

“The Spirit of truth will testify to me, says the Lord; and you also will testify.”

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
June 21, 2026**

BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY

GENERAL THEME:

Again we hear of the commission of the Twelve. Jesus takes pains to assure his helpers that they are safe in the Lord’s care. We too must develop this sense of assurance.

St. Paul speaks of the undoing of the sin of Adam. Sin, the rebellion against God, can only be undone by the sacrifice of Jesus, our great high priest. We ask to have the sacrifice work its effects in us.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah, unlike most of the other Old Testament prophets, feels no need to be reticent about his interior struggles. There is a progression in this reading, and in the following psalm, in which the speaker travels from dejection into confidence.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

St. Paul describes how sin and death entered the world. He then explains that the gift of Jesus has undone the destruction of souls. We have the remedy for our sinful souls, and that remedy is Jesus the Savior.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:26-33

In a contrast with Jeremiah’s agitation, Jesus offers comforting words to the Twelve about the Father’s care for all of them. In the loneliest parts of their mission, they remember that our God never forgets them—or us.

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

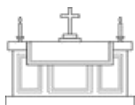
NEW CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE!

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 20

5:00 pm (E) For the birthday of Christian Alejandro Adame
 For the birthday of Renea Jane Latimore
 †Romulo Acevedo Sandoval
 †Elida Buenostro
 †Pedro Cantu Chacon
 †Sgt. Manuel Chacon
 †Rudy Elizondo
 †Eustacio Flores
 †Mike Garza
 †Robert J. Garza
 †Mike Gomez Jr.
 †Vangie L. Martinez
 †Juanita Reyes
 †Eugene Saenz
 †Baldomero Santoyo
 †Aracelia Torres
 †Jesus Zepeda

Sunday, June 21

7:00 am (S) †Luis Garcia

†Leonel Garcia
 †Ovidio Garcia
 †Roberto Garcia
 †Humberto Garcia
 †Lauro Guerra
 †Isabel Hernandez
 †Antonio Sanchez
 †Maria de Jesus "Mary" Torres
 †Aracelia Torres
 †Dcn. Juan Treviño
 †Tomas Urbina

9:00 am (E)

Pro Populo

11:00 am (E)

†Roy Gonzales
 †Nick Gracia
 †Mario Gracia
 †Manuel Guerra
 †Delia Hinojosa
 †Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria
 †Arturo N. Loya
 †Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez
 †Carmen Alicia Martinez
 †Elva Martinez
 †Arturo B. Martinez Jr.
 †Mariano & †Ana Ruiz
 †Susie Ruiz
 †Alfonso L. Solis

1:00 pm (S):

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley
 For the conversion of Oscar Ponce
 †Anselmo & †Juanita Bernal
 †Martin Sambu
 †Guadalupe Jr. & †Estefana Zavala
 †Guadalupe Zavala III

Monday, June 22

7:00 am

Communion Service

†Roberto Cantu
 †Sergio Garcia
 †Conrado Garcia
 †Abel Garcia
 †Romulo Longoria
 †Raul Rivera

Tuesday, June 23

7:00 am

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley
 For the conversion of Oscar Ponce
 †Aracelia Torres

Wednesday, June 24

6:30 pm

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley
 For the conversion of Oscar Ponce
 †Robert J. Garza
 †Juanita Reyes
 †Aracelia Torres

Thursday, June 25

7:00 am

For the case of Patrick & Ana Riley
 For the conversion of Oscar Ponce
 †Aracelia Torres

Friday, June 26

No Mass

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, June 22, 2026:

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 23, 2026:

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Psalm 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 24, 2026: Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80

Thursday, June 25, 2026:

2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Matthew 7:21-29

Friday, June 26, 2026:

2 Kings 25:1-12 Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday, June 27, 2026:

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Matthew 8:5-17

Sunday, June 28, 2026: Thirteenth 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!

CATHOLIC YOUTH ON A MISSION

BIBLE CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH Grades 9th – 12th

Faith. Friends. Purpose.

Join us the 2nd & 4th TUESDAY @ 6:45 PM
 At the Chapel

Come grow in your faith, build lasting friendships,
 and discover your mission in Christ!

**"TO ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO JESUS,
 THAT'S MY LIFE PLAN."**
 SAINT CARLO ACUTIS

DATES

July 28–30
 Tuesday, July 28
 Check-In: 6:00 PM
 Thursday, July 30
 Check-Out: 6:00 PM

LOCATION

Benedictine
 Monastery of
 the Good Shepherd
 Rio Grande City, Texas

ACTIVITIES

Music
 Games
 Food
 Faith &
 Fellowship

WHO

High School Youth
 Grades 9th – 12th

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED
 Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from the camp.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY.

SEE:
 • Cristina
 • Teresa

OR STOP BY THE
 Our Lady of Mercy
 Parish Office
 for a registration form.

Sponsored by Mercedes Catholic Youth on a Mission

Mass Intentions & Altar Flowers Book Open

Mass Book and Altar Flowers for July, August and September is now open. Call or come by the office to schedule your Mass Intentions on time.



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

June 20-21, 2026

*In honor of all living and
 deceased fathers,
 Happy Father's Day!*

