

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

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:oo 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 2:00pm-5:00 pm (Closed every Tuesday)

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, we hear the parable of the ten virgins. In this parable, Jesus speaks about ten young women who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise, and five were foolish. The wise women brought extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish women brought their lamps without taking any additional oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, a cry rang out: "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!"

Immediately, all ten women arose and prepared their lamps. But the foolish women discovered that their lamps were going out, and they had no extra oil. They asked the wise women to share their oil with them, but the wise women could not give them enough without risking that their own lamps would go out. While the foolish women went to buy oil, the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went into the wedding banquet with him, and the door was shut. Later, the other women arrived and cried out, "Lord, lord, open to us." But the bridegroom answered, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Jesus concludes the parable with a serious warning: "Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).

This Gospel challenges every one of us with an important question: If the Lord came to meet me today, would He find me ready? Not tomorrow. Not next week. Not after I have finished all my plans. Not after I have become successful, wealthy, or comfortable. Would I be ready today?

Jesus begins the parable by saying that the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. In the setting of the parable, these young women are waiting for the arrival of a bridegroom to participate in a wedding celebration. Wedding customs in the ancient world varied, but the central image is clear: the women are waiting for an important arrival, and their lamps are intended to provide light as the celebration begins. All ten women have lamps. All ten are invited to wait for the bridegroom. All ten expect him to arrive. All ten become sleepy while waiting. From the outside, they appear remarkably similar. Yet Jesus tells us that five are wise and five are foolish. What makes the difference?

It is not that the wise women have lamps while the foolish women do not. They all have lamps.

It is not that the wise women are waiting while the foolish women have gone somewhere else. They are all waiting. It is not that the wise women never become tired. All ten become drowsy and fall asleep.

The difference is that the wise women prepare for the possibility of a delay, while the foolish women prepare only for the situation they expect. The wise women bring extra oil. The foolish women do not. Here, we discover the first important lesson of the Gospel: there is a difference between appearing ready and actually being ready. There is a difference between looking religious and living a life rooted in God. There is a difference between carrying a lamp and having enough oil to keep it burning. There is a difference between saying that we believe in Jesus and allowing our faith to shape our daily decisions.

Sometimes, we can become satisfied with the outward appearance of our Christian life. We attend Mass. We participate in parish activities. We know our prayers. We carry religious medals. We display religious images in our homes. We know how to make the Sign of the Cross and how to respond during the liturgy. These are good things when they express a sincere faith. But outward religious practices must be accompanied by an inward conversion of the heart. We can attend Mass every Sunday and still refuse to forgive someone. We can pray the Rosary and still speak cruelly to our family members. We can read the Bible and still cheat in business. We can give money to the Church and still exploit the poor. We can speak about God in public and neglect Him in private. We can look like Christians on the outside while allowing our spiritual lives to become empty on the inside.

The question is not simply whether we carry a lamp. The question is whether our lamp has oil. The question is not simply whether we belong to a church community. The question is whether Christ is truly transforming our lives. God is not satisfied with appearances alone. He desires our hearts. He wants our faith to become visible in the way we love, forgive, serve, speak, work, and treat other people. The wise women remind us that genuine discipleship requires preparation. We cannot live carelessly today and assume that everything will automatically be ready tomorrow. We must prepare our hearts now.

November 8, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Vigilia del Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. All Departed Souls Novena

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All Departed Souls Novena

9:30a.m. All Departed Souls Novena

11:30a.m All Departed Souls Novena

Monday, November 9, 2026

6:00p.m. All Departed Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

6:00p.m. All Departed Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

12:05p.m. †Florentino Rivera
†Trinidad Hernandez Rodriguez

Thursday, November 12, 2026

12:05p.m. †Trinidad Hernandez Rodriguez

Friday, November 13, 2026

12:05p.m. †Juan Miguel Marquez (B-day Rem.)
†Maria Elena Garza
†Trinidad Hernandez Rodriguez

Saturday, November 14, 2026
Vigilia del Trigésimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. †Gilberto Moscot
†Sonia A. Lopez
†Trinidad Hernandez Rodriguez

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. †Noel Cantu
†Jesse Gonzalez
†James Finney (B-day Rem.)
†Santos Hernandez
†Tracy R. Casas (B-day Rem.)
†Maria Elena Garza
†Domingo Gonzalez, Sr. (31st Ann.)
†Joel Gonzalez
†Trinidad Hernandez Rodriguez
†Ruben Gomez (2nd Ann.)
†Maria H. Garza
†Deacon Arnold Marcha
In Thanksgiving for 14th Deaconate Ann. for Deacon Emede Gonzalez

October 25, 2026

OLG	
Envelope Collections	1,988.00
Loose Collections	1,001.00
Children's Collections	92.00
Total	**$3,081.00**
Second Collections:	
New Restroom	00.00
Flowers for all occasions	892.00
World Mission Sunday	60.00
Faith Formation	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	**$952.00**
SNDA	
Collections	381.00
Bishop's Sharing Appeal	00.00
Total Deposit	**$381.00**





**Continued Mass Intentions*

11:30a.m †Cresencio "Cris" Sanchez
†Juan Moscot
†Daniel G. Medellin (B-day Rem.)
†Santos Hernandez
†Diana Chapa

OLG Corner

11/09/26	6:00PM	OCIC/OCIA
11/10/26	7:00PM	BIBLE STUDY
11/11/26	5:30PM	FAITH FORMATION
11/12/26	7:00PM	CONQUISTANDO
11/15/26	10:00AM	FAITH FORMATION

Have a Blessed Week!



Advent Candles & Wreaths

The Parish office will be selling
Advent Wreaths (Large)$10 (Small) $5 each
Advent Candles $10.00 for set of 4 candles.

Also available for purchase after each mass on
Nov. 21st, Nov. 22nd,
Nov. 28th & Nov. 29th.





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.
Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 664-3953

Knights of Columbus

Please register at parish office for more info. At this time we ask that at least 20 people sign up to start up again.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

2026 Posada Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2026 – CCD
Thursday, Dec. 17, 2026 - Women's F.L.A.M.E.
Friday, Dec. 18, 2026 - Conquistando
Saturday, Dec. 19, 2026 - Teen & Men's F.L.A.M.E.
Sunday, Dec. 20, 2026 - CDA
Monday, Dec. 21, 2026 - SNDA at Tecolote
Tuesday, Dec, 22, 2026 – Ultreya
Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2026 - JCDA at Ramos Residence
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2026 – OLG at 6:00pm in the Church

All Posadas are at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall unless otherwise indicated

