Twenty Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 18, 2026



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:oo pm Mass
CONFESSION	**Saturday**	4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

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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 presents us with one of the most familiar sayings of Jesus: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." These words are simple, but they contain a profound lesson about our relationship with God, with society, and with ourselves.

The Gospel tells us that the Pharisees went and plotted to trap Jesus in his speech. They sent their disciples together with the Herodians and asked him, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth." Their words sound respectful, but their intention was not sincere. They were trying to put Jesus in a situation from which there seemed to be no escape. They asked him: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" It was a dangerous question. If Jesus said, "Yes, you must pay the tax," they could accuse him of supporting the Roman occupation and alienating the Jewish people. If he said, "No, you should not pay the tax," they could accuse him before the Roman authorities of rebellion. But Jesus was not deceived by their question. He knew what was in their hearts. He said to them: "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." They brought him a denarius. Jesus asked them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then Jesus gave his famous response: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

At first, this may sound like Jesus is simply talking about taxes and government. But Jesus is doing much more than answering a question about money. He is teaching us how to put our whole lives in the proper order.

The world can place many demands upon us. Our jobs demand our time. Our families need our attention. Society demands our participation. Financial responsibilities require our energy. Technology demands our attention. Advertising constantly tells us what we need. Social media can influence how we think about ourselves and others. The world often tells us, "Give me your attention. Give me your time. Give me your loyalty. Give me your identity."

But Jesus asks: "What belongs to God?" Our deepest loyalty belongs to God. Our conscience belongs to God. Our worship belongs to God. Our ultimate hope belongs to God. Our identity belongs to God. No earthly power can take the place of God. This is why the Christian must always maintain a proper order. We live in the world, but the world must not become our god.

We use money, but money must not become our master. We participate in society, but society must not determine our entire identity. We respect human authority, but we worship God alone.

One of the great temptations of modern life is to give God whatever is left over. We give our best energy to our work. We give our best attention to our phones. We give our best time to entertainment. We give our best effort to making money. And then, when we are tired, distracted, and exhausted, we say, "Now I will pray." But God deserves more than our leftovers.

Imagine a child saying to his parents, "I will give you whatever time I have left after everything else." A loving relationship cannot survive that way. The same is true of our relationship with God. We need to give God the first place, not merely the leftover place.

Perhaps the question for us today is not simply, "Do I believe in God?" Perhaps the deeper question is: "Does God have first place in my life?" There is a difference. Many people believe in God, but belief must become a way of life.

October 18, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Vigilia del Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Victoria M. Bentancourt (32nd Ann.)
† Luisa P. Sandoval (81st Ann.)
† Isaias & Tomasa Castillo
† Servando "Shorty" Garza (B-day Rem.)

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † Elia Juarez Espinoza (B-day Rem.)

9:30a.m. † Isaias & Tomasa Castillo
† Noel O. Cantu

11:30a.m † Diana Chapa
† Isaiah James Joslin (5th Ann.)
† Laura V. Vera
† Juan Moscot
† Felix B. Manrique
† Nicolasa G. Manrique
In Honor of 89th B-day for Ramona Alvarado

Monday, October 19, 2026

6:00p.m † Isaias & Tomasa Castillo

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

6:00p.m. † Laura V. Vera (B-day Rem.)

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Thursday, October 22, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Friday, October 23, 2026

12:05p.m. OLG Parishioners

Saturday, October 24, 2026
Vigilia del Trigésimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Raynaldo Ramirez
† Maria Ramirez
† Mario Aguirre

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † Cindy Moreno (B-day Rem.)

9:30a.m. † Rolando & Santos Hernandez
† Ruben Gomez (1st Ann.)
† Christy Rodriguez (B-day Rem.)
† Ruben R. Gonzalez (2nd Ann.)
† Maria Elena Garza
† Michael Higgins
† Martin Cantu
† Guadalupe Cantu, Jr.
† Ricardo Morales

11:30a.m † Nora G. Guerra (3rd Ann.)
† Lauro "Larry" Rios, Jr. (1st Ann.)
† Samuel Alvarado, Sr. (B-day Rem.)

