

OUR LADY OF REFUGE CATHOLIC PARISH REFUGIO, TEXAS

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm (OLR)
 Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am (St Theresa)
 Sunday Morning Mass: 10:30 am (OLR)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 5:30 pm (OLR) **no mass @ OLR on July 17th**
 Wed 8:00 am (NO Mass at **St Theresa on July 18th**)
 Thurs 8:00 am (NO MASS at **St Theresa on July 19th**)
 Friday 12:05 noon **no mass @ OLR on July 20th**

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 14th 5:30p
 + **Pancho & Romana Perez**
 by Perez Family

Sunday July 15th 10:30a
 Collective Mass Intentions:
 + **Sarah Crutchfield**
 + **Pat Heard**
 + **Carolin Niemann**
 + **Anna Williams**
 + **Dudley Cambell**
 For Blessings - Parishioners of OLR

Since Fr Bill will be participating in the Level One Part One Intensive Training Formation Course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, he will be celebrate the weekday masses on the Road. So, the weekday masses will not be celebrated at OLR & St Theresa this week.

Prayer List

Betty Bauer
 Martha Bauer
 Walter Baxter
 Dewey Bellows Sr
 Rosie Beltran
 Ed Clarkson
 Edith Clarkson
 David Cathell
 Ernest Contreras
 Johnny Elizondo
 Erin Kay Fox
 Dora Fuentes
 Adina Fuller
 Catherine Fuller
 Mary Fuller
 Anna Gray
 Boston Gray
 La Meteria Green
 Ann Reagan Henderson
 Casey Henderson
 Maria Hernandez
 Beverly C. Kay
 Charlotte Kay
 Louis Kana
 Lillian Kozielski
 Phil Linney
 Cheryl Linscomb
 JD McGill
 Kyle Morgan
 Christie Moses
 Angelita Munoz
 Martha Nesloney
 Ola & Charles Noonan
 Mary K O'Brien
 Virginia Perez
 Patty Jewel Piehl
 Cissy Piehl
 Brenda Skrobarcek
 Calvin Skrobarcek
 Liam Smith
 Kathleen Stadler
 Cindy Sutton
 Minnie Lu Sutton
 Mary Thulis
 Jackie Tilley
 Tony Tower
 DeDe Waggoner
 Bill Wales
 John Wilson

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Saturday 5:30 Vigil July 21st

Rosemary Lara
Boogie Barber

Sunday 10:30 Mass July 22nd

Bobbie & Janice Carroll

Lectors

Saturday 5:30 Vigil July 21st

Patti Borglund

Sunday 10:30 Mass July 22nd

Shannon Hendley

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday 5:30 Vigil July 21st

Presleigh Barber & Thomas Barber

Sunday 10:30am July 22nd

Carson White & Emily White



**FUNERAL
 MINISTRY
 for July**

Shannon Hendley
Patti Borglund

TITHES July 7th & July 8th

ENV 2468.00
 LOOSE 133.00
 Total 2601.00

Almighty and Everlasting God,
 the eternal salvation of those who
 believe in You, hear us on behalf of
 Your servants who are sick,
 for whom we humbly beg the help of
 your mercy, so that, being restored
 to health, they may render thanks to
 you in your Church.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen

**Genesis: A Life Teen & Edge
 Startup Conference**
 September 21-23, 2018 // San Antonio, TX
Focus: Building a Core Team of Adults
 for
Middle School Edge Youth Ministry
(6th, 7th, & 8th)

What is Edge? Edge is Catholic middle school youth ministry formation. Edge provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, **to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way.** Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. Edge resources make it easier for parish parents and young adults to plan out their Edge Gatherings, retreats, and **to train a teams of adults, the Core Team,** to assist them in the ministry. The resources present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand.



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit reminding us Christ is present in the Eucharist reposed in the Tabernacle. Also, Christ is present in the domestic church: the family. We pray for blessings upon all family members of Our Lady of Refuge Parish & those families who are visiting this weekend. This week we pray especially for Blessings upon President of these United States Donald Trump, Members of Congress, Members of the Supreme Court

"The Parable of the Onion," a story from Fyodor Dostoevsky's, *The Brothers Karamazov*.

There was an old woman who had died and found herself in hell. She complained to Satan that her assignment to the Netherworld was a mistake. Satan told her, "You've been a greedy, selfish woman all your life. Surely, this is where you belong." The woman thought a long time, trying to recollect some shred of kindness in her life. After several minutes she exclaimed, "Aha! I did a good deed once! I gave an onion to a beggar." Satan replied, "Oh, yes. That is right. You pulled an onion out of the ground in your yard and handed it to a beggar at the fence." At that very moment, God's hand descended into hell, holding the onion out for the woman to grasp. Holding onto the onion with both hands, the woman found herself miraculously being pulled up and out of hell. As she rose, to the woman's horror, dozens of people began to grasp at her legs and ankles, and as they were pulled up along with her, yet more people grasped onto the lower-most people's own legs and ankles, until it seemed that the bowels of hell clung like an endless chain from a single woman's body and the onion to which she clung. Though there was great weight tethered to the onion, the connection remained secure and God's hand continued to lift everyone up out of hell. Remarkably, the onion held; it did not fray. More and more people who had previously been doomed for eternity found themselves slowly, miraculously, being raised from hell by way of the woman's firm grasp on the onion. There were soon thousands, and after several minutes millions of people hanging from the onion. Yet the onion held fast. Halfway to heaven, which is a long distance up from hell, the woman looked down at the vast human chain following her. She was angry and resentful that these people -- who may have done even less good in their lives than herself -- should be so easily redeemed by virtue of simply clinging to her spindly old legs. She was also afraid, and so exclaimed in a great shout, "If all of you grab on to me like this, the onion will surely break and I will not get to heaven!" So, resolving not to allow anyone to harm her chances for redemption, the woman began to kick and smash the people hanging from her legs and ankles and toes. One by one as she struck them they fell, with each loss of a handhold causing tens of thousands of people to plunge back into hell. But with each kick -- though the physical load grew lighter -- the onion began to fray. And as the onion frayed, the woman, in her anger and haste, began to kick more ferociously still, thinking that it was the weight of hell's denizens -- and not her anger and selfishness -- that tore at the onion. She kicked until but one person remained clinging to her left big toe, with yet another endless chain of people dangling from him. Millions of people hung from that precious, single toe. Still, the onion held though it was severely frayed. But the woman couldn't bear the risk of losing her only chance to join God in heaven, so she kicked at the last remaining person; and as the person lost his grip, the onion snapped, and the selfish old woman -- from a great height, having made it almost all the way to heaven -- fell back into hell.

In terms of our spiritual life, we have to be committed to the salvation -- not just of our self -- but *all* people.

We have to love -- we have to desire to save -- *everyone*.

All people, regardless of their age, sex, race, religion, or past behaviors deserve the opportunity to gain spiritual insight and wisdom.

Every person need have access to spiritual redemption. We can argue that the very worst people need God's mercy the most.

So, our intention must be the salvation of all beings.

Any less universal or selfless a desire becomes the pawn of ego and self-aggrandizement, sending us assuredly back to "hell."

Greed and selfishness lead to every kind of distortion in the spiritual process.

Hatred and exclusivity are the most offensive of spiritual impediments.

We can't find heaven, let alone relative peace,

holding onto such feelings within our heart.

The moral of the parable of the onion is to the salvation of all beings is a necessary ultimately, Redemption & Salvation.



that love and a whole-hearted commitment precondition for peace, happiness and,