

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 05, 2025



# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

There are very few prayers in the Gospels as honest and as human as this one from the apostles: **"Increase our faith!"** It's not a theological question. It's not an argument. It's a cry of the heart. These are not abstract men in a dusty storybook. These are real disciples who have been walking with Jesus listening, learning, and struggling. They've heard His demands: forgive seventy times seven times, carry your cross daily, love your enemies, live not for yourself but for God. And they're overwhelmed.

So they turn to the Lord, as we often do, and say: **"Lord, I want to believe, but help me. I want to follow, but it's hard. Please, increase my faith."** And Jesus, as always, answers not as we expect, but as we need.

Jesus begins His response with a stunning image: *"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed..."*

Many of us hear that and feel discouraged: "Is Jesus saying I don't even have *that much* faith?" But listen again. He's not scolding; He's teaching.

The mustard seed was the smallest seed known to His audience. But what matters isn't its size, it's that it *grows*. The point is not how much faith you have, but **what you do with it**. Even a little, when it is real, living, and planted in trust, can do the impossible.

We often think we need *great* faith to do *great* things. But Jesus says it's not about quantity. It's about quality faith that is alive, humble, and surrendered. A mustard seed doesn't try to be an oak tree overnight. It just starts growing where it's planted.

So what is Jesus saying to us? **Don't wait until you feel strong. Don't wait until your doubts disappear. Use the faith you have however small it may feel.**

Then comes the second part of the Gospel, which at first glance seems harsh or disconnected:

*"Who among you would say to your servant, 'Come and sit down at table'? Would you not rather say, 'Prepare my supper...'?"* Jesus uses a parable about a servant to drive home a powerful truth: **Faith is not just belief. Faith is obedience.**

The servant in the story is not praised for doing what he was supposed to do. He doesn't expect a reward; he simply fulfills his duty. Now remember who Jesus is talking to His disciples. He's shaping them, and us, into people who live not for praise, but from purpose. We are not employees in God's company expecting bonuses. We are children in our Father's house, serving out of love. We do not earn God's favor by our faith or works. We serve because He already loves us. This is a counter-cultural message in our time. We live in an age of entitlement. We want credit, applause, recognition. But Jesus tells us that faith means saying: **"I have only done what was my duty."**

There is a profound freedom in this teaching. When you stop trying to impress God or anyone else you become free to serve with joy. When you stop asking, *"What's in it for me?"* you begin to live like Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

This humility is not low self-esteem. It's not groveling. It's the quiet strength of someone who knows who they are in God, and doesn't need a spotlight to keep going. Saint Teresa of Calcutta used to say: *"God has not called me to be successful. He has called me to be faithful."* That is the heart of this Gospel. Not power, not recognition, not even results just faithful service, done in love, with whatever faith we have, even a mustard seed's worth.

He invites us to follow not by might, not by applause, but by trust. So today, let's pray with the apostles: **"Lord, increase our faith."** And let us live it out, one small act of humble love at a time. Amen.

**October 05, 2025**  
**Mass Intentions**

**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.

† Annabel Garza (B-day Rem.)

Diana Perez for good health

Megan Nicole Blanco & her baby for good health

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

**Monday, October 06, 2025**

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Tuesday, October 07, 2025**

6:00p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Wednesday, October 08, 2025**

12:05p.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Thursday, October 09, 2025**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Friday, October 10, 2025**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Saturday, October 11, 2025**

**Vigilia del Octavo Domingo del  
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Isaias & Tomasa Castillo

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**

**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. † Arnulfo Gonzalez (Wedding Ann. Rem.)

9:30a.m. † Noel Omar Cantu (7th Ann.)

† Narciso T. Sanchez

† Isaias & Tomasa Castillo

11:30a.m. † Esther Villegas (B-day Rem.)

† Juanita Silva-Perez

† Estella Nava (B-day Rem.)

† Carolina Ruiz

† Ramiro B. Villarreal

† Isaiah James Joslin (4th Ann.)

9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

**September 21, 2025**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections \$3,069.00

Loose Collections 2,189.00

Flowers for all occasions 00.00

Childrens' Collections 94.00

**Total \$ 5,352.00**

Second Collections:

Disaster Relief Fund 700.00

HGN 19.00

**Total 2nd Collections \$ 719.00**

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections \$ 25.00

Loose Collections 382.00

**Total Deposit \$ 407.00**

**II Collections**

**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**

**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.

*The flowers at the Altar  
on 9/28/25 were  
given in Thanksgiving of*

*53rd Wedding Anniversary of  
Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Castillo  
Married here at OLG on September 30, 1972*



## OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

10/05/25	10:45AM Faith Formation
	2:00PM Conquistando
10/06/25	6:30PM OCIA/OCIC
10/07/25	7:00PM Bible Study
10/08/25	5:30PM/7:00PM Faith Formation
10/09/25	7:00PM Ultreya in CCD Building
10/10/25	7:00PM Conquistando in Hall
10/11/25	5:00PM FALL FEST

Call the parish office with any questions

*Have a Blessed Week!*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
will be hosting our  
**Monthly Food Bank**

October 14, 2025

Time: 8:00a.m.

OLG Church parking lot



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

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

**Location: at Church**

**Time: 9:00pm**



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Offices of Youth and Young Adult Ministries

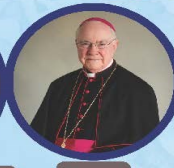
**GLOBAL  
CELEBRATION  
of YOUNG PEOPLE**



**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 CHURCH INVITES YOU TO

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**FALL FESTIVAL**

LIVE MUSIC BY: **CREADO**

**GORDITAS** **COTTON CANDY**

**SAUSAGE WRAPS** **TAMALES**

**CAKE WALK** **BBO CHICKEN**

**BURGERS**

**BBQ IN A CUP** **games**

**CORN CUPS** **SWEETS**

**MENUDO**

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 11, 2025  
5PM - 9PM**

**OLG CHURCH GROUNDS  
1010 BEAM STATION RD,  
ALICE, TX**

bring your lawn chairs!

**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**