

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 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 offers us one of the most penetrating and unsettling parables Jesus ever told.

This parable is not just about a Pharisee and a tax collector. It's about two ways of approaching God. Two spiritual attitudes. Two very different outcomes.

Religion without Relationship : Let's begin with the Pharisee. Remember, the Pharisees were not evil men. In fact, they were deeply religious. They knew the Law, memorized Scripture, gave alms, fasted, and prayed. Most of them were highly respected in their communities. You might say they were the "churchgoers" of their time people who took their faith seriously.

So what's wrong with this Pharisee? Listen to his prayer again: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people robbers, evildoers, adulterers or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get."

There is no real petition. No adoration. No confession. This is not a prayer. It's a resume. He is reminding God how good he is. And more than that, he's comparing himself to someone else.

Now what's most dangerous here is that this kind of pride can wear a mask of gratitude. Did you catch the opening line? "God, I thank you..." It sounds humble. But it's actually a boast disguised as prayer.

How often we might fall into the same trap when we begin to think: "At least I go to church. At least I'm not like those people out there. At least I know the truth." Pride can hide in religious language. It can clothe itself in piety. And Jesus is warning us against it.

The Pharisee's problem isn't his fasting or his tithing those are good things. His problem is that he no longer sees his need for mercy. His goodness has become a wall between himself and God. He's using religion to build himself up, not to draw near to the Lord.

Honest Humility: Now let's look at the tax collector. He stands *far off*. He doesn't even look up to heaven. He beats his breast a traditional Jewish sign of mourning and repentance. And he says just one line: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

That's it. No long speech. No defense of his actions. Just an honest cry for mercy. He doesn't pretend. He doesn't compare. He doesn't try to bargain with God. He knows who he is and he knows who God is.

And here's the shock: this man, Jesus says, went home justified before God. Not the Pharisee. The sinner.

Let's not miss the scandal of that statement. To Jesus' listeners, this would have been unthinkable. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman occupiers. They extorted money from their own people. They were seen as traitors and thieves. But Jesus says this man the dishonest, publicly shamed, broken sinner was the one made right with God.

The Heart of True Prayer : There's a profound lesson here about the nature of prayer. True prayer is not about presentation, it's about the posture of the heart.

The Pharisee talks *about* God, but he's really talking *to himself*. The tax collector speaks to God with total honesty.

God is not interested in our achievements. He's not impressed by our spiritual resumes. What He desires is truth in the inward being. He desires humility, honesty, repentance, and trust.

Humility doesn't mean thinking less of yourself; it means recognizing your need for God in every part of your life. It means realizing that everything we have our talents, our opportunities, even our desire to do good comes from Him.

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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 6:00 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)

October 26, 2025
Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 25, 2025

**Vigilia del Octavo Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario**

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

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Twenty Seventh 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.
† Veronica Martinez (38th Ann.)
† Janie M. Garcia (38th Ann.)
† Stephanie Garica (38th Ann.)
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
† Bilsen Prezas
† C. Rolando Ramos (26th Ann.)
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

6:00p.m. † Annamma Varghese (3rd Ann.)
Maria Elena Garza in Honor of B-day
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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

Thursday, October 30, 2025

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

Friday, October 31, 2025

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

Saturday, November 01, 2025

Día de Los Santos

8:30a.m. All Saints Day Mass - Bilingual
5:30p.m. † Maria D. Sandoval (B-day Rem.)
† Bianca Maribel Rocha
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, November 02, 2025

**The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
(All Souls Day)**

7:30a.m. Romeo Trejo, Jr.
9:30a.m. All Departed Souls Novena
11:30a.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

October 12, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$1,604.00
Loose Collections	1,779.90
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	136.00
Total	\$ 3,519.90

Second Collections:	
Disaster Relief Fund	00.00
Faith Formation	000.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 000.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 80.00
Loose Collections	215.00
Total Deposit	\$ 295.00

II Collections

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

December 25th - Christmas

January 1st - Mary Mother of God



*The Sanctuary Candle is
given in Memory of*

Ruben R. Gonzalez
1st Anniversary

By Family

OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

10/26/25	10:45AM	Faith Formation
	2:00PM	Conquistando
10/27/25	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC
10/28/25	7:00PM	Bible Study
10/29/25	5:30PM/7:00PM	Faith Formation
10/30/25	7:00PM	Utreya in CCD Building

Call the parish office with any questions

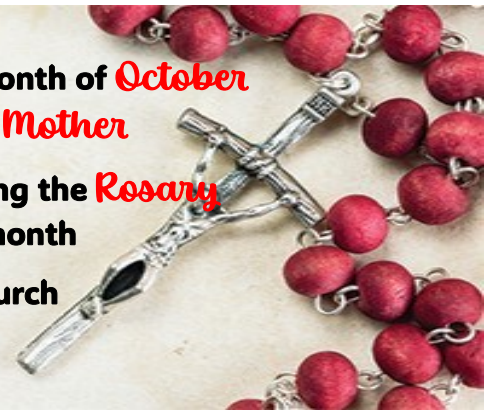
Have a Blessed Week!

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

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

Location: at Church

Time: 9:00pm



MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 2026

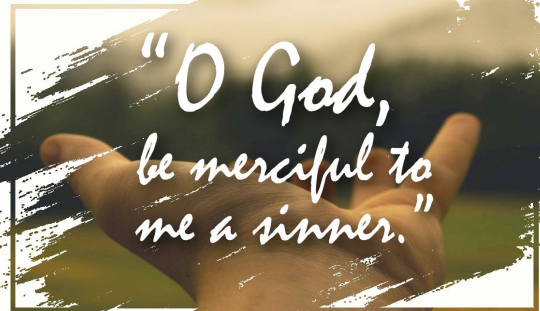
**Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal),
Medjugorje (Bosnia), and Rome (Italy)**

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.**



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
10:15 AM – 01:00 PM
01:00 PM – 02:30 PM
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Alice Cemetery
Old and New Collins
Lunch Break & Homebound
Roberson Collins
Old and New Collins

Father James

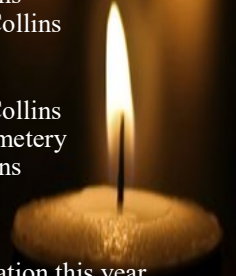
01:15 PM – 03:30 PM
03:45 PM – 4:45 PM
05:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Old and New Collins
Rose Lawn Cemetery
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

