

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

November 02, 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 commemorate All Souls' Day, a day of deep remembrance and profound hope. A day in which we stand before the mystery of death not with despair, but with faith. Not with finality, but with promise. Not in silence, but in prayer.

We celebrate it because we love. We celebrate it because we remember. We celebrate it because, as Christians, we believe in the mercy of God and in the resurrection of the dead. We celebrate it for our beloved dead, for those whose names are etched in our hearts, whose pictures rest on our altars at home, whose voices still echo in our memory.

Death is a mystery that touches every human life. It visits every home, every family, every age. And it brings with it grief, silence, and sometimes doubt. But the Church does not run from death. She enters into it boldly, because Christ entered into it first.

Today, as we remember the dead, we are reminded of our own mortality. *"Remember, man, that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* These words, often spoken at the beginning of Lent, echo in our hearts today. They are not meant to instill fear, but to awaken wisdom.

As the Book of Wisdom tells us, *"The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them."* (Wisdom 3:1) Even though they seemed, in the eyes of the foolish, to have died, they are at peace.

So many people today deny the afterlife. They live as if this life is all there is, chasing wealth, pleasure, success, acclaim, as if these things can shelter us from the grave. But Christians see more. We see through death. For us, death is not the end, but the threshold. The door through which we pass into eternity.

Today we pray for those not yet in heaven, who are undergoing final purification in Purgatory. Yes, Purgatory is real. It is not a second chance, but a gift of mercy. It is the final cleansing of the soul from all that is unworthy of God. For Scripture tells us, *"Nothing unclean shall enter the presence of God."* (Revelation 21:27)

Even if we die in God's grace, our soul may still need healing, from selfishness, pride, attachments, sin. Purgatory is not a place of punishment, but a place of love. The love that burns away what still separates the soul from perfect union with God.

Think of gold refined in fire. It must be purified to shine. So too the soul. Pope Benedict XVI once said: *"Purgatory is the inward fire of love which makes the soul ready for the vision of God."*

And here is where our prayers matter. The Catechism teaches that the faithful on earth can help the souls in purgatory "by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." (CCC 1032)

Every Mass we offer, every Rosary we pray, every indulgence we obtain, these are acts of mercy, spiritual works that assist those still being purified.

All Souls' Day is not about sorrow alone. It is about hope. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, *"This is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."* (John 6:40)

We are a resurrection people. We do not mourn as those who have no hope. (1 Thess. 4:13)

Yes, we grieve. Jesus Himself wept at the tomb of Lazarus. But beyond the tears, we see the empty tomb. We see the risen Christ, who has conquered death and opened the way to eternal life. Because He lives, we shall live also.

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 6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSION

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)

November 02, 2025

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 02, 2025

- 6:00p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Tuesday, November 03, 2025

- 6:00p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Wednesday, November 04, 2025

- 12:05p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Thursday, November 05, 2025

- 12:05p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Friday, November 06, 2025

- 12:05p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Saturday, November 08, 2025

**Vigilia de la Dedicación de la Basílica
de Latrán**

- 5:30p.m. All Departed Souls Novena
9:00p.m. Rosary - Live Streamed on Facebook

Sunday, November 09, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basílica

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

October 19, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	\$3,125.76
Loose Collections	1,077.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	131.00
Total	\$ 4,333.76

Second Collections:	
Respect Life	37.00
Mission Sunday	624.00
Faith Formation	17.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 678.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	\$ 25.00
Loose Collections	365.00
Total Deposit	\$ 390.00

II Collections

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**

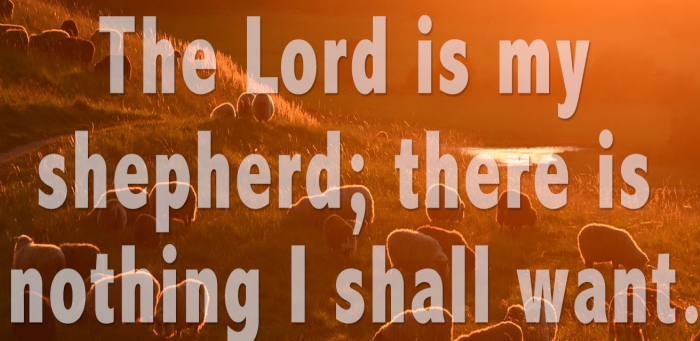
December 7th - Teen Ministry

December 14th - Retirement for Religious

December 21st - Faith Formation

December 25th - Christmas

January 1st - Mary Mother of God



**The Lord is my
shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want.**

OLG CORNER THIS WEEK

11/02/25	10:45AM	Faith Formation
11/03/25	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC
11/04/25	7:00PM	Bible Study
11/05/25	5:30PM/7:00PM	Faith Formation
11/06/25	7:00PM	Ultreya 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**.

Thanksgiving Day Mass
will be celebrated on
November 27, 2025 at 8:30

*Give
Thanks*

Are you celebrating a
Sacramental Wedding Anniversary
of 10, 25, 50 or 75 years?

On December 28, 2025, Father James
will have a renewal of vows.

Call parish office for more info and/or to sign up.

Advent Candles & Wreaths



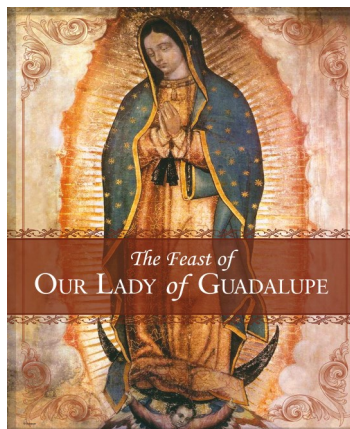
The Parish office will be selling
Advent Wreaths \$10 each & Advent Can-
dles \$10.00 for set of 4 candles. Also
available for purchase after each mass
on Nov. 22nd, Nov. 23rd,
Nov. 29th & Nov. 30th.

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.

You can now come into office and submit **2026 Mass Intentions**.

*Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any
questions please contact the parish office.*



The Feast of
OUR LADY of GUADALUPE

Celebration will be on
Thursday, December 11th

9:15p.m.
Procession from Chillzone

10:00p.m.
Mass, Play, Matachines,
Mariachis, Fireworks
& Refreshments

JOIN US FOR A

Christmas

BINGO

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025
TIME: 2PM – 6PM
(doors will open at 12:30)
PLACE: K.C. HALL

\$20 for 20 Games + 5 Specials
Specials will be sold for \$1

BINGO

CONCESSION ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT WOMEN'S F.L.A.M.E. RETREAT MINISTRY

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.*