

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 2025*



# Our Lady of Guadalupe CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
**Sunday**

5:30 pm OLG, Spanish  
7:25 am SNDA  
9:30 am OLG, English  
11:30 am OLG, English

**Monday & Tuesday**  
**Wed., Thurs., & Fri.**

6:00 pm  
12:05 pm

**ADORATION**  
**CONFESSION**

**Tuesday** after 6:00 pm Mass  
**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

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. (Lk 12).

The passage that the liturgy has cut out today from the gospel of Luke and offers us for meditation has an image of a flickering flame. This seems to witness a contrast, because Jesus speaks of a "baptism", a theme that refers to water (a term of Greek origin meaning precisely "immersion").

However, we remember those words of the Baptist regarding Jesus which unite baptism with fire: "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Lk 3:16). Here, then, a question arises: what is this fire that Jesus wished already blazing? What is this immersion in fire that generates anguish in Christ?

If we leaf through the Bible, we will realize that fire is a symbol of divine judgment or, more simply, a sign of God's presence within history. The baptism by fire to which Jesus referred was his coming crucifixion. Jesus already sees his future destiny, his "long march" to Jerusalem, his passion and death looming before him. He dreaded the physical pain and complete darkness that accompany his death before his resurrection.

Hence, in his humanity, Jesus experiences a strong interior tension: on the one hand, he must desire that the Father's will of salvation be accomplished; but on the other hand, feels a vibrating fear, a fear that in the garden of olives will become anguish ("in the grip of anguish - Luke will write in 22: 44 - his sweat became like drops of blood that fell to the ground").

In the scriptures Christ's death is not detached from his resurrection. It is then easy to understand that flames of fire also have another symbolic meaning, this time very luminous, a sign of God-with-us. Evangelist Luke helps us to understand this further meaning when he describes the Holy Spirit fused on the disciples at Pentecost with the image of "tongues/flames of fire" (Acts 2: 3). Through the paschal mystery the Spirit penetrates like tongues of fire in our cold hearts and consciences, warming and transforming them. Jesus came to bring us a "baptism by fire" which does not destroy but purifies and transfigures us by immersing us in God.

It is therefore dangerous to let time pass in this age dominated by superficiality without understanding, penetrating, living intensely the reality of this immersion. This reality will certainly come along with that disturbing theme of "division" which faith creates within life, but we must not be discouraged. Certainly, there is no middle ground, Jesus demands loyalty and commitment, sometimes to the point of severing other relationships. "No one who puts his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God." (Lk 9:62)

Today's Gospel is not a call to division for its own sake. It's a call to be willing to stand for Christ even when it's hard, even when it means going against the current of our culture, or even our families. That fire Jesus came to cast, let it burn in us. Let it purify us. Let it make us brave. In a world that often prefers comfort to conviction, may we be people of holy fire, burning with the truth and love of Christ.

**August 17, 2025**  
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

**Vigilia del Vigésimo Domingo del  
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Frank Everett

**Sunday, August 17, 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Frank Everett  
† Maria Lupita Chavez (B-day Rem.)

11:30a.m. † Juanita Silva-Perez  
† Juan & Zenaida Sanchez  
† Donna Sue Morin  
† Norma Guerra Medellin (B-day Rem.)  
† Sandy Gomez Krapf (B-day)

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

**Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the  
Church**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

**Saint Pius X, Pope**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Friday, August 22, 2025**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05p.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

**Vigilia del Vigésimo Primer Domingo del  
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. In Thanksgiving of 46th Wedding Anniversary  
of Delicia & Rodrigo Rodriguez

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Isnael Rodriguez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)  
† Cecilio B. Gonzalez  
† Danny Morantes  
† Pablo Perez, Sr.

11:30a.m. † Gilberto Escobar (B-day Rem.)  
† Juanita Silva-Perez  
† Laura V. Vera  
† Andres Aaron Canas

**August 03, 2025**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	\$2,159.25
Loose Collections	1,605.69
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,764.94</b>

Second Collections:	
AC Replacement Fund	10.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	1,689.05
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$ 1,699.05</b>

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections	\$ 25.00
Loose Collections	372.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 397.00</b>

**II Collections**

**August 17th - Faith Formation (AC Fund)**

**August 24th - Teen Ministry (AC Fund)**

**September 7th - Catholic University**

**September 14th - Charitable Works**

**September 21st - Disaster Relief Collection**

**September 28th - Faith Formation**

**October 5th - Respect Life**

**October 12th - All Souls Novena**

**October 19th - Mission Sunday**

**October 26th - All Souls Day Flowers**

As you know, our large AC unit in the church is very old, and many of its components have stopped working. Due to the difficulty and cost of replacing the church AC unit, we plan to take up four second collections to help cover the expense.