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OLG

Envelope Collections	3,011.88
Loose Collections	1,566.00
Childrens' Collections	117.00
Total	**4,694.88**

Second Collections:	
New Restroom	0.00
All Soul's Day	30.00
Respect Life	796.00
Faith Formation	40.00
Total 2nd Collections	**$ 866.00**

SNDA

Collections	456.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total Deposit	**$ 456.00**

II COLLECTIONS

October 18th - World Mission Sunday-DOCC
October 25th - All Souls Day Flowers
November 1st - New Bathrooms
November 8th - Teen Ministry
November 15th - Campaign for Human Dev.
November 22nd - Christmas Flowers

CHANGES TO II COLLECTIONS

FOLLOWING II COLLECTIONS WILL GO TOWARDS BATHROOM

6/14/26 ~~Faith Formation~~
7/19/26 ~~Charitable Works~~
8/23/26 ~~Teen Ministry~~
9/13/26 ~~Charitable Works~~
11/01/26
12/20/26 ~~Faith Formation~~

Please use the envelope you received and collection will be used for new bathroom

Flowers on the Altar are given in Memory of

Laura Victoria Vera

by Parents

OLG Corner

10/19/26	NO OCIA/OCIC CLASSES	
10/20/26	7:00PM	BIBLE STUDY
10/21/26	NO FAITH FORMATION	
10/23/26	7:00PM	CONQUISTANDO
10/25/26	10:00AM	FAITH FORMATION

Have a Blessed Week!

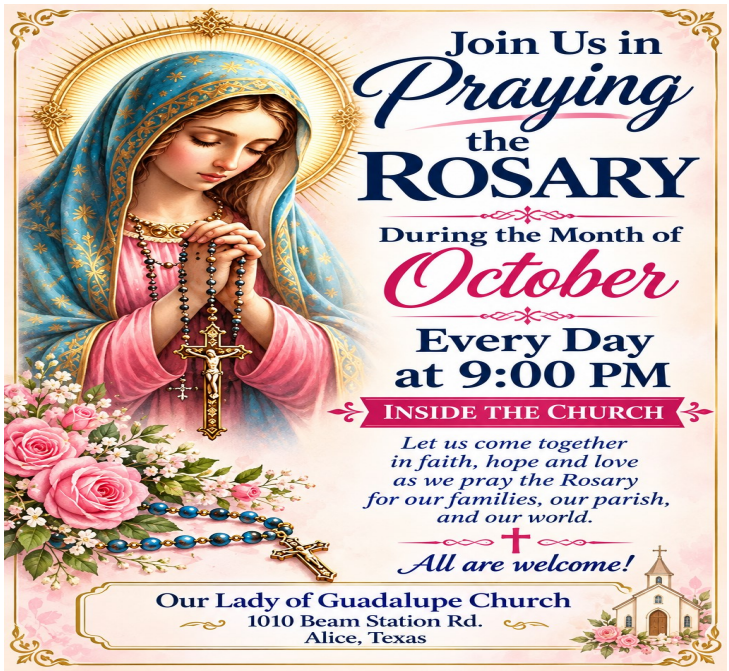
Mass Intention Deadline

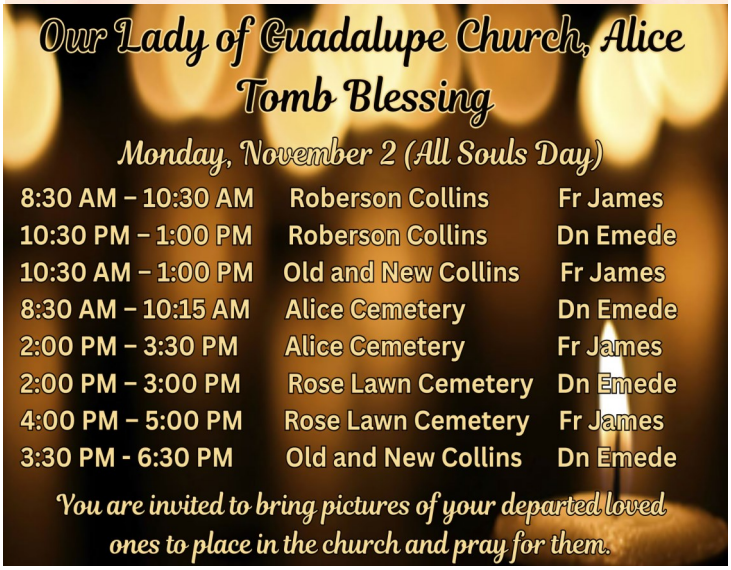
All mass intentions will be celebrated at mass. All information to be printed in the bulletin must be submitted 14 days prior to the bulletin date. This includes intentions, anniversaries and birthday celebrations.

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.