



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 2025



Our Lady of Guadalupe CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Sunday

5:30 pm

7:25 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

6:00 pm

12:05 pm

OLG, Spanish

SNDA

OLG, English

OLG, English

Monday & Tuesday

Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

ADORATION

CONFESSION

Tuesday

Saturday

after 6:00 pm Mass

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

Today's Gospel is one of those challenging stories, a parable about two men, **one rich and one poor**, whose lives are worlds apart in this life but dramatically reversed in the life to come. It's a parable that forces us to look not just at others, but at ourselves, and ask:

What am I doing with what God has given me? Who have I failed to see? What will matter when I stand before God? This Gospel, found only in Luke, is not just a story about the afterlife. It is a mirror held up to our hearts and our world.

Let's start with the characters. Jesus describes a **rich man**, unnamed, clothed in **purple and fine linen**, feasting **sumptuously every day**. In his world, life is one long banquet. Purple dye was extremely expensive, and linen garments were luxuries. This man has not just wealth, but extravagance. He's living a life of comfort, self-indulgence, and insulation from the suffering of others.

Outside his gate lies **Lazarus**, the only character in any of Jesus' parables to be given a **name**. His name means "**God is my help**." He has no one else to help him, not family, not friends, not even the rich man just meters away. He is sick, hungry, covered in sores. And even the dogs, unclean animals in Jewish culture, show him more compassion than people do.

Lazarus is not in a far-off land. He's **right at the gate**, close enough to be seen, close enough to be helped. But he is ignored.

And that's the key. The rich man doesn't harm Lazarus. He doesn't beat him or throw him out. His sin is one of **indifference**.

This parable isn't about money being bad. **Wealth is not the problem**. Abraham, the great patriarch mentioned later in the parable, was himself a rich man. God is not against riches, but **He is against hearts that grow cold because of riches**.

The real tragedy in this story is that the rich man sees Lazarus every day, but doesn't really *see* him. He walks past him. He dines while Lazarus starves. He wears luxury while Lazarus wears sores. The rich man's problem isn't his possessions, it's his heart.

He has become blind. Numb. Closed in on himself.

In today's world, that is perhaps our greatest temptation, not cruelty, but **apathy**. We see so much suffering on the news, in the streets, even in our own families, that we become numb. We say, "It's not my problem." Or "I can't help everyone." Or worse, we stop noticing altogether.

But the Gospel never allows us to be comfortable in our indifference. The Christian life is not just about **not doing evil**, it's about **actively doing good**.

Holiness is not passive. It is compassionate. It is engaged.

Both men die. Lazarus, Jesus tells us, is "**carried by angels to the bosom of Abraham**." This was a Jewish image for paradise, intimacy, safety, comfort in the presence of the patriarchs and of God.

The rich man also dies, but notice the contrast. He is simply "**buried**" and finds himself in torment, in the **netherworld**, traditionally understood as Hades or hell.

Now the situation is reversed. Lazarus is comforted; the rich man is in agony. The gate that separated them in life has now become an **uncrossable chasm** in eternity.

This is not divine revenge. This is divine **justice**. Not the kind that punishes for punishment's sake, but the kind that **reveals the truth of things**.

The rich man lived as if there were no consequences. He built his heaven on earth, and found himself in hell. Lazarus, who endured suffering patiently, is now lifted up.

September 28, 2025
Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Vigilia del Vigésimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Hector Sandoval, Sr. (1st Ann.)
† Donato M. Rios (55th Ann.)
† Jose Moscot (13th Ann.)
† All Souls in Purgatory
† Heraclio Gonzalez
† Norberto Gonzalez
In Thanksgiving of 25th Wedding Ann.
For Jose & Maria Ceja

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † All SNDA Parishioners
9:30a.m. † David Rodriguez, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Frank Everett
† Esperanza S. Saenz
† Ruben R. Gonzalez
† Hortencia "Tencha" Gonzalez
† Annabel Garza (B-day Rem.)
11:30a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Rex Ramon (B-day Rem.)
† Isaiah James Joslin (4th Ann.)
† Santiago G. Chapa (1st Ann.)

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 01, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Mary B. Flores (B-day Rem.)

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Thursday, October 02, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Friday, October 03, 2025

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Saturday, October 04, 2025

Vigilia del Vigésimo Séptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Eliza Higareda (3rd Ann.)
† Jesus Ceja (26th Ann.)
† Jose Roberto Castillo
† All Souls in Purgatory
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, October 05, 2025

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † All SNDA Parishioners
9:30a.m. † Jose D. Hernandez, Sr.
† Antonio Escamilla, Sr.
11:30a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Guadalupe G. Gonzalez (B-day Rem.)
† Francisco Garcia, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Esperanza S. Saenz
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

September 14, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$1,633.00
Loose Collections	1,974.10
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	52.00
Total	\$ 3,659.10

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	657.45
Catholic University of America	4.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 661.45

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 95.00
Loose Collections	265.00
Total Deposit	\$ 409.00

II Collections

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

December 7th - Teen Ministry

December 14th - Retirement for Religious

December 21st - Faith Formation



OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

09/28/25	10:45AM	Faith Formation
	3:00PM	Conquistando
09/29/25	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC
09/30/25	7:00PM	Bible Study
10/01/25	5:30PM/7:00PM	Faith Formation
	9:00PM	Rosary- Live Streamed (FB)
10/02/25	7:00PM	Ultreya Meeting

Call the parish office with any questions

Have a Blessed Week!

Baptisms

Baptism Class- October 16, 2025 at 7pm in CCD building.

Must first complete a registration form & provide necessary paperwork to attend class.

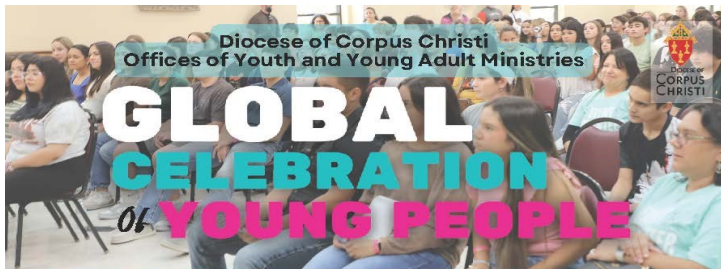
Baptisms - Can be scheduled any day after scheduling an appointment with Fr. James & all necessary documents are received & verified at the office. Parents & Godparents are required to complete a baptism class before baptism can be Scheduled (class attendance is only valid for the last 12 months). Obtain a registration form and more information at parish office.

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.

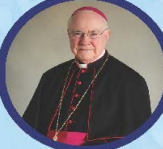




Emcee:
Luis Briseno



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!

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 INVITES YOU TO

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FALL FESTIVAL

LIVE MUSIC BY: **CREADO**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
5PM - 9PM

bring your lawn chairs!

GORDITAS

SAUSAGE WRAPS

CAKE WALK

BBQ IN A CUP

CORN CUPS

MENUDO

COTTON CANDY

TAMALES

BBQ CHICKEN

BURGERS

games

SWEETS

OLG CHURCH GROUNDS
1010 BEAM STATION RD.
ALICE, TX

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR

trunk treat

& outdoor movie night

featuring:

***bring your family**  ***bring your friends**

***bring your lawn chairs**

Friday, October 17 | 6:30PM - 8:30PM
movie starts at 7pm

1010 BEAM STATION RD, ALICE, TX