAT

AUGUST 20-23, 2026



**ANSWER THE CALL. STRENGTHEN THE MAN.  
FOLLOW THE CHRIST.**

Brothers,

In a world full of noise and conflicting identities, there is one question that defines a man's life: Who is Jesus Christ to you? When Peter made his great profession of faith, his entire life changed. He found his purpose, his mission, and his strength. We invite you to step away from the daily grind for a weekend of brotherhood, prayer, and reflection as we dive into what it means to declare Christ as Lord in our own lives today.

**"YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." MATTHEW 16:16**

Contact OLG  
 Church Office  
 361-664-2953



Retreat  
 cost \$175  
 deposit  
 \$75

## 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."

## 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

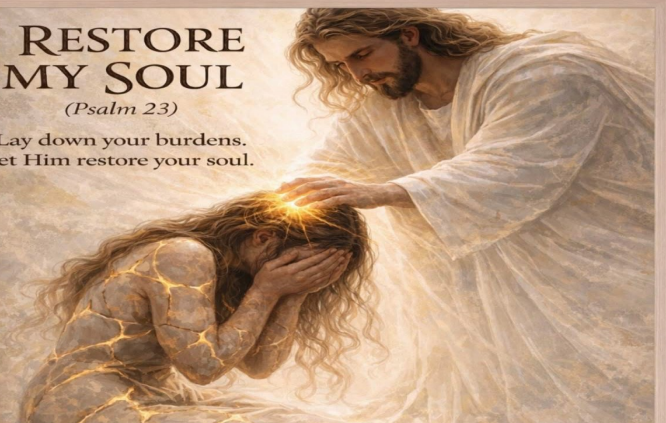
Food and drinks will be sold during Bingo



## 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

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