



The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



Our Lady of Guadalupe

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

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| 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 |

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)

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 today brings us to the very end of the Gospel of Matthew. It is not just a conclusion, it is a beginning. The risen Jesus gathers His disciples on a mountain in Galilee, the place where so much of His ministry began. And there, on that mountain, He gives them their mission and ours.

"All Authority Has Been Given to Me". Jesus begins with a declaration: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." The mission He gives to His disciples is grounded in His authority. The disciples are not sent on their own initiative. They are sent in His name, under His authority, with His power. And the same is true for us.

"Go, Therefore..." The very first word of the mission is simple: **Go**. Not "wait." Not "stay comfortable." Not "keep this to yourselves." **Go**.

Christian faith is not something meant to be contained. It is not private property. It is meant to move outward, to reach others, to transform the world. Jesus does not say, "Go to perfect people," or "Go where it's easy." He says, "Go to all nations." This means crossing boundaries: cultural boundaries, social boundaries, emotional boundaries, even personal fears. The mission of the Church has always required courage, the courage to step beyond what is familiar.

"Make Disciples". Jesus does not simply say, "Make converts." He says, "Make disciples." A disciple is not just someone who believes in something. A disciple is someone who follows Someone. To make disciples means helping others: come to know Christ personally, grow in relationship with Him, learn to live as He taught, become witnesses themselves.

This is not a quick task. It is a lifelong process. And it begins not with words, but with witness. People are far more likely to be drawn to Christ by what they see in us than by what we say. Do they see patience? Do they see forgiveness? Do they see integrity? Do they see hope? Or do they see something no different from the world around them?

"Baptizing Them...". Jesus speaks of baptism "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This is not just a ritual formula. It is an invitation into the very life of God.

To be baptized is to be drawn into a relationship: with the Father who loves, with the Son who saves, with the Spirit who gives life. The mission of the Church is not simply to teach ideas. It is to bring people into communion, with God and with one another.

This Gospel is not just a command, it is an invitation. An invitation to step into a mission that is bigger than ourselves. An invitation to trust in a presence that never leaves us. An invitation to live as true disciples. The story of the Gospel does not end on that mountain.

It continues in us. So go. Live what you believe. Teach by your example. Love as Christ has loved you. And never forget: He is with you always.

May 17, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Vigilia de la Ascension del Señor

5:30p.m. † Lucia Rodriguez

Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord

7:30a.m. † Romeo Trejo, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Sally Vela (1st Ann.)

9:30a.m. † Abelino Olivarez
† Jose Maria Martinez
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Bartolo Buentello (3rd Ann.)

11:30a.m. † Ramiro Villarreal (1st Ann.)
† Nora G. Guerra
† Juan Moscot
† Maria Elena Garza
Healing for Derek Galindo

Monday, May 18, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

6:00p.m. † Ramiro Villarreal (1st Ann.)

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

12:05p.m. † Angel Zepeda

Thursday, May 21, 2026

12:05p.m. † Margarito Arellano

Friday, May 22, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Vigilia del Domingo de Pentecostés

5:30p.m. † Juan Antonio Garza, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Lucy Vela

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

7:30a.m. † Elia Juarez Espinosa (3rd Ann.)

9:30a.m. † Alicia Gomez (16th Ann.)
† Aaron Castillo
† Maria Elena Garza

11:30a.m. † Rosa Salinas
† Israel V. Bueno
Healing for Derek Galindo

May 03, 2026

OLG

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| Envelope Collections | 2,530.00 |
| Loose Collections | 1,393.00 |
| Flowers for all occasions | 00.00 |
| Childrens' Collections | 00.00 |
| Total | 3,923.00 |

Second Collections:

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| Home Mission | 5.00 |
| Retired Priests | 716.00 |
| First Communion | 594.00 |
| Total 2nd Collections | \$ 1,315.00 |

SNDA

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| Envelope Collections | 25.00 |
| Loose Collections | 306.00 |
| Total Deposit | \$ 331.00 |

II Collections

- 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
- August 9th - Catholic Schools
- August 16th - Faith Formation
- August 23rd - ~~Teen Ministry~~

CHANGES TO II COLLECTIONS

FOLLOWING II COLLECTIONS WILL GO TOWARDS BATHROOM

6/14/26 Faith Formation 9/13/26 Charitable Works
7/19/26 Charitable Works 11/01/26
8/23/26 Teen Ministry 12/20/26 Faith Formation

Please use the envelope you received and collection will be used for new bathroom



The Sanctuary Candle is given in Memory of
Ramiro B. Villarreal
(1st Anniversary)
By Georgia Uribe

OLG Corner

5/19/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
 5/21/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING
 5/23/26 8:00AM PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE SERVICE

Have a Blessed Week!

Save the Date

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

diocesecc.org/cathedral

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

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."

ATTENTION
2026 Graduates
 We will be celebrating Mass for all 2026 Graduates on May 24, 2026 at 11:30am mass
 Please call office to sign up.

RAINFORREST FALLS
 Exploring the Nature of God

JOIN US FOR VBS 2026 AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH 1010 BEAM STATION RD. ALICE, TX
 REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE & AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

JUNE 8-12, 2026
 MONDAY-FRIDAY
 1PM - 5PM
 drop off starts at 12:30 lunch and a snack served

TEXT 361-756-3707 TO VOLUNTEER OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS

REGISTRATION FEE - \$25

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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