- August 17 – envelope originally for Faith Formation
- August 24 – envelope originally for Teen Ministry

These envelopes will now be designated for the AC Replacement Fund. I sincerely thank you for your support and generosity.

**Fr James**

**\*\*\*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.



Come to me all you who are weary and burdened,  
and I will give you rest. Mt. 11:28



*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Alice*  
Eucharistic Adoration with Healing Prayers

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:00 AM

Celebrated by Fr. James Thoompunkal HGN

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION FEST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

10:30AM-1PM

CHURCH PARISH HALL

COME MEET YOUR TEACHER  
AND GRAB SOME YUMMY TREATS!

WE WILL ALSO BE REGISTERING FOR OCIA,  
OCIC, ALTAR SERVERS, CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS  
AND JR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS  
for more info call

Diana at 361-756-3707

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Bingo

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Time: 2:00 pm—6:00 pm

Location: VFW Hall, Alice, Texas

Donation.....\$20 per Ticket

Specials will be sold for \$1.00

\*Doors open at 12:30pm\*

Food and drinks will be sold during Bingo

## Men's F.L.A.M.E. Retreat August 21 - 24, 2025



For more info contact

Director Gap Lopez 361-415-5616

Co Director Henry Riojas 361-701-3175

Co Director Esteban Contreras 361-389-4366

### Lectors and EMHC— 2025

September 08, 2024

6:00p.m. Mass

Training to begin after mass

All those who would like to serve as EMHC  
or Lector at OLG, please be present.

Dedicate the month of **October**  
to our **Blessed Mother**

Join us in praying the **Rosary**  
everyday this month

Location: at Church

Time: 9:00pm



## QUINCEAÑERA

Prep Retreat Dates:

7/12/25, 9/27/25, 11/1/25  
1/31/26, 4/26/26, 7/11/26, 9/26/26, 11/7/26  
1/30/27, 4/24/27, 7/24/27, 9/25/27, 11/6/27  
(9:00am - 4:30pm)

This one-day Retreat will cover several topics with the Main Goal - to help girls face the challenges of our society, addressing the need by offering a spiritual and moral formation through this new, interactive, mentor-led course, that helps girls build strong foundations for their future and stay on the path to holiness.

**Retreat OBJECTIVES:** ~Understand the real meaning of the Quinceanera Celebration as an act of thanksgiving for their life and faith ~ Understand that God created humanity for love therefore they are called to love ~ Identify and value the vocation of humanity as well as the woman's missions in life ~ Identify concrete practices to accomplish their missions as women ~ Understand the difference between sacraments and blessings ~ Understand how the sacraments fit into God's plan of salvation ~ List the 7 sacraments of the Catholic Church and identify the sign and grace of each sacrament ~ Develop life goals and formulate concrete actions to reach those goals ~ Identify immoral behaviors ~ Differentiate conscience from opinion ~ Appraise the importance of purity and identify a list of Christian practices to keep chaste ~ Discuss the damages caused by contraception, pornography, and abortion.

Doors open at 8:30a.m. Participant is to arrive **BEFORE 9:00 a.m.** - Retreat Concludes @ 5:00pm. A light breakfast, lunch (Chick-fil-A) and snacks will be provided. Participants will be assigned homework, and they will receive their certificate of participation AFTER the homework has been received by our office. Homework may be returned via email [villegas@mpbchurch.org](mailto:villegas@mpbchurch.org). Parents do not participate/attend the Quince Prep Retreat. Drop off starts at 8:30a.m. and Pickup is at 4:30p.m.

**COST: \$125.00 \*\*Registration CLOSES on Monday the week of the retreat \*\***

Due to limited space, attendance is capped at 15 participants. We encourage early registration to secure your spot, as registration will CLOSE on Monday, the week of the retreat. If spots remain available, late registration will be accepted from Tuesday to Thursday of that same week but will include additional fees. All registrations must be completed online.

Registration: <https://www.osvhub.com/mpbchurch/forms/quince-prep-retreat>



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