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December 3 to 12, 2022
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Our parish family at Saint Mary Magdalen will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe in a variety of ways this season, providing opportunities through the beautiful story of the Virgin Mary and St. Juan Diego and the contemplative scripture of Advent to connect our mission of Sharing Christ with the World.

Juan Diego, listening in obedience to the Holy Mother, goes up the mountain to pick flowers, even though it is winter. He brings roses in full bloom to her – the “winter bloom” that today we are sent to collect, so that Divine Love may also be present in our surroundings.

In our community, we can also find people who do not feel God’s love, for whom faith and hope, peace and love, good will, and charity are dormant. We, disciples of Christ, must pray for a new “winter bloom”, so that we strengthen our spirit, and can be bearers of good news like our patron Mary Magdalen, and Juan Diego.

In all, we pray for one another, we Share Christ with one another and we work to live our values of intimacy with the Lord, journeying on the path to salvation, serving one another and living in the unity that these feasts of Advent model.



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We invite you to join us on a pilgrimage of Prayer, Reflection and Celebration – in family prayer and in community celebration – from December 3-12, from the Second Sunday of Advent to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the Feast of St. Juan Diego to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

- ❖ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022** | *Quiet intimacy with the Lord*
Blessed Mother, lead us to your Son: Days of prayer begin, 2nd Sunday of Advent
- ❖ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022** | *The gift of true friendship, rooted in love of God and neighbor*
Mary the Chosen One: Reflection in family and small groups
- ❖ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022** | *The gift of true friendship, rooted in love of God and neighbor*
Mary's vocation: Reflection in family and small groups
- ❖ **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022** | *Hunger that moves us to be servant to one another*
Mary's Smile: Reflection in family and small groups
- ❖ **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022** | *Hunger that moves us to be servant to one another*
Mary, beautiful Lady: Reflection in family and small groups
- ❖ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022** | *Coming to know the path toward Salvation*
Pilgrim Journey: Rosary & Celebration on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- ❖ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022** | *Preserving the beauty and perfection of God's created order*
Advent Night of Prayer: Praise and Adoration on the Feast of St. Juan Diego
- ❖ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022** | *Hearts overflowing with gratitude for all God's gifts*
Remembering the Guadalupian miracle: Vespers and Mass for 3rd Sunday of Advent
- ❖ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022** | *Hunger that moves us to be servant to one another*
Guadalupian caravan: As a parish community we go on pilgrimage to the cathedral
- ❖ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022** | *Soul-stirring Sacramental celebrations*
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Awaiting the dawn, we honor the Blessed Virgin



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“...And the Queen of Heaven ordered him then to go to the top of the little hill, where he had seen her before...”

(Nican Mopohua, 124)



OPENING PRAYER

Blessed Mother of Guadalupe.
Mother of Jesus,
lead us to your Divine Son
on the way of the Gospel,
so that our life
Be generous fulfillment
of God's will.

Lead us to Jesus;
that is manifested to us and given to us
in the revealed Word
and in the Bread of the Eucharist

Give us firm faith,
a supernatural hope,
A fiery charity
and a living fidelity
to our vocation as baptized.

Help us to be thankful to God,
demanding with ourselves
and full of love
for our brothers.

Amen.



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“...And then he held out his White tilma, in the hollow of which he had placed the flowers...”

(Nican Mopohua, 181)

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To follow along visit: P. Osvaldo Catena
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Apd9L5Q_YZE



GOZOS [Praises] *To be sung or recited*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Pray for us, Mother of God!
Pray for us, Mother of God!**

1. It was years ago in Mexico when Our Lady appeared to the indiecito Juan Diego to show him all his love. It was the time that in America The Indian suffered exploitation when Our Lady approaches to proclaim to them the love of God.
2. It was the twelfth of December of the year one thousand five hundred and thirty-one when the Mother of heaven To the indiecito he appeared. "I want a temple to be made here" -said Juan Diego in a sweet voice- "Wherever my children come to give them love and protection."
3. To carry the message that the Mother of God entrusted to him, to the Bishop of Mexico Juan Diego leaves full of illusion. But his grief is very great Because the bishop did not believe it and a miraculous sign In order to believe him he complained.



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“...And just as all the different precious flowers fell to the floor...”

(Nican Mopohua, 182)

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4. Juan Diego returns to the hill and the Lady he found again. "Don't be afraid," he says. I am your mother, the Mother of God. Bring these roses to the bishop that as a sign of heaven I give him." And Juan wraps in his poncho fragrant roses that he found in the snow.

5. And when he returns to the bishop to deliver to him the flowers of God, Juan Diego opens his poncho And since then no one hesitated. Because in the Indian pocho The Holy Image appeared of that beautiful Lady, the one that revealed his love to Juan Diego.

