



**OUR LADY OF REFUGE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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• • **Mass Intentions** • •

**Saturday Vigil • August 2, 2025**

**Richard Perez** by Amelia Perez

**Sunday • August 3, 2025**

**Robert Gonzales** by Jr. & Linda Vela

**Thursday • August 7, 2025**

**O.P. Valle** by Brad & Heidi Gillespie

**Saturday Vigil • August 9, 2025**

**Virginia Perez** by Amelia Perez

**Sunday • August 10, 2025**

**Wallace & Henrietta Shay** by Kathleen S.

Aldrich

**Prayer List for Healing**

Please call the church office to add intentions for healing. *Church Phone 361-526-2083*

**Lectors**

Saturday Vigil, August 2 • Sandye Ermis

Sunday, August 3 • Alexa Deal

Saturday Vigil, August 9 • Patti Borglund

Sunday, August 10 • Shanna Bass

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday Vigil, August 2 • Cindy Clendennen

Sunday, August 3 • Heather & Tyler Smith, Dee

Anna Cobb

Saturday Vigil, August 9 • Bobby Carroll

Sunday, August 10 • Marilyn & Barry

Beuershausen, Joyce Dierschke

**Altar Servers**

Saturday Vigil, August 2 • Eythan Diaz, Evhan

Diaz

Sunday, August 3 • Jeronimo & Elisio Vasquez,

Abi Bauer

Saturday Vigil, August 9 • Sophia Skrobarcek,

Brooklyn Skrobarcek

Sunday, August 10 • Thor, Salem, Ever Bass

**Parish Giving**

*Sunday, July 27 \$1739*

**Pray About Serving in CCD Ministry**

As we prepare for the upcoming year of religious education, we invite you to **prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to serve.** Our CCD program is in need of **faith-filled individuals to teach, assist in the classroom, or help with organizing and supporting behind the scenes.** Whether you have experience or simply a willing heart, your “yes” could make a lasting impact on the faith of our children and youth. Please take time to pray about how you can be a part of this important ministry. If you feel called or want to learn more, please contact Fr. Alex.

**Church News & Announcements**

**\*\*Save the Date! October 18, 2025\*\***

Fall Fundraiser: Holy Rollers Casino Night

**CCE REGISTRATION** for the 2025-2026 School Year is now open. ONLINE Registration & Calendars are available at [www.christontexashwy77.com](http://www.christontexashwy77.com)

# Diocese of Corpus Christi

## • • Mass Times • •

### **Our Lady of Refuge**

Saturday Vigil • 4:00pm

Sunday • 10:30am

Thursday • 12:05pm in the Chapel

### **St. Therese of the Little Flower**

Sunday • 9:00am

Wednesday • 7:30am

Thursday • 7:30am

### **St. James the Apostle**

Sunday • 12:00 Noon

Monday • 7:30am

Friday • 7:30am

## **CONFESSION**

OLR • Saturday 3:30 - 3:50pm

St. Therese • Sunday 8:30 - 8:50am

St. James • Sunday 11:30 - 11:50am

*or by appointment.*

## **Holy Rosary**

St. Therese • Monday 6:00pm & Sunday 8:30am

St. James • Sunday 11:30am

## **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

St. Therese • Thursday 3:00pm

## **Adoration**

St. Therese • Wednesday 8:00am - 9:00am

St. James • Friday 8:00am - 9:00am

**Pre-Baptism Instruction:** One Baptism class for parents & godparents is required for the Baptism of infants or small children. Call the Church Office to make arrangements for a class.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

## *Good News Reflection for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2025*

### **The wealth of God's generosity**

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God — feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance. God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills that he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives. However, there's always a purpose that's bigger than us. Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are channels of God's generosity. Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them. What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing up our goods, others suffer. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us — *especially* when we give away what he gives to us.

Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or \_\_\_\_). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

## **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**