



“Let us go on to the nearby villages  
that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose have I come.”

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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### BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

**GENERAL THEME:**

This is the good news Christ brought to our world. This is the meaning of Christianity; this is why we are Christians. We are members of Christ's kingdom on earth, so that when our life here ends we shall be members of his everlasting heavenly kingdom. Yet, with all of this knowledge and with the example of the thousands and millions of saints who have lived according to this knowledge over the past nineteen hundred years and more, and who are now enjoying the reward Christianity promised them, how active and how effective is our Christian faith in our daily thoughts and deeds?

**FIRST READING: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7**

Job did not experience the speed of planes, trains or automobiles. His best example of speed is the weaver's shuttle; its back and forth motion is for the sake of clothing human bodies. But Job wonders even about the significance of the human person.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23**

If something compels us to some kind of action, that something had better be valuable. Paul cast aside his entire past in order to proclaim Jesus, whom he had been persecuting. Our faith likewise moves us to act on behalf of what really matters.

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 1: 29-39**

Early in the gospel of Mark, we read about a typical day and night as Jesus experienced in the beginning of his ministry. Activity must always be followed by an opportunity for “recharging” as he engaged in prayer to the Father.

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday  
Sunday

4:00 PM

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

English

Spanish

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### **DAILY MASS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and 1st Friday's of the Month

7:00 AM

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSIONS**

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

**Sacrament of Penance** 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM or  
by Appointment

**Vespers & Benediction** 6:00 to 6:30 PM

**Mass** at 6:30 PM



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, February 3 –

4:00 pm (E): †Zachary Closner  
†Olga De los Santos  
†Rudy Elizondo  
†Mike Garza  
†Robert J. Garza  
†Teodora Gomez  
†Eufemio Rodriguez Jr.  
†Eugenio Saenz

Sunday, February 4 –

7:00 am (S): Health of Irene Aldape  
†Reymundo Garcia & †Hilda Cavazos  
†Roberta Garcia

9:00 am (E): Pro populo

11:00 am (E): Birthday of Linda Cantu  
†Carlos Castillo Jr.  
†Zachary Closner  
†Antonio & †Jacinta Flores  
†Arnulfo Flores  
†Herminia Flores  
†Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria  
†Mariano & †Ana Ruiz

1:00 pm (S) †Olivia M. Longoria  
†Roli Vasquez

Monday, February 5 –

7:00 am

Tuesday, February 6 –

7:00 am

Wednesday, February 7 –

6:30 pm †Gilbert Avila  
†Daniel Avila Jr.

Thursday, February 8 –

7:00 am †Humberto Garcia  
†Herminia Garcia

Friday, February 9 –

No Mass

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday, February 5, 2024:**

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 PS 132:6-7, 8-10 MK 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 6, 2024:**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 PS 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024:**

1 Kgs 10:1-10 PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 8, 2024:**

1 Kgs 11:4-13 PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 9, 2024:**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 PS 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 10, 2024:**

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 PS 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 11, 2024: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

**February 14, 2024**

7:00 AM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes  
12:00 Noon Liturgy w/ Imposition of Ashes  
4:00 PM Liturgy w/ Imposition of Ashes  
6:30 PM Mass w/ Imposition of Ashes

*'Repent, and believe in the Gospel!' –  
Mark 1:15*

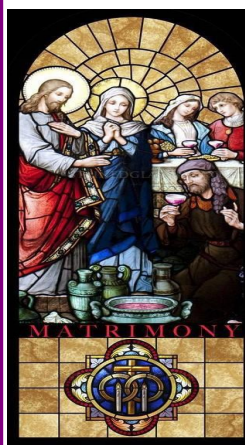


## NO ADORATION & NO CONFESSIONS



On

**Ash Wednesday  
February 14, 2024**



Bishop Flores will be celebrating Holy Mass at the Basilica on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. to commemorate World Marriage Day for couples who bear witness to God's love through the Sacrament of Matrimony and are celebrating a wedding anniversary of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more than 60 years during 2024. All couples and their families are cordially invited to participate in this bi-lingual Mass in person. To register for this event, couples should call the Family Life Office at (956) 784-5012 or email Lydia Riojas, FLO Secretary, at [Lriojas@cdob.org](mailto:Lriojas@cdob.org) as soon as possible. **The deadline to register is Friday, February 2, 2024.**

## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

February 3-4, 2024

*In Loving Memory of*  
† Robert J. Garza &  
† Israel Garza