6. And since then the people, by his mother he recognized her, and by Patroness of America the Holy Church so proclaimed. That is why today we raise This prayer entrusted in his honor and with love we name it.



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“...then and there the beloved Image of the perfect Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of God, became the sign, suddenly appeared in the form and figure in which it is now.”

(Nican Mopohua, 183)



CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe,
You who introduce yourself
like the ever-virgin Mary, inviting us to
welcome God,
help us to grow in faith,
hope and charity.

Since we invoke you as the brunette,
Mother and Lady of the Americas,
Listen to all people
who invoke you in their needs.
In this time of difficulty and trial,
Show us how to find
strength in your Son.

We come to you,
knowing that you are looking at us
with those merciful eyes,
in which we recognize you
as a compassionate mother,
Health of the sick
and cause of our joy.

We give ourselves to you reconociéndote
in the words of your Son Jesus
who lives and reigns
forever and ever.
Amen.



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DECEMBER 04

- Opening Prayer
- Pray the Rosary (or 10 Hail Mary's)
- Meditation of the Day (Gospel & Reflection)
- Gozos (Praises)
- Final Prayer

Value:

Gift of true friendship



MARY, THE CHOSEN

Matthew 1:16-17

Jacob was the father of Joseph, husband of Mary, from which Jesus was born, called Christ. So they were fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen others from David to deportation to Babylon, and fourteen more from this deportation to the birth of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Reflection

To define the coming of the "Consecrated One of the Lord", who will mark the beginning of the liberation of the people, the prophet Micah uses an enigmatic expression: "Until the time when she who is to give birth gives birth" (Mi 5:2). Thus, the liturgy, which is a privileged school of faith, teaches us to recognize that the birth of Mary is directly related to that of the Messiah, Son of David.

Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, from whom Jesus was born, called Christ" (Mt 1:16). The discontinuity that exists in the scheme of genealogy is obvious: it does not read "begotten", but "Mary, from whom Jesus was born, called Christ". Precisely in this we can appreciate the beauty of God's plan which, respecting the human, makes it fruitful from within, making the humble Virgin of Nazareth spring the most beautiful fruit of her creative and redemptive work.



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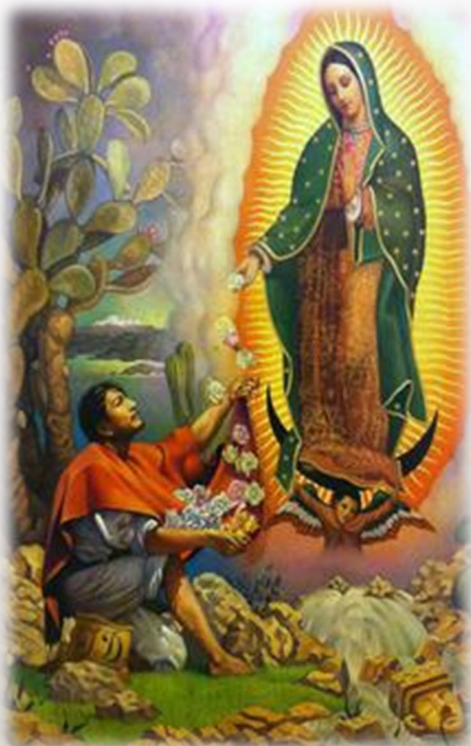
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DECEMBER 05

- Opening Prayer
- Pray the Rosary
(or 10 Hail Mary's)
- Meditation of the Day
(Gospel & Reflection)
- Gozos (Praises)
- Final Prayer

Value:

**Friendship rooted in
love of God and
neighbor**



THE VOCATION OF MARY

Luke 1, 38-45

Mary said:

I am the servant of the Lord,

Let it be done to me as you have said.

Then the angel left her.

By then Mary made her decision and left,
without further delay,

to a city located in the hills of Judah.

He entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard her greeting, the child jumped in her belly.

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed in a loud voice:

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

How did I deserve?

that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

As soon as your greeting reached my ears,

The child jumps for joy in my gut.

Blessed are you for having believed!

that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled!

The Word of the Lord

Reflection

The Evangelist, in saying this, wants to emphasize that for Mary to follow her vocation, docile to the Spirit of God, who has made in her the Incarnation of the Word, means to follow a new path and immediately embark on a journey outside her home, allowing herself to be led only by God. St. Ambrose, commenting on Mary's "haste," affirms: "The grace of the Holy Spirit admits of no slowness."



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- Meditation of the Day
(Gospel & Reflection)
- Gozos (Praises)
- Final Prayer

Value:

Hunger for service



MARY'S SMILE

Luke 1, 46-55

Mary said:

Proclaim my soul the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my savior;
for he has looked upon the humiliation of his slave.
From now on all generations will congratulate me,
for the Mighty One has done great works for me:

His name is holy,

And His mercy reaches His faithful from generation to generation.

