

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 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

On this Feast of the Holy Family, the Church invites us to step inside the home of Nazareth not as visitors or historians, but as disciples. The Holy Family Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is not held up as an unreachable ideal, but as a living pattern for our own families: imperfect, struggling, learning, but capable of holiness because God dwells with us.

Today's Gospel shows us the anxious search of Mary and Joseph for Jesus in Jerusalem. It is one of the few glimpses Scripture gives us of Jesus' hidden years. Yet in this very ordinary and very human moment parents searching for a lost child we learn something profound: holiness is often found in moments we would prefer to avoid.

The Holy Family faced stress, confusion, financial hardship, social displacement, danger, and misunderstanding. They were refugees fleeing Herod. They lived under foreign occupation. They worked hard simply to survive. Their life did not look like a Christmas card.

And so the Church gives us this feast right after Christmas to remind us: God is not looking for perfect families. He is looking for faithful families. If your family is loud, messy, complicated, wounded, or imperfect congratulations. You are exactly the sort of family God loves to work with.

And then, Mary doesn't understand why Jesus stayed behind in the Temple, yet she "treasured all these things in her heart." She models a love that does not control but instead trusts and ponders.

In our homes today, we often respond too quickly, speak too harshly, or cling too tightly. Mary's example whispers to us: Listen. Reflect. Give space. Trust that God is at work in the ones you love.

Mary reminds us that every family needs a "heart of contemplation" to keep love alive.

Joseph speaks no recorded words in Scripture, yet his life speaks volumes. He listens to God in dreams, protects his family, works with his hands, and lives faithfully even when he does not fully understand.

Today, we live in a noisy world phones buzzing, opinions shouting, schedules overflowing. Joseph is the saint of those who serve quietly: the parent working two jobs, the caregiver for an elderly parent, the spouse who keeps forgiving, the sibling who keeps helping. True love rarely announces itself; it simply shows up again.

The Son of God spent 30 years in a family before preaching a single sermon or performing a single miracle. Why? Because ordinary family life, its tensions, joys, disappointments, and celebrations is where we learn to love like God loves. Forgiveness is learned when siblings fight and reconcile. Patience is learned when a child tests boundaries. Compassion is learned when someone in the family is sick. Sacrifice is learned when parents give their time, sleep, money, and energy again and again.

This is why Pope Francis calls the family "the first place where we learn to love." Your kitchen table, your living room, your family van, your WhatsApp group these may be the holiest places in your life.

Some families today carry deep burdens: broken relationships, mental health struggles, financial pressure, addiction, children drifting from faith, loneliness, grief. The Holy Family does not stand far from these struggles. They *walk with us through them*. Jesus knows what it is to worry his parents. Mary knows what it is to lose and find, to fear and to hope. Joseph knows what it is to carry responsibilities that feel heavy. You are not alone. The Holy Family intercedes for you.

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)

December 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

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.

Monday, December 29, 2025

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

6:00p.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners
6:00p.m. Te Deum Mass & Adoration

Thursday, January 01, 2026

7:00a.m. Spanish Mass
12:05p.m. English Mass
7:00p.m. English Mass

Friday, January 02, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Saturday, January 03, 2026

Vigilia de la Epifanía del Señor

5:30p.m. † Azusena (Susie) Torres (4th Ann.)

Sunday, January 04, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30a.m. † Juaguina (Kina) Trejo (B-day Rem.)
9:30a.m. † Olivia Castro (B-day Rem.)
† Jesse Gonzalez
11:30a.m. All OLG Parishioners

December 14, 2025

OLG

Envelope Collections	3,153.32
Loose Collections	658.89
Childrens' Collections	63.11
Total	\$ 3,875.32

Second Collections:

Love Blooms Ancient Faith	5.00
Retirement Fund	741.00
Christmas Flowers	65.00
Teen Ministry	75.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 886.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	45.00
Loose Collections	378.00
Total Deposit	\$ 423.00

II Collections

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, we will
meet on **January 12, 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 amount toward their pilgrimage fare, this can be considered.



May the year ahead bring you joy, peace, and prosperity.
Here's to new beginnings, fresh starts, and a year full of
happiness and success.

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



Baptisms

Baptism Classes - Third Thursday of every month at 7pm in CCD building. Must first complete a registration form & provide necessary paperwork to attend class.

Baptisms - Can be scheduled any day after scheduling an appointment with Fr. James & all necessary documents are received & verified at the office.

Parents & Godparents are required to complete a baptism class before baptism can be scheduled (class attendance is only valid for the last 12 months). Obtain a registration form and more information at parish office.

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.



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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

will be hosting our

Monthly Food Bank

January 13, 2026

Time: 8:00a.m.

OLG Church parking lot



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: diocesecc.org/anniversarymassregistration
or scan the QR code:

