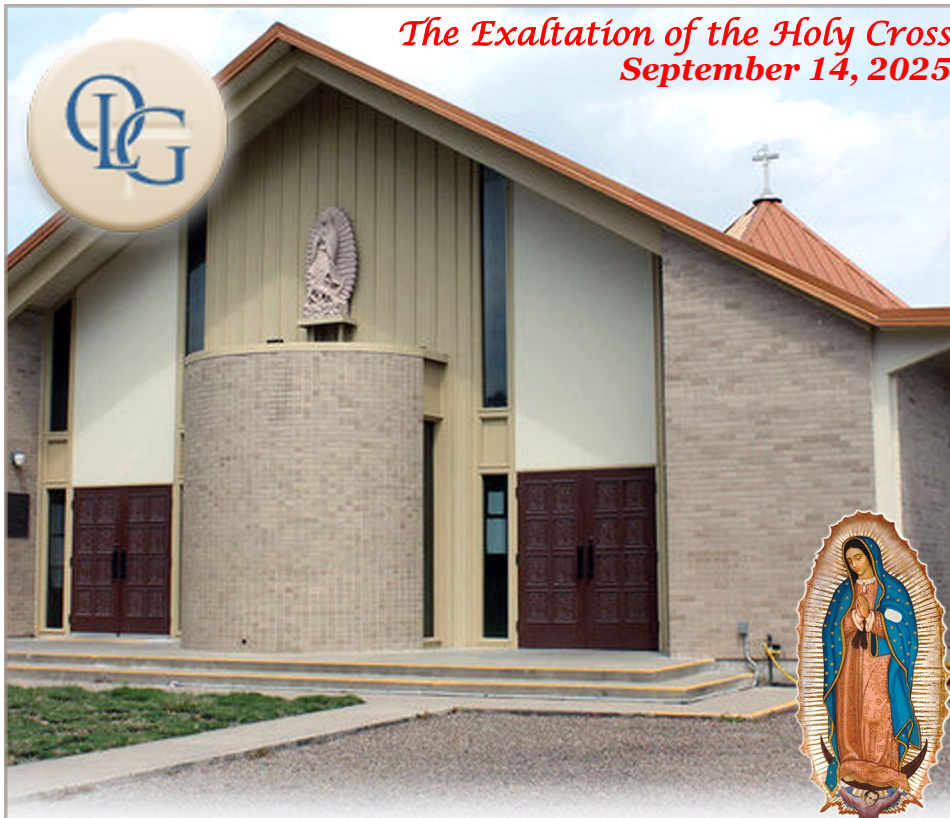




The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14, 2025



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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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

Jesus says, "*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.*" He's referring to an event in **Numbers 21**, when the Israelites were being bitten by poisonous snakes because of their sins. God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and raise it on a pole. Whoever looked at it was healed.

Jesus is saying, "**That was a symbol—now I am the reality.**" The Cross will be the new pole. Christ, lifted high, not to display punishment, but to **bring healing to a dying world. The Cross Is Not Condemnation, But Mercy.** Jesus follows this up with one of the most quoted verses in all of Scripture: "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...*"

This is the heart of the Gospel. Too many people see God as a harsh judge, or see the Cross only as a sign of guilt. But Jesus says clearly: "*God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save it.*"

The Cross is not a courtroom, it's a rescue mission.

"**God So Loved the World...**" It doesn't say: God loved the perfect. God loved the obedient. God loved the people who got it right. No.

God loved the world, in all its mess, sin, and confusion. That includes **you**, in your weakness, doubts, mistakes, and pain.

And how did He love us? He **gave** His Son. The Cross isn't proof of God's anger. It's proof of **God's generosity.**

The Cross Is the Ladder Between Heaven and Earth. Jesus also says:

"*No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven...*"

This reminds us that salvation isn't something **we climb up to**, it's something **God comes down to give us.**

The Cross is the **bridge** between heaven and earth. Jesus is both God and man, He comes down to bring us up.

The Cross as the Compass of Our Lives. So how do we respond? We **look to the Cross** as the Israelites looked at the bronze serpent. Not just once, but daily. In prayer, in suffering, in decisions.

We **believe in Him**, not just intellectually, but with our lives. We trust that His way is better, that His love is enough, and that His mercy is greater than our sin.

Faith in Christ is not just believing He existed, it's about **leaning on Him**, especially when we are tired, tempted, or lost.

1. Do I see the Cross more as a burden or a blessing? A punishment or a gift?
2. Do I truly believe that God *loves me*—personally, passionately, and patiently?
3. In what areas of my life do I need to let God save me instead of trying to save myself?

