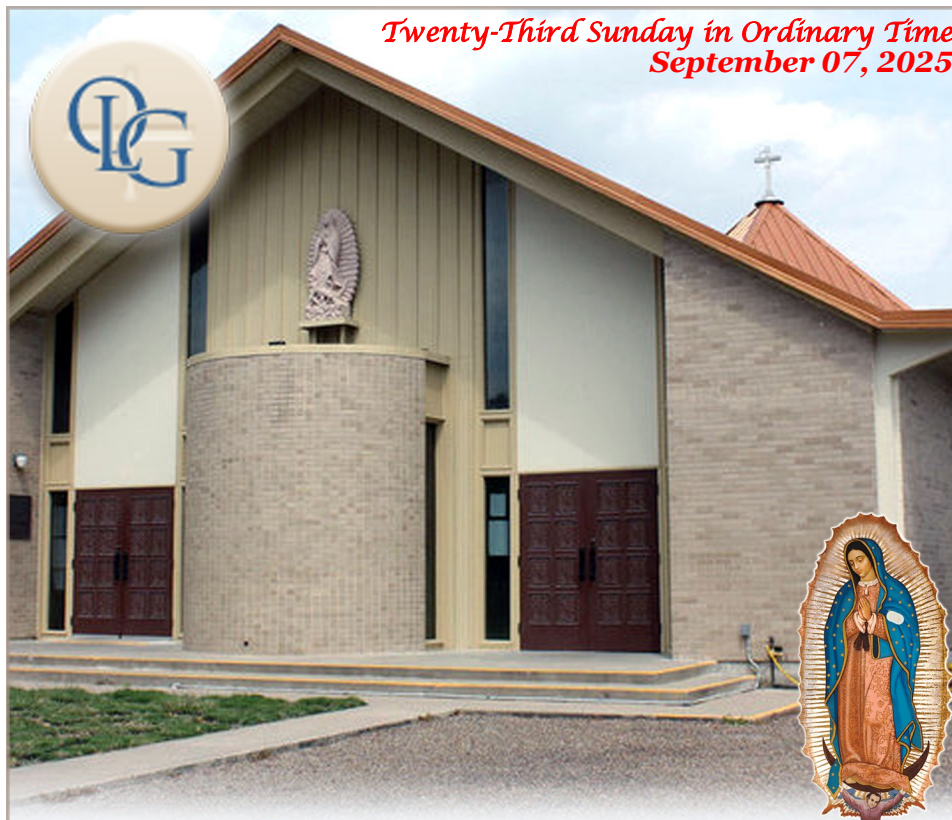


Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 07, 2025



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)

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 this Gospel, Jesus speaks to the large crowds following Him, not to flatter them, but to **challenge them**. He wants them to understand that following Him is not just about walking behind Him or listening to His words, it's about making a **total life commitment**.

Jesus says something that sounds harsh: "*If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.*"

But Jesus isn't telling us to despise our families. In the biblical context, "hate" often meant "to love less than."

So Jesus is saying: **God must come first, before even the most precious relationships in our lives.** Our love for Him must be so strong that everything else is secondary.

He then speaks about **carrying our cross** and **counting the cost** of being His disciple. Like a builder who estimates the cost before starting construction, or a king who evaluates whether he can win a battle, we must be honest about what it takes to follow Christ.

Following Jesus is Not a Casual Choice.

Imagine you're about to build a house. You don't just grab some bricks and start stacking them. You sit down, calculate the cost, gather materials, and make a plan.

Or imagine being a general preparing for battle. You don't lead your army into a fight without first asking: *Can we win? Are we ready for this?*

This is the kind of realism Jesus presents in today's Gospel. People are excited to follow Him, but He stops them and says, "**Are you sure? Do you know what you're signing up for?**"

Jesus says something hard to hear: "*If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.*"

That seems extreme. Is Jesus really asking us to "hate" our families? No.

In Jewish speech, "hate" here doesn't mean anger or rejection. It means **choosing one thing over another** way of saying: *Your love for Me must be greater than your love for anyone or anything else.*

Jesus isn't teaching disrespect, He's teaching **priority**. He's asking:

Who comes first in your life, God or everything else?

Jesus says discipleship is costly. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." We live in a world that often wants **cheap grace**, we want the rewards of Christianity without the demands. But Jesus says, *Count the cost.*

September 07 2025
Mass Intentions

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.)

Monday, September 08, 2025

6:00p.m. Mass & Meditated Rosary
† Elida Salinas (5th Ann.)
† All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 09, 2025

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 11, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 12, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Vigilia de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz

5:30p.m. † Gilberto Moscot (B-day Rem.)
† All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30a.m. † Gregorio Longoria (6th Ann.)
9:30a.m. † Joe E. Salinas (3rd Ann.)
† Narciso T. Sanchez
† Noel Omar Cantu
11:30a.m. † Juanita Silva-Perez
† Olivia & Jesus Salinas, Sr.
† Jesus Salinas, Jr.
† Rolando Salinas
† Arnoldo Salinas
† Noe & Noelia Salinas
† Cecilia Hernandez
† Gloria Salinas
† Erika Salinas
† Noe Amador Salinas

August 24, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$2,188.00
Loose Collections	1,586.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	\$ 3,774.40

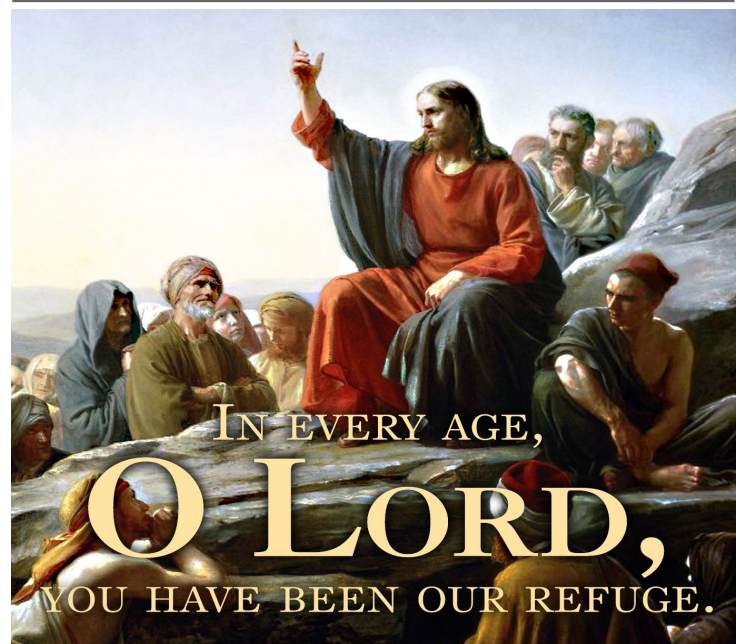
Second Collections:	
AC Replacement Fund	1,397.00
DOCC - Assumption	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 1,397.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 80.00
Loose Collections	183.00
Total Deposit	\$ 263.00

II Collections

September 7th - Catholic University - DOCC
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
November 16th - Human Development
November 27th - Teen Ministry
November 30th - Christmas Flowers
Christmas Novenas



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

Mass & Meditated Rosary

09/08/2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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

Location: at Church
Time: 9:00pm

*"Whoever does
not carry his
own cross and
come after me
cannot be
my disciple."*

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.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

will be hosting our
Monthly Food Bank

September 09, 2025

Time: 8:00a.m.

OLG Church parking lot



QUINCEAÑERA

Prep Retreat Dates:
7/12/25, 9/27/25, 11/1/25
1/31/26, 4/25/26, 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 Quinceañera 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 tvillegas@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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