



“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few...  
...The kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

## OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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 Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church-Mercedes, Texas

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
June 14, 2026**

### BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

**GENERAL THEME:**

We return now to our readings from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus selects twelve men. We might ask: What are their qualifications for carrying out Jesus' mission? They, like ourselves, are qualified because they are loved.

We may wonder about Jesus' choices in establishing the twelve disciples, who are later known as apostles. We think of Judas betraying Jesus, and Peter denying that he even knows Jesus. The experience of their apostolate means that the whole of God's people are called to be gentle with sinners.

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-6a**

The Lord took time with Moses on Mount Sinai, for the sake of impressing upon him his singular love for the people he set free. There is irony in that the Israelites, thinking Moses would never come down from the mountain, decided to make a go of their own.

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:6-11**

St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, explains that sinners are indeed helpless as they are trapped in their sinful ways. All of us have an absolute need to be loved and healed by our God. We cannot, by our own power, set ourselves free.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:36-10:8**

“Laborers are few.” We many find this statement to be true even in our ordinary experience of parish life and church activities. If we take to heart what St. Paul has said, knowing that our God has loved us, we then will be motivated for the Kingdom.

### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday	5:00 PM	English
Sunday	7:00 AM	Spanish
	9:00 AM	English
	11:00 AM	English
	1:00 PM	Spanish

### **DAILY MASS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
and 1st Friday's of the Month 7:00 AM

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Every Wednesday beginning at 4:30 PM

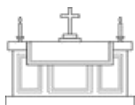
### **NEW CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE!**

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, June 13**  
5:00 pm (E)

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion of Oscar Ponce  
For the birthday of Michele G. Chacon  
†Elida Buenostro  
†Pedro Cantu Chacon  
†Rudy Elizondo  
†Eustacio Flores  
†Mike Garza  
†Robert J. Garza  
†Frances Gomez  
†Vangie L. Martinez  
†Juanita Reyes  
†Eugene Saenz  
†Baldomero Santoyo

**Sunday, June 14**  
7:00 am (S)

Pro Populo

9:00 am (E)

For the birthday of Nevaeh Gonzalez  
For the health of Baby Irene Moreno  
For the health of Teresa Nafiez  
†Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa  
†Elva Martinez  
†Maria Morales  
†Ben & †Rose Soto  
†Maria de Jesus "Mary" Torres  
†Mauro Vasquez Jr.

11:00 am (E)

†Manuel Guerra  
†Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria  
†Arturo N. Loya  
†Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez  
†Carmen Alicia Martinez  
†Arturo B. Martinez Jr.  
†Mariano & †Ana Ruiz  
†Susie Ruiz

1:00 pm (S):

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion of Oscar Ponce  
†Anselmo & †Juanita Bernal  
†Eleno Flores & †Maria de la Luz Calixto  
†Angie Garza  
†Moraima Garza

**Monday, June 15**  
7:00 am

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion of Oscar Ponce

**Tuesday, June 16**  
7:00 am

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion of Oscar Ponce  
†Juan Carlos Soto

**Wednesday, June 17**  
6:30 pm

**Communion Service/No Confessions**  
For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion on Oscar Ponce  
†Tomas & †Irene Garcia  
†Juan Carlos Soto

**Thursday, June 18**  
7:00 am

For the birthday of Alex Hinojosa  
For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley  
For the conversion of Oscar Ponce

**Friday, June 19**  
No Mass

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday, June 15, 2026: Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr**

1 Kings 21:1-16 Psalm 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 Matthew 5:38-42

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026:**

1 Kings 21:17-29 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 Matthew 5:43-48

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026:**

2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 Psalm 31:20, 21, 24 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, June 18, 2026:**

Sirach 48:1-14 Psalm 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday, June 19, 2026:**

2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Psalm 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 Matthew 6:19-23

**Saturday, June 20, 2026:**

2 Chronicles 24:17-25 Psalm 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 Matthew 6:24-34

**Sunday, June 21, 2026: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

MERCEDES, TEXAS

# SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

THREE DAYS OF FAITH, FUN & FRIENDS!



**DAY 1**  
FRIDAY,  
**JUNE 5**  
9AM - 1PM



DAY 2

FRIDAY,  
**JUNE 12**  
9AM - 1PM





DAY 3

FRIDAY,  
**JUNE 19**  
7PM - 11PM





**PARENTS:**  
Please feed your child  
breakfast before  
dropping them off.



**LUNCH**  
WILL BE  
PROVIDED



**DAY 3 INCLUDES**  
DINNER AND  
TELESCOPES!

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

# \$25

COME GROW IN FAITH, MAKE NEW FRIENDS,  
AND HAVE AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER!

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS  
THROUGH CHRIST WHO  
STRENGTHENS ME."  
— PHILIPPIANS 4:13



## PROTEGIENDO AL PUEBLO DE DIOS

Como el pueblo de Dios, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a celebrar, promover, y, si es necesario, defender la vida y la dignidad de todas las personas. Tenemos que tratar a cada persona con respeto, y hacer lo posible para asegurar que nunca se dañe a los demás.

Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad, cometida por el personal laico de la iglesia, deberá reportarse al párroco de la iglesia, al director de la escuela, o al encargado de la institución católica e

n cuestión. Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad cometida por un sacerdote, diácono, o religioso deberá reportarse directamente al Señor Obispo o al Vicario General (P.O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). Una forma para un Aviso Confidencial de Inquietud (Confidential Notice of Concern) puede obtenerse a través del párroco local, del director de la escuela, del encargado de la institución, de la Diócesis, o puede bajarse de la página oficial de Internet de la Diócesis de Brownsville ([www.cdob.org](http://www.cdob.org)).

Por favor recuerde que hay una ley estatal que cualquier persona que sospeche el abuso o la negligencia hacia un menor de edad debe reportarlo a las autoridades oficiales locales o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y Protectores de Texas (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) al 1-800-252-5400.

Nuestra fe nos asegura que el mal no nos vencerá, pero que venceremos al mal con el bien (cf. Rm 12:21).

## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

June 13-14, 2026



For the Marriage of  
**Patrick Carter &  
Alyssa Belen Garza**