September 14, 2025
Mass Intentions

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
† Eva & Cecilia Hernandez
† Gloria Salinas
† Erika Salinas
† Noe Amador Salinas
† Lori Ann Gomez Franco

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:00p.m. † Enrique Higareda (13th Ann.)
† All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 18, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, September 19, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 20, 2025

**Vigilia del Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

8:00a.m. † Eucharistic Adoration with Healing
Prayers
5:30p.m. † Connie Cantu
† Orlando Sendejo, Sr.
† All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 21, 2025
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † All SNDA Parishioners
9:30a.m. † Lydia Rodriguez
† Joe Rodriguez, Sr.
† Simon Anguiano, Sr.
† Elia Mendoza
† Frank Everett
† Guadalupe G. Gonzalez
† Andres Aaron Canas
† Henry Hill, Sr.
† Michael Higgins
11:30a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Ramiro B. Villarreal
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† David Jimenez

August 31, 2025

OLG

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| Envelope Collections | \$2,096.00 |
| Loose Collections | 1,158.46 |
| Flowers for all occasions | 00.00 |
| Childrens' Collections | 00.00 |
| Total | \$ 3,254.46 |

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| Second Collections: | |
| AC Replacement Fund | 20.00 |
| DOCC - Assumption | 587.50 |
| Total 2nd Collections | \$ 607.50 |

SNDA

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| Envelope Collections | \$ 45.00 |
| Loose Collections | 272.00 |
| Total Deposit | \$ 317.00 |

II Collections

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

OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

- 09/14/25 First Day of Sunday CCD
2:00PM Parish Bingo @ VFW Hall
6:00PM Conquistando Meeting
- 09/18/25 7:00PM Baptism Class
7:00PM Ultreya Meeting
- 09/20/25 8:00AM Eucharistic Adoration with
Healing Prayers

Call the parish office with any questions

Have a Blessed Week!

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

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

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

Location: at Church

Time: 9:00pm

Diocese of Corpus Christi
Offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

**GLOBAL
CELEBRATION
OF YOUNG PEOPLE**



Emcee:
Luis Briseno

Music & Keynote by:
**Rolley & Madi
Gonzalez**

Mass:
**Bishop Michael
Mulvey**

**OCTOBER 12TH
SUNDAY COST \$5**

1 - 6PM Doors open
at 12:30pm

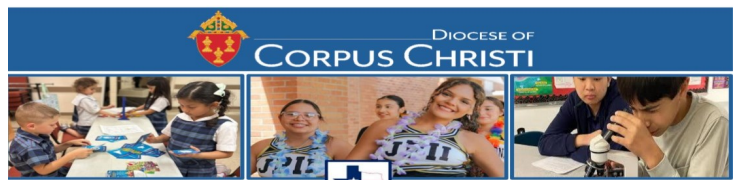
**Most Precious Blood
Catholic Church**

Join us for a day of celebration of Youth and
Young Adults with: games, music, fellowship,
food, Adoration and Mass. *The Church is
forever young!*



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



Parental Choice is coming to TEXAS!

Texas Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) give participating families state funds to help pay for their child's private school tuition and other learning needs. ESA funds may be used for:

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| Tuition | Tutorial Services | School Meals |
| Uniforms | Textbooks | Educational Therapies |

HOW MUCH IS AVAILABLE?

Per student each year:

- Approximately \$10,000 per student
- Up to \$30,000 for a child with special needs
- Up to \$2,000 for homeschool students

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Student must be a U.S. citizen, national, or lawful resident eligible to attend a Texas public school.
- If one child is approved, siblings who also applied will be approved.
- Once approved, families do not need to reapply each year. Accounts will remain active as long as they continue to meet the program's requirements. **Unused funds may roll over year to year with no rollover limit while the student participates in the program.**

PRIORITIZATION OF APPLICANTS

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Categories for
Prioritization
of Applicants:

- Students with a **disability** whose **family income is at or below 500%** of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)
- Children whose family income is **at or below 200%** of FPG
- Children whose family income is **between 200% and 500%** of FPG
- All other students**, depending on available funds. Within this group, students transferring from public schools will be prioritized over those already enrolled in private schools.

| Number of people in household | Federal Poverty Guideline | 200% of Poverty Guideline Yearly Income | 500% of Poverty Guideline Yearly Income |
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| 1 | \$15,650 | \$31,380 | \$78,250 |
| 2 | \$21,150 | \$42,300 | \$105,750 |
| 3 | \$26,650 | \$53,300 | \$133,250 |
| 4 | \$32,150 | \$64,300 | \$160,750 |
| 5 | \$37,650 | \$75,300 | \$188,250 |
| 6 | \$43,150 | \$83,920 | \$215,750 |

TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER 2025

SB2 is in effect; Comptroller releases the program's rules and responds to public comments.

FALL 2025

Comptroller contracts with the certified Educational Assistance Organization to assist in the program's management.

JANUARY 2026

ESA Application window opens. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of ESAs, a lottery system will determine approvals based on the prioritization rules.

SPRING 2026

Families are notified of ESA approval.

JULY 2026

The first quarterly deposit will be made into ESA accounts for families to use on eligible expenses.

Learn more at:

www.DIOCESECC.ORG/ESA



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