

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 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 the Church gives us a precious gift: a quiet, contemplative Gospel scene, where the spotlight rests not on Mary, not on the Child, but on **Joseph**, the silent guardian of the Holy Family.

Evangelist Matthew tells us that before Mary and Joseph lived together, "*she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.*" Joseph knew Mary. He trusted Mary. He loved Mary. He believed in her purity, her goodness. But he also knew a child was expected—and he was not the father. This is not a small embarrassment.

This is a life-shattering moment. Mary's silence, her inability to explain a mystery so divine, must have pierced him. Joseph stands in the place where our human logic ends and God's mysterious plan begins.

Matthew says Joseph was a "righteous man"—not meaning merely someone who obeys rules, but someone who seeks God's will above his own desires, without harshness or revenge.

Unable to understand, he chooses the most merciful option available: to divorce her quietly. This single line reveals Joseph's greatness. He is hurt, but does not react with anger. He is confused, but does not condemn. He believes Mary, even when he does not understand Mary.

Many of us know what it feels like to be in Joseph's shoes: When someone we love causes us pain we don't understand. When life takes a turn that seems unjust or confusing. When we want to obey God, but the path ahead feels dark. When the right choice is the hard choice. Joseph teaches us that holiness is not found in having answers, but in choosing love even when we have questions.

Just as Joseph had resolved to dismiss Mary, God intervenes. "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived." Joseph's deepest question is answered. The darkness of confusion is lit by divine truth. Where Joseph saw a crisis, God reveals a miracle.

"Joseph did what the angel of the Lord commanded him."

No hesitation. No negotiation. No seeking a second sign. No asking for guarantees. He *obeyed*.

Obedience is not passive. Obedience is courage. It is the strength to trust God's voice above our fears, our plans, and our limited understanding.

Like Joseph, we often walk through situations we do not understand, relationships that confuse us, sickness we can't explain, decisions that feel overwhelming. Joseph's faith was not a feeling. It was a choice.

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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)

December 21, 2025 *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, December 20, 2025

Vigilia del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

5:30p.m. † Victoria M. Bentancourt (B-day Rem.)

† Estevan Garcia (10th Ann.)

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30a.m. † Antonio Cuevas, Sr.

† Esperanza Cuevas

† Kayla D. Peña

† Antonio Cuevas, Jr.

† Jesse Gonzalez

9:30a.m. † Francisco Dominguez, Sr.

† Belia Baya Saenz (B-day Rem.)

† Jesse Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Ramon Guerra (4th Ann.)

† Anita B. Guerra (B-day Rem.)

† Juanita Silva-Perez

† Ramiro B. Villarreal

† Francisco Dominguez, Sr.

Monday, December 22, 2025

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

6:00p.m. † Victoria M. Bentancourt (B-day Rem.)

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

NO NOON MASS

5:00p.m. Vigil Mass at SNDA

7:00p.m. Vigil Mass at OLG

12:00a.m. Midnight Mass - English

Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:30a.m. Bilingual Mass

NO NOON MASS

Friday, December 26, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Vigilia de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

5:30p.m. † Anita Zertuche (17th Ann.)

† Laura V. Vera

† Gina Gregoria Martinez (25th Ann.)

† Romulo & Rafaela Martinez

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Norma G. Medellin (3rd Ann.)

† Ramon Castro (B-day Rem.)

† Francisco Dominguez, Sr.

† M/M George G. Perez, Jr. (60th Ann.)

† Jesse Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Irene Isabel Silva (2nd Ann.)

† Norma Guerra Medellin (3rd Ann.)

† Juanita Silva-Perez

† Frank Zamarripa, Jr. (7th Ann.)

† Francisco Dominguez, Sr.

December 07, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	1,388.00
Loose Collections	916.76
Childrens' Collections	80.00
Total	\$ 2,384.76

Second Collections:

Military Service	20.00
Solemnity of Mary	10.00
Christmas Flowers	30.00
Teen Ministry	1,057.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$1,117.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	100.00
Loose Collections	375.00
Total Deposit	\$ 475.00

II Collections

December 21st - Faith Formation

December 25th - Christmas

January 1st - Mary Mother of God

January 4th - Charitable Works

January 18th - Faith Formation

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 2026

**Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal),
Medjugorje (Bosnia)**

Dates: Friday, September 11 – Monday September 21 (11 Days)

Organized by: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Alice

Estimated Cost: \$3,300.00 \$3,600.00

Those who are interested are kindly asked
to register by **January 10, 2026.**

For more information,

please contact our parish office at **361-664-2953.**

Please note : If an individual wishes to deposit and save a specific



OLG Corner This Week

NO OCIA, OCIC or Faith
Formation all week



Have a Blessed Week!




We appreciate you!

WE ARE PLANNING A DINNER FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CALL OFFICE TO RSVP & WE WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS FOR YOU.
361-664-2953



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



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
2025 Posada Schedule**

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2025 – at SNDA at 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2025 - CCD at Parish hall at 6:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025 - Women's F.L.A.M.E. at Parish Hall at 7:00pm
Friday, Dec. 19, 2025 - Men's F.L.A.M.E. at Parish Hall at 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025 - Conquistando at Parish hall at 7:00pm
Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025 - Teen F.L.A.M.E. at Parish Hall at 7:00pm
Monday, Dec. 22, 2025 – CDA & JC DA at Ramos Residence at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025 - Ultreya at Parish Hall at 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025 – Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:00pm in the Church



Holy Day of Obligation

SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, MOTHER
OF GOD

January 1st

CHALK BLESSING

**KITS AVAILABLE JAN 3RD & 4TH
FOR YOUR DOOR POST AT HOME**

*****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.

As a registered parishioner at OLG, you have the opportunity to receive many benefits. If you have not registered as a parishioner please contact the parish office as soon as possible.



**Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.**

Silver & Gold

Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebration

Those blessed with celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 AT 9:30 A.M.
Corpus Christi Cathedral | 505 N. Upper Broadway

Couples that register before the deadline will receive a certificate from Bishop Mulvey recognizing their Silver or Golden Anniversary. Registration is open to any validly married couple celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2026.

To receive an Anniversary Certificate, please submit registration by January 30, 2026

Online Registration: diocesec.org/anniversarymassregistration
or scan the QR code:

