

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 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 presents us with one of the most beautiful, but also one of the most demanding, teachings of Jesus: the call to forgive.

Peter comes to Jesus with a question that sounds generous: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Peter probably thinks he is being very generous. In the biblical tradition, forgiving someone seven times would already seem extraordinary. Peter may even be thinking, "Lord, surely seven times is enough. At some point, I can stop." But Jesus answers: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Jesus is not giving Peter a number to calculate. He is teaching him that forgiveness cannot be reduced to a mathematical limit. The Christian is called to become a person whose life is characterized by mercy.

And then Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant. This parable is not simply about money. It is about the enormous debt of sin that God has forgiven us and the responsibility we have to extend that same mercy to others. Jesus tells us about a servant who owes his master an enormous amount of money. The debt is so great that the servant could never possibly repay it. The master orders that the servant, his family, and his possessions be sold. The servant falls down and begs: "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full." The master does something astonishing. He does not merely give him more time.

He does not reduce the payment. He does not negotiate a new arrangement. The master forgives the entire debt. This is the first great message of the Gospel: We are people who have been forgiven an enormous debt. Before we think about how much someone else has hurt us, we need to remember how much God has forgiven us.

Sometimes we become very conscious of the sins of others and very forgetful of our own. We remember what someone said to us ten years ago. We remember how someone embarrassed us. We remember who betrayed us.

We remember who failed us. We remember who did not appreciate us. But how easily we forget our own failures before God. How many times has God forgiven us? How many times have we promised to change and then fallen again? How many times have we asked God for mercy? How many times have we received forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How many times have we been impatient, selfish, proud, judgmental, angry, dishonest, or uncharitable? And yet God continues to receive us.

God does not say, "You failed again, so I am finished with you." God does not say, "This is the last time I will forgive you." When we sincerely repent, God opens his arms to us. The Psalmist tells us that the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. That is the God whom we encounter in Jesus Christ.

The servant receives mercy, but refuses to give mercy. The story becomes tragic. The servant walks away after receiving complete forgiveness. But then he encounters another servant who owes him a much smaller amount. He grabs him. He demands payment. The other servant falls down and begs: "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back." Notice something.

The second servant uses almost exactly the same words that the first servant had used before his master. But the first servant refuses. He has just been forgiven an enormous debt. Yet he cannot forgive a small debt owed to him. He sends the man to prison. What happened? The servant received mercy, but he did not allow that mercy to change his heart. And that is one of the greatest dangers in the spiritual life.

We can receive God's forgiveness without becoming forgiving people. We can come to Mass. We can go to confession. We can receive Holy Communion. We can pray the Our Father. We can say, "Forgive us our trespasses." But then we can turn around and refuse to forgive someone else. Jesus is warning us: The mercy we receive from God must become mercy that we give to others.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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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)

September 13, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12, 2026
Vigilia del Vigesimo Cuarto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. OLG Parishioners

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Joe E. Salinas
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Maria Elena Garza
† Orlando Sendejo, Sr. (5th Ann.)
† Bren Perez
Travis Shoemaker for Protection & Safety
Johnny Munoz for Protection & Safety

11:30a.m. † Baldemar Perez, Jr.
† Guadalupe (Lupe) Rivera (16th Ann.)
† Ramiro Rivera (7th Ann.)
† Maria R. Ordonez (5th Ann.)

Monday, September 14, 2026

6:00p.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

6:00p.m. † Estanislado "Tanis" Rodriguez

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Thursday, September 17, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Friday, September 18, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Vigilia del Vigesimoquinto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Gilberto Moscot (B-day Rem.)
† Enrique Higareda

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Simon Anguiano, Sr.
† Maria Elena Garza
† Sylvia Buentello

11:30a.m. † Juan Moscot
† San Juanita R. Luera (23rd Ann.)
† Adolfo Sanchez (7th Ann.)
† Acencio (Chon) Rivera (11th Ann.)