He performs feats with his arm:

disperses the proud of heart,
overthrows the mighty from the throne and exalts the humble,

It fills the hungry with goods

and the rich are dismissed empty.

Help Israel, her servant,

Remembering Mercy

as I had promised our parents

in favor of Abraham and his descendants forever.

The Word of the Lord

Reflection

This smile of Mary is for everyone; but it is addressed especially to those who suffer, so that they may find in it consolation and tranquility. Seeking Mary's smile is not devout or outdated sentimentality, but rather the right expression of the living and profoundly human relationship that unites us with the one Christ has given us as Mother. To want to contemplate Our Lady's smile is not to be carried away by an uncontrolled imagination. Scripture itself reveals it to us on the lips of Mary when she intones the Magnificat.



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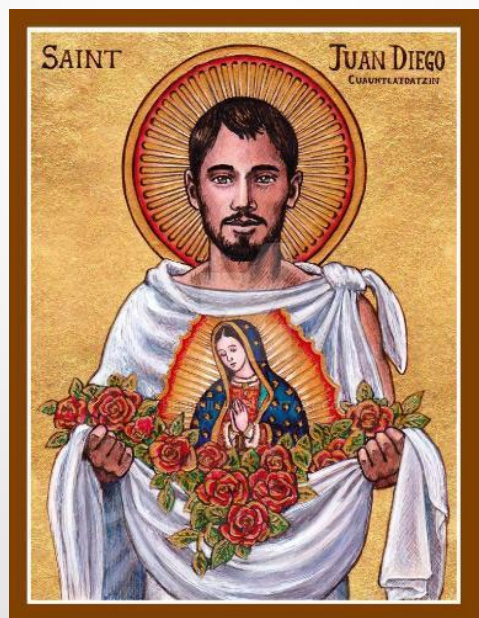
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DECEMBER 07

- Opening Prayer
- Pray the Rosary (or 10 Hail Mary's)
- Meditation of the Day (Gospel & Reflection)
- Gozos (Praises)
- Final Prayer

Value:

Hunger for service



MARY, BEAUTIFUL LADY

Revelation 12:1-2

A great sign appeared in the sky:
a woman, clothed with sun,
With the moon under his feet
and a crown of twelve stars on his head.
You are pregnant and screaming in pain,
Because the time has come for her to give birth.

The Word of the Lord

Reflection

Mary is a beautiful woman who brings a message of hope for all men and women of our time, whatever country they may be. Mary is invoked as "Star of Hope." On the path of our lives, often dark, She is a light of hope, who illuminates us and guides us in our journey. By her yes, by the generous gift of herself, she opened to God the doors of our world and our history. She invites us to live like her in an unshakable hope, refusing to listen to those who want us to lock ourselves in fatalism. She accompanies us with her maternal presence in the midst of personal, family and national vicissitudes.

Woman is humanity that cooperates in God's plans; it is also Mary, who gives birth to Jesus; it is also the Church that flees into the desert, that is, it lives spiritually withdrawn from the world and nourished by the Word of God.



The Celebration Continues....

Please join us for the upcoming events as we continue to celebrate the Feasts of San Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

- ❖ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022** | *Coming to know the path toward Salvation*
On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, as pilgrims we pray the rosary in the grotto (6pm) followed by the Celebration of Mass (7pm).
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- ❖ **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022** | *Preserving the beauty and perfection of God's created order*
On the Feast Day of St. Juan Diego, we recount the miracle of the night blooms with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the garden, leading to prayer, praise and adoration for a holy hour inside the church by candlelight. (7pm)
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- ❖ **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022** | *Hearts overflowing with gratitude for all God's gifts*
We prepare for the Eucharist (7pm), with the staging of the Guadalupe miracle, followed by the recitation of Vespers (6:30pm) -- *liturgy of the hours proper to the Virgin Mary* -- for the Second Sunday of Advent.
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- ❖ **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022** | *Hunger that moves us to be servant to one another*
As a parish community on pilgrimage, we join in the Guadalupe caravan to Cathedral of St. James. We will meet at St. Mary Magdalen at 1:00pm and head over to Good Shepherd Catholic Church. We will depart from Good Shepherd to the Cathedral at 1:30pm.
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- ❖ **MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022** | *Soul-stirring Sacramental celebrations*
On the Feast Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe, awaiting the dawn, we honor Our Lady with praying of the rosary (4am), "Las Mañanitas" song and praise (4:30am), Celebration of Mass (5:30am) followed by breakfast and traditional Azteca dance presentation.
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