



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
July 5, 2026**

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

GENERAL THEME:

How gentle are we in sharing our faith? Do we want to force our faith on others? Our faith is founded upon one who acted with an attitude of gentleness. As we celebrate, let us remember all the gentle followers of Jesus who have influenced us.

It is a universal situation: everywhere we see people who labor and are burdened! We must seek justice for those who are under such a yoke. But can it be that you and I are carrying needless self-imposed burdens? Jesus wants to lift them from us.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

The prophet Zechariah, writing as the people were returning from the Babylonian Captivity, says that the people, united with a leader, have reason to proceed with their lives in a spirit of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9,11-13

“The flesh,” as treated by St. Paul, is not our human bodies, which God made good and which will be resurrected on the last day. “The flesh” is our tendency to worship ourselves apart from the God who made us and loves us.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:25-30

We hear some of the most comforting words in all the Scriptures. Those who trust exclusively in their learning must make room in their hearts for a simple, childlike acceptance of the gift of God himself.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
Sunday

5:00 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

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

NEW CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE!

Every other Wednesday at 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, July 4
5:00 pm (E)

For the health of Jennifer Fletcher
†Elida Buenrostro
†Pedro C. Chacon
†Rudy Elizondo
†Eustacio Flores
†Simon M. Garcia Jr.
†Mike Garza
†Robert J. Garza
†Israel Garza
†Diego & †Simona Guerrero
†Eliezer Marroquin Jr.
†Vangie L. Martinez
†Juanita Reyes
†Aracelia Torres

Sunday, July 5
7:00 am (S)

For the health of Charlie Flores
†Santiago & †Eduarda Gallegos
†Raymundo Garcia & †Hilda Cavazos
†Elidoro & †Elena Garcia
†Adalberto Marquez
†Eliezer Marroquin Jr.
†Aracelia Torres
†Tomas Urbina

9:00 am (E)

For the birthday of Anita Michelle Anzaldúa
†Pete Anthony Aguilar
†Rogelio "Roy" Cadena
†Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa
†Ofelia Z. Gomez
†Leonardo Gutierrez
†Ben & †Rose Soto
†Maria de Jesus "Mary" Torres
†Mauro Vasquez Jr.
†Narciso Robert Vela

11:00 am (E)

†Oscar Anciso
†Jose "Joe" Gonzales Jr.
†Jesus "Tuto" Gonzalez
†Manuel Guerra
†Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria
†Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez
†Carmen Alicia Martinez
†Arturo B. Martinez Jr.
†Mariano & †Ana Ruiz
†Susie Ruiz
†Margarita Torres de Gonzalez

1:00 pm (S):

Pro Populo

Monday, July 6
7:00 am

Communion Service

Tuesday, July 7
7:00 am

†Aracelia Torres

Wednesday, July 8
6:30 pm

†Hortencia Enriquez
†Jaime Fernandez
†Leonel Garces
†Alberto Gonzalez
†Molly Perez

Thursday, July 9
7:00 am

Friday, July 10
No Mass

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, July 6, 2026:

Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7, 2026:

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8, 2026:

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9, 2026:

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16 Matthew 10:7-15

Friday, July 10, 2026:

Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17 Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11, 2026: Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday, July 12, 2026: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY
OF MERCY
PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join Father and Deacon in these ongoing monthly sessions to strengthen your spiritual life and deepen your relationship with Christ and His beloved bride, the Church!

WHEN? WHERE?

- Every 2nd Thursday of the month.
- July 9, 2026
- 6:30 PM
- Parish Hall



WHO IS
INVITED?

EVERYONE!

All Parishioners,
the beloved
children of OLM
are welcome!

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

322 S. Vermont Ave. Mercedes, TX

CHALUPA NIGHT!

Sunday, July 26, 2026

KC Hall Event Center

150 N Ohio Ave. Mercedes, TX

3:00 PM—7:00 PM

\$20/
3 Cards

30 Games
10 Special
Prizes

Proceeds to benefit our
Love Builds Hope Campaign.
Concession stand will be available.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

July 4-5, 2026



In Loving Memory of
†Armando B. & †Graciela
Martinez