August 30, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,349.00
Loose Collections	1,493.41
Childrens' Collections	00.00
Total	3,842.41

Second Collections:

New Restroom	171.00
Faith Formation	20.00
Catholic Schools	00.00
Teen Ministry	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 191.00

SNDA

Collections	489.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total Deposit	\$ 489.00

II COLLECTIONS

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 Sunday-DOCC

October 25th - All Souls Day Flowers

November 1st - New Bathrooms

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 at 664-2953

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.



OLG Corner

9/15/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
9/18/26 7:00PM CONQUISTANDO

Have a Blessed Week!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION?

OCIA FOR ADULTS
18 & over who have not been baptized, need communion and/or confirmation

OCIC FOR CHILDREN
7 to 17 who have not been baptized.

Come register:
AT PARISH OFFICE
MON, WED, THURS & FRI 9AM-12PM & 2PM-5PM
CLOSED TUESDAYS

For more information contact
Rachel Munoz 361-562-6790

IF BAPTIZED, STUDENT MUST ATTEND 2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS TO MAKE THEIR SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ON THE 2ND YEAR

COMMUNION
*BEGINS IN THE 1ST GRADE

CONFIRMATION
*BEGINS IN THE 9TH GRADE

FALL FEST COOKOFF
AT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
FOOD ★ FUN ★ FAITH ★ FAMILY

BBQ COMPETITION
SHOW OFF YOUR SMOKIN' SKILLS AND COMPETE FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS!

TROPHIES & BRAGGING RIGHTS
OLG PARISHIONERS TEAMS ONLY!
ENTRY FEE \$150 PER TEAM

CONTACT:
HENRY RIOJAS (361)701-3175
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
EVENT STARTS: 8:00 AM

CATEGORIES
• FAJITAS
• HALF CHICKEN
• PORK RIBS
• BEANS
• DESSERT

KIDS PORK STEAK COOKOFF
KIDS 16 & UNDER!

MORE THAN A COOKOFF!
• LIVE MUSIC
• GAMES & ACTIVITIES
• VENDORS
• WHOLE FAMILY!

GOOD FOOD, GREAT PEOPLE. STRONGER TOGETHER.
NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

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 **SAUSAGE WRAPS**
BURGERS **CHOPPED BRISKET BURGERS**
SWEETS **BBQ IN A CUP**
CAKE WALK **BBQ CHICKEN**
CORN CUPS **games**
LOADED BAKED POTATOES **AGUAS FRESCAS**
FRIED OREOS

LIVE MUSIC BY: COREADO
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

All ministries are asked to sign up to lead the rosary (2 spots) in the month of October in the church at 9:00pm each night. The other spots will be for parishioners to sign up. Sign up sheet will be in the back of the church.

TEEN WORSHIP MOVIE NIGHT
FAITH. FRIENDS. FILM. LET'S GROW TOGETHER.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
5:00 P.M.
TEENS 13-18 ALL ARE WELCOME!
SNACK WILL BE INCLUDED!

GOD'S DEAD

PRaise & WORSHIP **GREAT MOVIE** **BUILD FRIENDSHIPS** **GROW IN FAITH**

BRING A FRIEND AND YOUR FAITH! ♥

Fall Fest MEN'S F.L.A.M.E. BARBECUE IN A CUP!
BIG FLAVOR. EASY TO ENJOY! ALL IN ONE CUP!

\$12 A CUP

LOADED WITH:
• PORK RIB
• CHICKEN FAJITA
• SAUSAGE
• RICE
• BEANS
• POTATO SALAD

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

PICK UP DATE: OCTOBER 3RD, 2026
PICK UP TIME: 5 P.M. – 8 P.M.

SUPPORT MEN'S F.L.A.M.E. MINISTRY!
Thank you for your support!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MEN'S F.L.A.M.E. MINISTRY

FREE

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

TRUNK OR TREAT
CANDY 1

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

FREE

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

Saturday, October 17, 2026
TRUNK OR TREAT 6:45PM – 8:45PM
1010 BEAM STATION RD, ALICE, TX

FREE