



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 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

Last Sunday we heard from the gospel, how Peter made the great profession of faith: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* Jesus praised him, called him the rock upon which He would build His Church, and entrusted him with the keys of the Kingdom. But today's Gospel presents a startling contrast. The same Peter who had just been called "blessed" now hears Jesus say: **"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."** How could Peter move so quickly from being praised to being rebuked? The answer reveals one of the greatest lessons of the Christian life: **it is possible to believe in Jesus and still misunderstand His mission.** It is possible to confess Him with our lips while resisting the way He calls us to live. This Gospel invites us to understand what it truly means to follow Christ.

Matthew tells us: **"From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly... be killed, and on the third day be raised."** This is the first time Jesus openly predicts His Passion. Until now, the disciples have seen only success. Crowds follow Jesus. Miracles amaze the people. The sick are healed. The hungry are fed.

Everything seems to point toward earthly triumph. But Jesus now reveals another path. The road to glory passes through Calvary. The crown comes after the Cross. The Resurrection comes after suffering. The disciples expected a Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. Jesus reveals a Messiah who will conquer sin and death through sacrificial love. God's ways are very different from human expectations.

Peter immediately protests. **"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."** Peter loves Jesus. His words come from affection. He cannot bear the thought of Jesus suffering. His mistake is not his love. His mistake is believing that love can exist without sacrifice. Peter wants a Messiah without a Cross. Many Christians today make the same mistake. We want blessings without trials. Victory without struggle. Success without sacrifice. Forgiveness without repentance. Resurrection without Calvary. We often pray, "Lord, remove every difficulty." But Jesus says, "Follow Me through the difficulty."

Jesus' response shocks us. **"Get behind me, Satan!"** Jesus is not saying Peter is possessed. Rather, Peter is unknowingly repeating the temptation Jesus had already rejected in the desert. Remember the devil's temptation? "Take the easy path." "Avoid suffering." "Choose power instead of sacrifice." Peter now suggests exactly that. Jesus recognizes that anything which tries to separate Him from His Father's will, even if spoken by a friend must be rejected.

Jesus says, **"Get behind me."** That is where disciples belong. Not in front of Jesus telling Him where to go. Not beside Him trying to negotiate His mission. But behind Him, following His lead. Sometimes we try to tell God how He should run our lives. We pray, "Lord, this is how You should solve my problem." "This is when You should answer my prayer." "This is the path You should choose for me."

But disciples do not lead Christ. Christ leads His disciples.

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)

August 30, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29, 2026

*Vigilia del Vigésimosegundo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario*

5:30p.m. OLG Parishioners

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Raul Villagran (10th Ann.)
† Maria Elena Garza

11:30a.m. † Gilberto Escobar (B-day Rem.)
Healing for Derek Galindo

Monday, August 31, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, September 01, 2026

6:00p.m. OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, September 02, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Thursday, September 03, 2026

*Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church*

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Friday, September 04, 2026

12:05p.m. † Jose David "Tractor" Garza (27th Ann.)

Saturday, September 05, 2026

*Vigilia del Vigestimotercer Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario*

5:30p.m. † Jesus Reyes Cruz (7th Ann.)
† Jesse Gonzalez

Sunday, September 06, 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez
† Reyes B. Villanueva (B-day Rem.)
† Jose Salvador Anguiano
† Santos Hernandez
† Ovidio Escamilla (6th Ann.)
† Maria Elena Garza
† Henry Hill

11:30a.m. † Juan Moscot

August 16, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,116.00
Loose Collections	1,479.76
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	3,595.76

Second Collections:

New Restroom	0.00
Faith Formation	925.00
Catholic Schools	2.00
Bishop Appeal	0.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 927.00

SNDA

Collections	308.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total Deposit	\$ 308.00

II COLLECTIONS

September 6th - Catholic University - DOCC

September 13th - Charitable Works

September 20th - Disaster Relief - DOCC

September 27th - Faith Formation

October 4th - Respect Life - DOCC

October 11th - All Souls Novena

October 18th - World Mission Sunda-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



OLG Corner

9/01/26 7:00PM LECTOR & EMHC MEETING
IN CHURCH
9/01/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
9/4/26 7:00PM CONQUISTANDO IN HALL

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.

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.

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
- *GDA
- *JCDA

CONTACT US

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Knights of Columbus

Please register at parish office
for more info. At this time we
ask that at least 20 people
sign up to start up again.



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MINI YOUTH CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 20TH
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
ALICE, TX, 10AM - 5PM

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR
FALL FESTIVAL
2026
Saturday, October 3, 2026
5:00PM - 8:30 PM
OLG CHURCH GROUNDS
1010 BEAM STATION RD.
ALICE, TX

GORDITAS **SARGAS WRAPS**
BURGERS **CHOPPED BRISKET BURGERS**
SWEETS **BBQ IN A CUP**
CAKE WALK **BBQ CHICKEN**
CORN CUPS **games**
LOADED BAKED POTATOES **AGUAS FRESCAS**
FRIED OREOS **BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!**

LIVE MUSIC BY: **CREADO**

FREE

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR

TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY 1

FREE

& outdoor movie night
MOVIE TIME: 7:00PM - 8:45PM
featuring: **COCO**

*bring your family
*bring your friends
*bring your lawn chairs

Friday, October 16, 2026
TRUNK OR TREAT 6:30PM - 8:30PM
1010 BEAM STATION RD, ALICE, TX

FREE