

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 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 a series of parables about the Kingdom of Heaven, beginning with the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat. It is a parable that speaks directly to one of the deepest questions people have asked throughout history:

If God is good, why does evil still exist? Why do wicked people seem to prosper while good people suffer? Why is there violence, corruption, hatred, injustice, and sin in a world created by God? Why does evil sometimes appear to grow right alongside goodness?

Jesus addresses these questions not through a philosophical argument but through a story. A farmer sows good seed in his field. But while everyone is asleep, an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat. As both begin to grow, the servants notice the problem and ask the master: "Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?" The master answers: "An enemy has done this."

The servants immediately want to solve the problem. They ask permission to pull up the weeds. But the master surprises them: "No; if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest." This response reveals profound truths about God, humanity, and the Kingdom. God Created Good Seed. The first lesson is that God is not the author of evil. The master sowed good seed.

In the beginning, God created a good world. Human beings were created in His image and likeness. God's intention for humanity was life, holiness, communion, peace, and love. Whenever we encounter evil, hatred, violence, exploitation, or sin, we are not seeing God's original design.

Jesus clearly identifies that enemy as the devil. This is important because our culture often treats evil as merely a social problem, psychological issue, or unfortunate circumstance. While many factors contribute to human wrongdoing, Jesus reminds us that there is also a spiritual battle taking place.

The enemy seeks to distort what God has created. He seeks division where God desires unity. He seeks despair where God offers hope. He seeks death where God desires life. The existence of weeds does not mean the farmer failed. The existence of evil does not mean God has lost control.

The second lesson is that, in this present age, wheat and weeds grow together. Jesus tells us that until the final harvest, the Kingdom exists in an imperfect world. There are saints and sinners.

There are moments of love and moments of selfishness within the families. Within each individual heart there exists a struggle between grace and sin. The field contains both wheat and weeds.

One reason this parable is so powerful is that it forces us to recognize something uncomfortable: The weeds are not only out there. Sometimes they are within us.

Most of us can easily identify the sins of others. We notice their faults, weaknesses, mistakes, and failures. Yet Jesus repeatedly calls us to examine our own hearts.

Pride, envy, resentment, greed, impatience, lust, selfishness, and indifference can quietly take root within us. Before asking God to remove the weeds from someone else's life, we must allow Him to deal with the weeds in our own.

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)

July 19, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Vigilia del Decimosexto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Miguel Ramirez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)
† Virginia Reyna

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Troy Hargis
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Sarita C. Gonzalez (B-day Rem.)
† Maria Elena Garza
† Sylvia Buentello

11:30a.m. † Juan Moscote
† Virginia Reyna
† Isaiah James Joslin (4th Ann.)
† Santiago G. Chapa (1st Ann.)

Monday, July 20, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Thursday, July 23, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Friday, July 24, 2026

12:05p.m. Communion Service

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Vigilia del Decimoséptimo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Virginia Reyna

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Anita Villanueva (B-day Rem.)
Anna Maria Saenz (B-day)

11:30a.m. † Juan Escobar (B-day Rem.)
† Jesus Salinas, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Jose Angel Lichtenberger (B-day Rem.)

July 05, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,454.00
Loose Collections	1,022.25
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	3,476.25

Second Collections:

Faith Formation	843.00
Peter Pence	28.00
Teen Ministry	5.00
Church In Africa	20.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 896.00

SNDA

Collections	361.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	101.00
Total Deposit	\$ 462.00

II COLLECTIONS

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

September 6th - Catholic University - DOCC

September 13th - Charitable Works

September 20th - Disaster Relief - DOCC

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 for Healing of*

Derek Galindo

By

Rudy & Juanita Ramirez

OLG Corner

7/20/26 6:30PM TEEN BIBLE STUDY
7/21/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
7/23/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING

Have a Blessed Week!

Save the Date
September 1, 2026

Lector and Eucharistic Ministers meeting
at 7:00pm following mass & adoration
at 6:00 pm. Anyone interested in
becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister
is invited to attend meeting.
Meeting is mandatory for all ministers.

OLG Men's FLAME Plate Sale

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026

Time: 11:00AM – 2:00PM

Where: OLG Parish Hall

Donation: \$12

Leg Quarter, Rice & Beans, Potato Salad & drink
All proceeds go towards OLG MEN'S FLAME

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

OLG Prize Bingo

DOORS OPEN AT 1:00 PM

Everyone entering must have a ticket

Date: Sunday, August 9, 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

Call Parish office for more info 361-664-2953

BINGO Donations

We are currently accepting monetary donations for our Parish Bingo.

Any amount is appreciated.

Please call the office for more info.

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

CONTACT US

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EVERYONE WELCOME!

BIBLE Study

COME DIG DEEPER.
LET'S GROW TOGETHER
IN GOD'S WORD.

JOIN US
TUESDAYS
7:00 PM
After Mass
and Adoration

*His Word.
Our Focus.
His Purpose.*



**OUR LADY OF
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GOD'S WORD
Guides Us



COMMUNITY
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FAITH
Changes Us

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
PSALM 119:105

ALL ARE WELCOME! | BRING A FRIEND! ♥

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.* ♥