

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 02, 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

Today's Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21), the account of the feeding of the five thousand, is one of the most beloved and significant miracles in the Gospels. It is the only miracle of Jesus, apart from His Resurrection, that is recorded in all four Gospels. That alone tells us that the early Church recognized its profound importance. This miracle is not simply about feeding hungry people, it reveals who Jesus is, what His Kingdom is like, and how He calls His disciples to participate in His saving work.

This Gospel invites us to reflect on three great truths: the compassion of Christ, the generosity of faith, and the abundance of God's grace.

Jesus has just learned that His cousin, John the Baptist, has been executed by King Herod. John was not only Jesus' relative; he was His forerunner, the courageous prophet who prepared the way for the Messiah. His death was brutal and unjust. Naturally, Jesus withdraws to a deserted place to grieve and to pray. But the crowds hear where He has gone and follow Him on foot. Jesus, carrying the sorrow of John's death, steps ashore and sees thousands of people waiting for Him.

The Gospel tells us: "His heart was moved with pity for them, and He cured their sick." He does not tell them to come back later. He does not allow His own grief to make Him indifferent to the suffering of others. His heart is moved with compassion. The word used in the Gospel describes a deep stirring from within, the kind of compassion that comes from the very depths of one's being. This is the heart of God. God is never indifferent to human pain. He sees every tear. He hears every prayer. He knows every hidden struggle. Sometimes we wonder whether God notices our suffering. We pray and do not immediately receive the answer we hoped for. We face illness, financial burdens, family conflicts, loneliness, anxiety, or grief. At such times, today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus always sees us. Even when the answer is delayed, His compassion is never absent. Christ sees us. Christ knows us. Christ cares for us.

As evening approaches, another challenge arises. Thousands of people have been listening to Jesus all day. The disciples begin to think practically. "This is a deserted place." "It is already late." "Send the crowds away so they can buy food." From a human perspective, this is a reasonable suggestion. The disciples are realistic. There are no supermarkets. No restaurants. No bakeries. No way to feed such an enormous crowd. Sometimes we approach life's problems in the same way. "There is no need for them to go away; you give them something to eat." Imagine the disciples' reaction. How? With what? There are thousands of people. They possess almost nothing.

This command reveals something important about Christian discipleship. Jesus often asks us to do what seems impossible, not because He expects us to accomplish it alone, but because He wants us to discover what He can accomplish through us. The disciples answer honestly: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have." Humanly speaking, it is almost nothing. Five small loaves. Two fish. Thousands of hungry people. The numbers simply do not add up. Yet Jesus does not criticize them for having little. He simply says: "Bring them here to me." This is one of the most beautiful invitations in the Gospel. Bring your little to Jesus. Bring your limited resources. Christ does not ask us to begin with abundance. He asks us to begin with trust. The miracle begins not when the bread multiplies.

The miracle begins when the little that is available is placed into the hands of Jesus. How often do we underestimate what God can do with our small offerings? A few minutes of sincere prayer can transform an entire day. One word of forgiveness can heal years of resentment. One act of generosity can change another person's life. One invitation to Mass may bring someone back to faith. One encouraging conversation may save a person from despair. God delights in multiplying small acts of love.

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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)

August 02, 2026 Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 01, 2026

**Vigilia del Decimoctavo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Virginia Reyna

Sunday, August 02, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Richard F. Peña (2nd Ann.)

† Jesse Gonzalez

† Noe Hernandez, Jr.

† Santos Hernandez

† Maria Elena Garza

† Joey Mata (5th Ann.)

† Henry Hill

† Maria C. Alfaro (B-day Rem.)

11:30a.m. † Carmela Garza

† Amparo Lopez

† Cora Lozano

† Ruben Serna, Sr. (B-day Rem.)

† Juan Moscot

† Dionicio Charles, Jr. (11th Ann.)

Monday, August 03, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, August 04, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

12:05p.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

† Nieves V. Bueno (B-day Rem.)

Thursday, August 06, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Friday, August 07, 2026

12:05p.m. † Zenaída C. Sanchez (B-day Rem.)

† Cresencio "Cris" Sanchez

Saturday, August 08, 2026

**Vigilia del Decimonoveno Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Manuel Higareda

† Leandro Rodriguez (8th Ann.)

† Julian R. Rodriguez

Sunday, August 09, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Michael Higgins (1st Ann.)

† Patricia Urbina (B-day Rem.)

† Israel Pena

† Isaul H. Guerra, Sr. (6th Ann.)

† Isaul "Easy" Guerra, Jr. (17th Ann.)

† Santos E. Hernandez

11:30a.m. † Ruben Serna, Sr. (2nd Ann.)

† Paul Arebalo

July 19, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	1,878.00
Loose Collections	1,178.61
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	3,056.61

Second Collections:

New Restroom	1,414.40
Peter Pence	00.00
Teen Ministry	5.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$1,419.40

SNDA

Collections	383.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total Deposit	\$ 383.00

II COLLECTIONS

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

September 27th - Faith Formation

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.



**The Sanctuary Candle is
given in Thanksgiving
of CDA Court #2426**



OLG Corner

8/03/26 6:30PM TEEN BIBLE STUDY
8/04/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
8/06/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING

Have a Blessed Week!

T-Shirt FUNDRAISER

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Alice, Texas




Wear YOUR FAITH. SUPPORT OUR FUTURE.

Shirts make a great gift!

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH. BUILD OUR FUTURE!
FUNDS WILL GO TOWARD *Our New Restrooms*

HOW TO ORDER

SHIRTS MUST BE PRE-PAID BY CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

Thank You ❤️
FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND OUR GROWTH!

PRICING

S - XL	\$12
2X	\$14
3X	\$16
4X	\$18



SALE STARTS TODAY!
ENDS SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 5PM
SORRY, NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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.

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!

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
The Assumption of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 14th
Mass 5:30pm Tecolote
Mass 7:00pm OLG
Saturday, August 15th
Mass 8:00am OLG

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.

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