

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

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 brings us one of the most striking and compelling parables that Jesus tells often called the Parable of the Persistent Widow or the Unjust Judge. At first glance, it might seem like a simple story about nagging someone into submission. But if we listen with spiritual ears and open hearts, we discover this is a deep and rich teaching on the nature of faith, prayer, justice, and perseverance.

Let's listen again to the first verse: *"Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart."*

Right away, we're told the purpose of the parable **to teach us perseverance in prayer and courage in the face of delay or injustice**. Jesus knows that in our human weakness, we can lose heart. We get tired of praying when it feels like nothing is happening. We get discouraged when the world around us seems unjust, when God seems silent, or when answers don't come in the way we want them to. But in this parable, Jesus gives us a model of unshakable persistence and a glimpse into the heart of God.

The **widow** in the parable represents the most vulnerable in society. In Jesus' time, a widow had no legal status, no power, no protector, no voice. She would have depended entirely on others for survival. Yet in this story, we see her not as passive or helpless, but as **relentless**.

She keeps coming to the judge and saying: *"Grant me justice against my opponent!"*

She's not asking for favors. She's not trying to manipulate. She simply wants justice. Her cause is right. But she faces a **corrupt judge**, a man who "neither feared God nor respected people."

He admits he doesn't care about justice. Yet even he says, *"Because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out."*

Now, here's the turning point. Jesus says: *"Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?"*

If even a corrupt man gives in eventually, how much more will **God**, who is perfectly just and loving, respond to His children?

This is a classic **"how much more"** argument. Jesus is not comparing God to the unjust judge; He is contrasting them. If this cold-hearted man gives in, how much more eagerly will our loving Father respond?

But the key is persistence. The widow didn't come once and give up. She didn't let silence or delay stop her. She kept coming.

This leads to a natural question: *If God is so good and just, why does He delay? Why does He seem silent when we are suffering or praying for something so earnestly?*

The parable does not fully answer this mystery, but it does assure us that **God sees, God hears, and God will act, speedily**, in the right time.

Sometimes, God delays not because He is ignoring us, but because He is preparing something deeper in us. **Delay is not denial**. Sometimes, God uses the waiting to purify our desires, to grow our trust, or to test the sincerity of our faith.

St. Augustine said: *"God delays to give, so that He may increase your desire and make the gift more precious to you."*

There are also prayers that are answered in ways we do not expect or that will only be fully answered in eternity. The justice we long for may not come on our timetable, but God's justice will never be late.

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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)

October 19, 2025
Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18, 2025

**Vigilia del Vigésimo Noveno Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Victoria M. Bentancourt (31st Ann.)
† Bianca Maribel Rocha
† Isaias & Tomasa Castillo
† Julio Garcia (B-day Rem.)
† Reyes Cruz Cardona (5th Ann.)
† James John Cruz Cardona (4th Ann.)
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners
9:30a.m. † Juan Javier Salinas
† Esperanza S. Saenz
† Michael Higgins
† Isaias & Tomasa Castillo
† Francisco Dominguez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)
11:30a.m. † Laura V. Vera
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Isaiah James Joslin (4th Ann.)
† Francisco Dominguez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Monday, October 20, 2025

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:00p.m. † Laura V. Vera
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Thursday, October 23, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Friday, October 24, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Saturday, October 25, 2025

**Vigilia de Trigesimo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Nora Garza Guerra (2nd Ann.)
9:00pm Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners
9:30a.m. † Christy Rodriguez (B-day Rem.)
† Ruben R. Gonzalez (1st Ann.)
† Maria Ramirez Ornelas (B-day Rem.)
† Mario Aguirre (11th Ann.)
† Francisco Dominguez, Sr.
11:30a.m. † Ruben Gonzalez (1st Ann.)
† Nora S. Guerra (2nd Ann.)
† Juanita Silva-Perez
† Raul Torres, Jr. (21st Ann.)
† Jose A. (Joey) Garcia, III
† Francisco Dominguez

October 5, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$2,516.87
Loose Collections	1,314.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	137.00
Total	\$ 3,967.87

Second Collections:

Respect Life	630.00
Disaster Relief Fund	10.00
All Souls Flowers	40.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 680.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 0.00
Loose Collections	370.00
Total Deposit	\$ 370.00

