

"Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come."

# 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

# **BACKGROUND OF THE LITURGY**

# **GENERAL THEME:**

God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One God who somehow is also three. We repeat these truths in our worship. This greatest of mysteries, the Trinity, is not something to figure out. It is, however, something which we are invited to live in.

God the Trinity is dynamic. The Father is the creator. The Son makes the journey of saving us from sin and death. The Holy Spirit forms us into the Body of Christ. We are happy that we can respond to the invitation to forgiveness.

#### FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

We may not be quick to recognize the wonder of the Father's creation of the universe. But Proverbs invites us—and we must accept the invitation—to find wisdom in the galaxies and in all the humble living creatures on the earth.

# SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

St. Paul, in this passage from Romans, tells us that we are justified by faith in our Savior, who has died and is risen for us, and made holy by the Holy Spirit whose love has flooded our hearts.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 16:12-15**

7:00 AM

"You cannot bear it now." Jesus' closest followers were about to be overwhelmed by his arrest and execution. But he gave them the promise that the Holy Spirit would give them the grace to appreciate the mystery of his death and resurrection.

#### **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

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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





Saturday, June 14 5:00 pm (E):

In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony †Pedro C. Chacon †Jessica Ann Dominguez †Rudy Elizondo

†Robert J. Garza †Mike Garza †Israel Garza †Vangie L. Martinez †Antonio Sanchez †Margaret R. Treviño †Rauľ Vasquez †Sofia Vasquez †Baby Lucia Vasquez

Sunday, June 15 7:00 am (S)

Pro Populo

9:00 am (E)

In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph Birthday of Alex Hinojosa Health of Danilo Balcos †Rogelio "Roy" Cadena †Mario de Alba †Rogelio "Roy" De la Cerda †Mary Elizabeth de la Rosa

†Maria F. Garcia †Orlando Rincon Sr. †Ben & †Rose Soto †Mauro Vasquez Jr.

11:00 am (E) Health of Susie Ruiz

†Carlos Castillo Jr. †Arnulfo Flores †Arminda Flores

†Micaela Garcia de Perez †Guadalupe & †Sara Longoria †Armando B. & †Graciela Martinez

†Carmen Alicia Martinez †Teodoro Perez †Mariano & †Ana Ruiz †Amadeo & †Delia Vasquez

†Raul Vasquez

1:00 pm (S): †Manuel Guerra

†Bibiano Lopez †Maria Guadalupe Marez De leon

†Lupita Martineż †Javier Domingo Peña †Domingo Ruiz †Eugenio R. Solis

Monday, June 16 7:00 am

Tuesday, June 17 7:00 am

Wednesday, June 18 6:30 pm

†Robert J. Garza †Lauro R. Guerra

Thursday, June 19

†Mary Torres

Friday, June 20 No Mass

#### **DAILY MASS READINGS**

Monday, June 16, 2025:

2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 17, 2025:

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 Psalm 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 18, 2025:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 19, 2025:

2 Corinthians 11:1-11 Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 20, 2025:

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 21, 2025: Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Matthew 6:24-34

Sunday, June 22, 2025: Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

# **CCE Announcements**

- Don't forget: Children's Bible Camp is here! 2 Fridays left in JUNE! June 20 & 27.
- Registration for next year begins in August. Classes begin in September.
- We are in need of Catechists for the next year! Those interested, please call or stop by the office to sign up.

#### Save the Date!

Our Parish Chalupa Night is happening on:

Sunday, July 27th! 5:00pm - 8:00pm

### **Mercedes KC Hall Event Center**

We are starting to prepare for this event. If you would like to help sponsor prizes, please call or stop by the office.

We are accepting monetary donations only!

Tickets available soon!



#### PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE

As God's people, we are called to celebrate, promote, and when necessary to defend the life and dignity of every person. We must treat everyone with respect, and do what we can to protect others from harm.

Suspected misconduct with minors by lay church personnel should be reported to the pastor of the parish, the principal of the school, or the head of the Catholic institution involved. Suspected misconduct with minors by a priest, deacon, or religious should be reported directly to the Bishop or Vicar General (P. O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). A form for a Confidential Notice of Concern, may be used, and obtained on request from the local pastor, school principal, institution head, or Diocese, or it may be downloaded from the Brownsville Diocese website (www.cdob.org)

Please be aware that it is a state law that anyone who suspects abuse or neglect of a minor must report it to local law enforcement officials or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400.

Our faith assures us that we will not be overcome by evil but will overcome evil with good (cf. Rm 12:21).

# ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

June 14-15, 2025



In honor of all living and deceased Fathers. Happy Father's day!