

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 28, 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 Gospel Jesus Christ speaks some of the most demanding words in the Gospel. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

These words sound severe because they strike at the center of human attachment. Family is among the deepest bonds we know. Scripture itself honors parents, blesses marriage, and values children. So why would Jesus speak this way? Because Christ is revealing a truth that is both difficult and liberating: every human love must ultimately be ordered toward God, or it becomes distorted.

Jesus is not teaching hatred of family. Christianity has always defended the sacredness of family life. Rather, He is teaching that no earthly relationship, not even the holiest can occupy the place that belongs to God alone.

This is the great struggle of the human heart. We were created to love God above all things, yet we constantly attempt to make finite things ultimate. Sometimes those things are wealth, success, pleasure, or power. But sometimes they are even good things: family, reputation, security, or personal dreams.

Whenever something becomes more important to us than God, it quietly becomes an idol. And idols always disappoint.

Human beings cannot bear the weight of being treated as gods. Parents fail. Children disappoint. Spouses die. Friendships fracture. Human love, beautiful as it is, remains fragile and incomplete. Only God can become the absolute center of the heart without destroying it. Ironically, when we love God first, we actually become capable of loving others more deeply and purely.

A parent who loves God first learns to love children not possessively but sacrificially. A spouse who loves God first learns fidelity, forgiveness, and humility. A friend who loves God first becomes less selfish and more compassionate. When God is removed from the center, love often becomes control, dependency, fear, or manipulation. But when God is first, human love becomes freer.

Jesus then continues: "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." This is one of the central themes of all Christian discipleship: the cross. Today the cross is often worn as jewelry or displayed as decoration, and we can forget how shocking this image was in the ancient world. The cross was an instrument of humiliation, torture, and death. To "take up the cross" meant embracing suffering, surrender, and sacrifice. Jesus makes something unmistakably clear: Following Him will cost something.

The Gospel is not merely self-improvement. It is not spiritual comfort alone. It is not a promise of constant worldly success. It is a call to die to the false self so that true life may emerge. Every disciple carries a cross. For some, it is physical illness. For others, loneliness. For some, rejection because of faith.

For others, the burden of caring for family, enduring grief, battling temptation, or persevering through hidden suffering. The cross is not simply any inconvenience. It is the suffering that comes from remaining faithful to God in a broken world. Modern culture often tells us that happiness means avoiding suffering at all costs. Comfort becomes the highest good. We are encouraged to escape pain, avoid sacrifice, and pursue constant self-fulfillment. But Jesus reveals a paradox: A life centered entirely on self-preservation eventually becomes empty. And so He says: "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." This is one of the deepest spiritual truths in Christianity.

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

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)

June 28, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 27, 2026

*Vigilia del Decimotercer Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario*

5:30p.m. † Elena G. Juarez (4th Ann.)

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father's Day

7:30a.m. † Antonio Cuevas, Jr. (3rd Ann.)
† Esperanza Cuevas
† Antonio Cuevas, Sr.
† Kayla D. Pena

9:30a.m. † Maria Elena Garza
† Jesse Gonzalez
† Felix & Alicia Martinez
† Reynulfo Ramos
† Raul Villagran (B-day Rem.)
† Tracy R. Casas (5th Ann.)
† Elena G. Juarez (4th Ann.)
† Herminia Rodriguez (B-day Rem.)
† Michael Higgins
In Thanksgiving of 49th Wedding Anniversary of
Deacon Emede and Nora Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Carlos Salinas (22nd Ann.)
† Ronaldo Escobar

Monday, June 29, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, July 01, 2026

12:05p.m. † Sylvia S. Cisneros (B-day Rem.)

Thursday, July 02, 2026

12:05p.m. † Mary Flores (3rd Ann.)

Friday, July 03, 2026

12:05p.m. † Juan O. Sanchez
† Richard Cavazos, Sr. (6th Ann.)

Saturday, July 04, 2026

*Vigilia del Decimocuarto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario*

5:30p.m. † Manuel Bentancourt (B-day Rem.)
† Maria Elena Garza
† Virginia Reyna

Sunday, July 05, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez
† Delma Morantes (B-day Rem.)
† Danny Morantes (B-day Rem.)
† Santos Hernandez
† Mark Stewart
† Guadalupe Buentello (B-day Rem.)
† Maria Elena Garza

11:30a.m. † Juan Moscot
† Virginia Reyna
† Guadalupe Aguilar (50th Ann.)

June 14, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,344.00
Loose Collections	1,094.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	3,438.00

Second Collections:

Bathrooms	1,323.00
Retired Priests	00.00
Church in Africa	5.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 1,328.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	00.00
Loose Collections	320.00
Total Deposit	\$ 320.00

II COLLECTIONS

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

*****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

6/29/26 6:30PM
6/30/26 7:00PM
7/02/26 7:00PM

TEEN BIBLE STUDY
BIBLE STUDY
ULTREYA MEETING

Have a Blessed Week!

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

BINGO Donations

We are currently accepting
monetary donations for our
Parish Bingo.

Please call the office for more info.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Prize Bingo

Date: Sunday, August 9, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: KC Hall, Alice, TX

Donation.....\$20.00 per Ticket

DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 PM

EVERYONE ENTERING MUST HAVE A TICKET

Specials will be sold for \$1.00

Food and drinks will be sold during Bingo

CALL PARISH FOR MORE INFO 361-664-2953

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE OF ALICE

OLG YOUTH

FAITH. FRIENDS. PURPOSE.

YOU BELONG HERE.

AGES 14 - 12TH GRADE!

WHO WE ARE

A community of teens growing in faith, building real friendships, and living with purpose.

WHAT WE DO

- Monthly fellowships
- Faith & fun
- Service & mission
- Retreats & events
- And so much more!

JOIN US!

AGES 14 - 12TH GRADE!

CONTACT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM!
Call Parish Office at (361) 664-2953
DORA YVONNE RIOJAS
YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR
(361) 207-2711

NEXT YOUTH SOCIAL

STARTING SUNDAY, **6/28/26**
AFTER 11:30AM MASS

YOUTH EVENT
(PARISH HALL)

"I CAME SO THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."
JOHN 10:10

KNOW CHRIST → BUILD COMMUNITY → MAKE AN IMPACT.

QUESTIONS? TALK TO A YOUTH MINISTER! SEE YOU THERE!

You're Invited!

Getting to know **JESUS**

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

"Come," he said, "follow me."
(Mark 1:17)

A Bible study to encounter Jesus, understand His mission, and follow Him more closely.

EXPLORE
the life and ministry of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

GROW
in your faith through Scripture, discussion, and community.

FOLLOW
Jesus more closely in your everyday life.

STARTING **JUNE 15** 6:30P

at Faith Formation Building (CCD)

Whether you're new to the Bible or have studied for years, there's a place for you here.

TEENS 14+

Come as you are. Let's get to know Jesus — together.

REGISTRATION FEST

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
10:30AM - 1:00PM
OLG PARISH HALL

WHAT TO EXPECT

- MEET YOUR TEACHER
- GRAB SOME TREATS
- LEAVE HAPPY

WE WILL ALSO BE REGISTERING FOR:
*OCIA
*OCIC
*ALTAR SERVERS
*CDA
*JCDA

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EVERYONE WELCOME!