II Collections

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

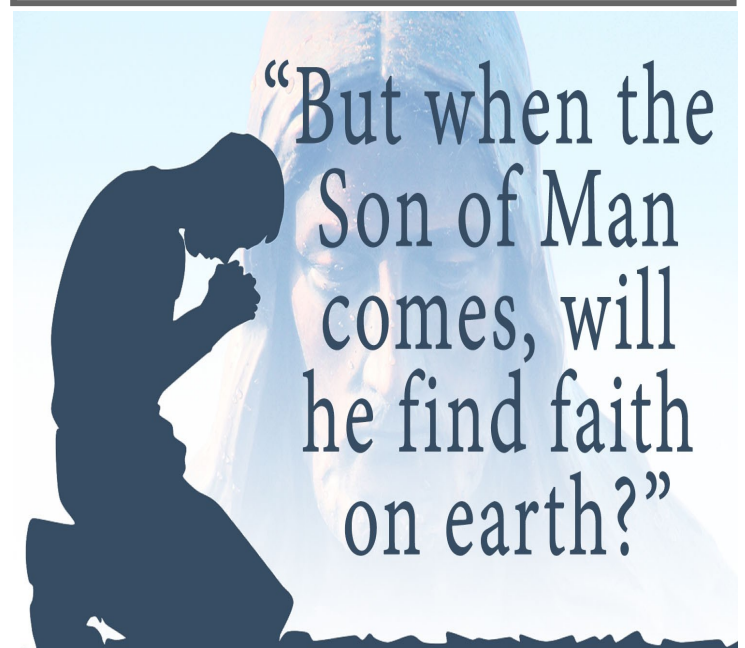
November 27th - Teen Ministry

**November 30th - Christmas Flowers
Christmas Novenas**

December 7th - Teen Ministry

December 14th - Retirement for Religious

December 21st - Faith Formation



OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

10/19/25	10:45AM	Faith Formation
	2:00PM	Conquistando
10/20/25	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC
10/21/25	7:00PM	Bible Study
10/22/25	NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY	
10/23/25	7:00PM	Utreya in CCD Building

Call the parish office with any questions

Have a Blessed Week!

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 2026

**Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal),
Medjugorje (Bosnia), and Rome (Italy)**

Dates: Friday, May 15– Sunday, May 24 (10 Days)
Organized by: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Alice

Estimated Cost: \$4,000.00

Those who are interested are kindly asked
to register by **November 30, 2025**.

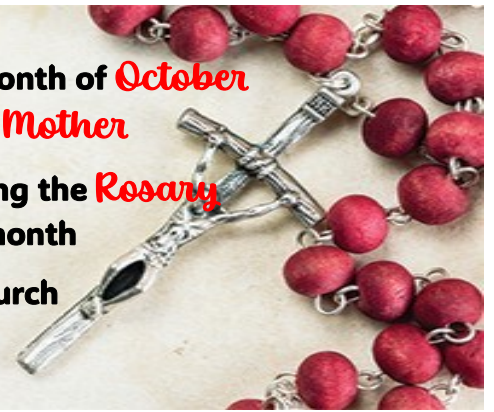
For more information,
please contact our parish office at **361-664-2953**.

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 HELP
IS FROM THE
LORD, WHO
MADE HEAVEN
AND EARTH.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Alice

**PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS
FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Tomb Blessing
Sunday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

Deacon Emede

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Alice Cemetery
10:15 AM – 01:00 PM	Old and New Collins
01:00 PM – 02:30 PM	Lunch Break & Homebound
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Roberson Collins
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Old and New Collins

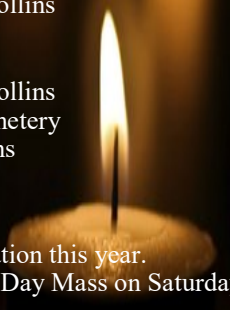
Father James

01:15 PM – 03:30 PM	Old and New Collins
03:45 PM – 4:45 PM	Rose Lawn Cemetery
05:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Roberson Collins

All Saints Day 2025

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
Therefore, we will celebrate the All Saints Day Mass on Saturday
at 8:30 AM. The Mass will be bilingual.

*You are invited to bring pictures of your departed loved ones to
place in the church and pray for them.*



OLG WOMEN'S FLAME MINISTRY INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO

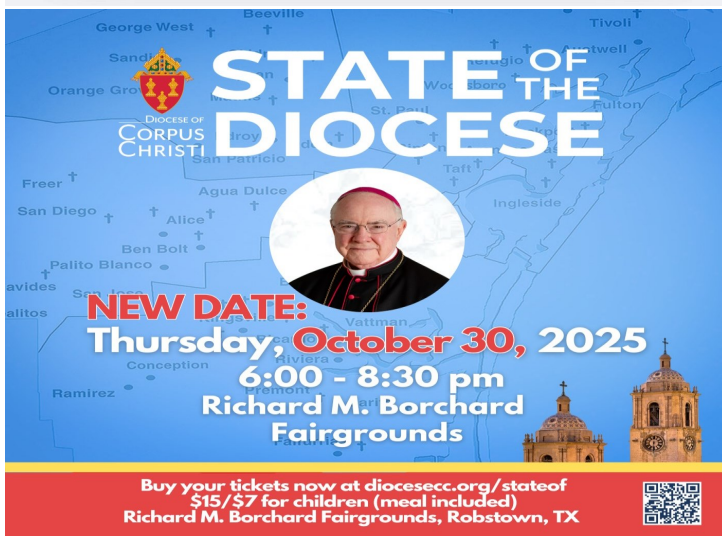
**MEET US
AT THE
PARK**


FOR A GLOW IN THE DARK PRAYER WALK!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
6:00pm-8:00pm
ANDERSON PARK

**This is a Christian event you
won't want to miss!**


MEET AT THE PAVILION AT 6PM TO BEGIN THE WALK
AROUND THE PARK AND STAY FOR PRAISE AND
WORSHIP IMMEDIATELY AFTER AT THE PAVILION

**WEAR WHITE AND BRING YOUR
GLOW-IN-THE DARK ACCESSORIES**





STATE OF THE DIOCESE



NEW DATE:
Thursday, October 30, 2025
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Richard M. Borchard
Fairgrounds

Buy your tickets now at diocesec.org/stateof
\$15/\$7 for children (meal included)
Richard M. Borchard Fairgrounds, Robstown, TX

