

*Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025*

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

Meals played an important role in the society in which Jesus lived. More than a time for sharing nourishment, they were a time to share ideas and to model different aspects of social relationships. In Luke's Gospel, the places that a person ate (at the home of a tax collector, 5:29), the people with whom a person ate (sinners, 5:30), whether a person washed before eating (11:38), and, as is the case here, the place that a person sits while eating are all important. Jesus gives a wise advice to both guests and hosts about finding true happiness at the heavenly banquet.

Jesus warns guests to wait before taking their places at the table lest they be asked to move if someone more important arrives. This is more than just a lesson about dinner etiquette. It is advice on how to find your true place in the Kingdom of God. Jesus advises hosts not to invite people who would be expected to repay them to dinner but to invite those who could not repay: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. This is where real blessings can be found.

Jesus gave a lesson for guests and hosts. He started with the guests by letting them know, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in a place of honor, lest the host be forced to give your choice seat to a more distinguished guest and with embarrassment ask you to go the lowest place". Your seat in a banquet is indicative of your degree, class, and honor.

Every guest love to be in a place of honor as much as possible right next to the host, preferably front row seat near the stage in any formal dinner except for those who will have a gracious exit. While everyone is looking for the best and nicest location, do the exact opposite.

Can you believe if you happen to be seated comfortably at the head table with the VIP's and sipping aged red wine even before the party begins, the host shows up, comes to you and whispers in your ears, "I'm sorry my friend but your seat is reserved for someone else. I don't know how you ended up here, but I will have to move you. Your assigned seat is at the furthest end of the hall. You can proceed now. By the way, upon checking the guest list, your name didn't appear. You insist and who knows what's next. Rather, Jesus said, "When you are invited, go take the lowest place so that you may be invited to occupy a higher position and enjoy the esteem or honor by others". Reverse the trend, however unpopular. Go against the current. Don't feel you're the most important person in the room. Humility is based on self-knowledge. You must know your strengths and weaknesses and limits. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (by God) but the one who humbles himself will be exalted (by God)".

The second instruction is directed to the host. He said, "When you host a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment". Inviting those closest to you exists deep in our culture with preexisting conditions. We expect something in return as a courtesy.

If someone takes you out for lunch or dinner in a fancy restaurant, unless you are a free loader, you are expected to reciprocate the kindness and generosity in almost the same way. If not, at least apologize. With God's guest list, invite no one who might return the favor. As a host, expect nothing in return with no strings attached in the name of friendship with God. Luke stressed God's preferred guest list: the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. In short, these are the people who cannot repay you back. God will repay you at the resurrection of the righteous from the dead. That's for sure.

The church teaches us that: "Humility is the foundation of prayer." (CCC 2559). Only a humble heart can come and prostrate before God in prayer. Humble persons are always ready to ask for guidance from God and others. Also, they listen and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and also to ask for forgiveness. So, let us humbly implore the Lord: "O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours. From the desire to be honored and esteemed deliver me!"

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 31, 2025
Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 30, 2025
Vigilia del Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Sunday, August 31, 2025
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Raul Villagran (9th Ann.)
† Margarita E. Cardona (1st Ann.)
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Fulgencio Zepeda
† Valentin Chapa, Jr. (11th Ann.)

11:30a.m. † Juanita Silva-Perez
† Juan O. Sanchez, Sr. (40th Ann.)
† Alejandro Antonio "Tony" Balboa

Monday, September 01, 2025

6:00p.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, September 02, 2025

6:00p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, September 03, 2025
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of
the Church

12:05p.m. In Honor of Hector Zertuche (B-day)

Thursday, September 04, 2025

12:05p.m. † Jose David Garza (26th Ann.)

Friday, September 05, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Saturday, September 06, 2025
Vigilia del Vigésimo Tercer Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Jesus Reyes Cruz (6th. Ann.)
† Joe Frank Garza (B-day Rem.)

Sunday, September 07, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Reyes B. Villanueva
† Jose Salvador Anguiano
† Orlando Sendejo, Sr.
† Ovidio Escamilla, Sr. (5th Ann.)
† Sister Claudia Onapin
† Andres "Andy" Gonzalez, Jr. (1st Ann.)

11:30a.m. † Terrance LaRue Mann
† Andres Aaron Canas
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Ramiro B. Villarreal
† Sandy Gomez Krapf (1st Ann.)

August 17, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$1,489.00
Loose Collections	1,445.40
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	\$ 2,934.40

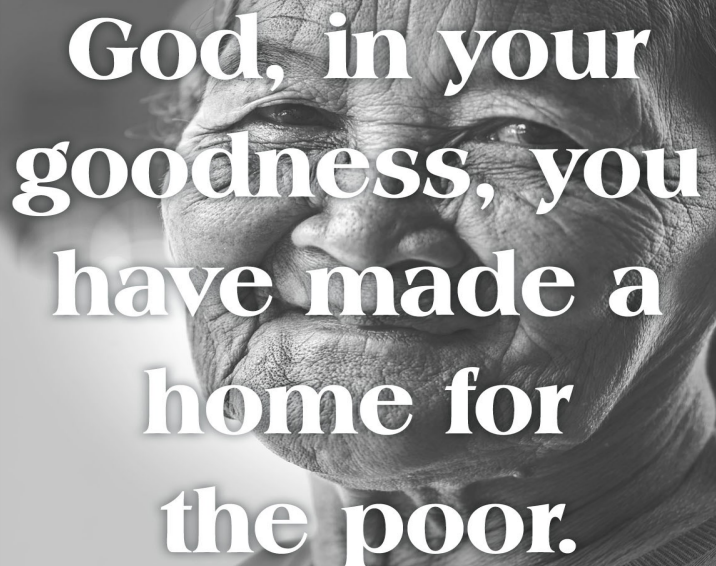
Second Collections:	
AC Replacement Fund	1,067.75
DOCC - Assumption	228.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 1,295.75

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 25.00
Loose Collections	412.00
Total Deposit	\$ 437.00

II Collections

August 31st - Gaza Strip (DOCC)
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
November 2nd - All Souls/All Saints
November 9th - DOCC - Archdiocese for
Military Services



**God, in your
goodness, you
have made a
home for
the poor.**

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

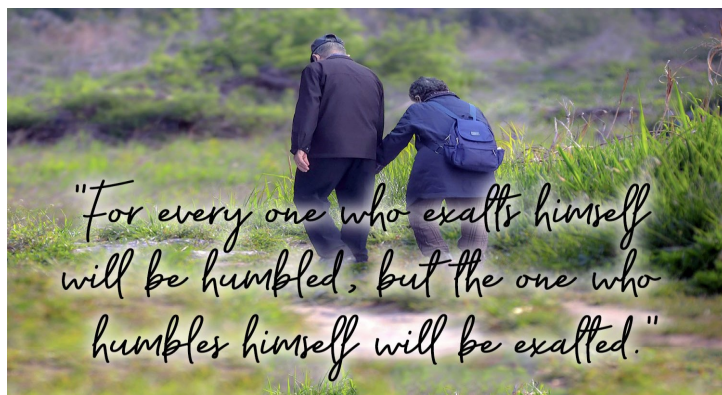


Our Lady of Guadalupe, Alice
Eucharistic Adoration with Healing Prayers

Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:00 AM

Celebrated by Fr. James Thoompunkal HGN



*"For every one who exalts himself
will be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted."*

******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.*

Mass & Meditated Rosary

09/08/2025 at 6:00 PM

Lectors and EMHC– 2025

September 03, 2025 @ 6:00p.m.

(Note new date)

**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

**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

