



Our Lady of Guadalupe

The apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego on December 12, 1531 changed forever the world leading to the largest mass conversion to the Catholic faith. The image Our Lady given on the tilma is a miraculous image from heaven. This image of Mary opened the hearts of the people to receive the Catholic faith and find salvation in Jesus Christ. Take some time today to pray in front of the image and ask the intercession of Mary to touch our world today to bring faith, healing, and peace through her Son!

Fourth Appearance: Tuesday, December 12th, Early Morning

On Tuesday morning, given the seriousness of his uncle’s health, Juan Diego went looking for a priest so that his uncle might receive the last rites. Instead of taking the usual route, he went around the hill to avoid the Virgin, but she descended from the hill and comforted him.

“AM I NOT HERE WHO AM YOUR MOTHER? ARE YOU NOT UNDER MY SHADOW AND PROTECTION? AM I NOT THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUR JOY? ARE YOU NOT IN THE FOLD OF MY MANTLE, IN THE CRADLE OF MY ARMS? DO NOT GRIEVE NOR BE DISTURBED BY ANYTHING. DO NOT BE AFFLICTED BY THE ILLNESS OF YOUR UNCLE, WHO WILL NOT DIE NOW OF IT, BE ASSURED THAT HE IS NOW CURED.”

She then sent him to the top of the hill to cut roses that would be a signal for the bishop. Immediately Juan Diego climbed the hill, and as he reached the summit, he was amazed that so many varieties of exquisite Castilian roses were blooming. He returned to Mary and she said to him:

“MY SON THE LEAST, THIS DIVERSITY OF ROSES IS THE PROOF AND SIGN WHICH YOU WILL TAKE TO THE BISHOP. YOU WILL TELL HIM IN MY NAME THAT HE WILL SEE IN THEM MY WISH AND THAT HE WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH IT.”

Visit To The Bishop

Juan Diego returned to Bishop Zumárraga’s house to deliver the message and give him the sign he had requested. When he finally managed to see the Bishop, he said:

“SIR, I DID WHAT YOU ORDERED, TO GO FORTH AND TELL THE LADY FROM HEAVEN, HOLY MARY, PRECIOUS MOTHER OF GOD, THAT YOU ASKED FOR A SIGN SO THAT YOU MIGHT BELIEVE ME THAT YOU SHOULD BUILD A TEMPLE WHERE SHE ASKED IT TO BE ERECTED.”

Juan Diego then told him what he saw at the top of the hill when the Virgin sent him to cut the flowers as proof of his request:

“...SHE HAD TOLD ME THAT I SHOULD BRING THEM TO YOU, AND SO I DO IT, SO THAT YOU MAY SEE IN THEM THE SIGN WHICH YOU ASKED OF ME AND COMPLY WITH HER WISH; ALSO, TO MAKE CLEAR THE VERACITY OF MY WORD AND MY MESSAGE. BEHOLD. RECEIVE THEM.”

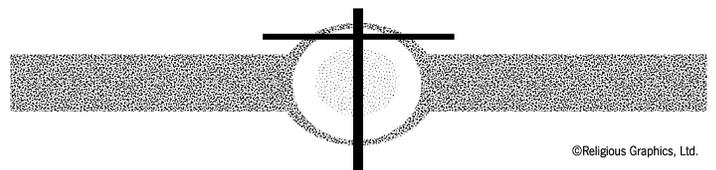
Then he unfolded a white cloth “tilma” where the roses were stored. Then, the precious roses fell to the ground and a sacred image of the Virgin Holy Mary appeared on the tilma. Seeing this, the bishop and everyone else in the room fell to their knees before the tilma. With sorrowful tears and sadness, the Bishop prayed and begged for forgiveness for not believing from the beginning.

Our Lady of Guadalupe—Pray for Us!

St. Joseph Film Available Online On December 8th

The new Knights of Columbus-produced documentary *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* will be available to view online starting December 8th. This film features interviews with leading experts and powerful testimonials and is a great way for councils and families to honor Christ’s foster father as the Year of St. Joseph comes to a close. To learn more, visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/st-joseph/index.html>

Peace & Love,
Fr. Tom



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 19th)

Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

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o come
emmanuel

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Masses, Friday, December 24th

There will be carols 30 minutes before the evening Masses

Family Mass: 5:00pm

Mass at Night: 10:00pm

Saturday, December 25th

Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (Spanish)

**FEAST DAY OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
December 12th**

Join us for our celebration, beginning at 5:30am in the Church for Rosary and Mañanitas. At 1:00pm, join us for Mass in Spanish.



**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION
DECEMBER 11th & 12th**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. This annual appeal helps retired sister, brother and religious older priests, who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, healthcare and social service. Please give generously. Religious women and men thank you for each merciful action you take on behalf of others and they pray for your spiritual peace. Please make your check out to "Our Lady of Grace" and write "Religious Retirement" on the memo line and on the envelope and place it in the regular offering at Mass. God Bless!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

The committee is in need of help to get the church ready for Christmas, if you are available to help on Friday, **December 24th** at 10:00am if would be most appreciated. The more hands, the quicker the work will be completed. Thanks in advance for your assistance!



**ADVENT CONFESSIONS
Ready The Way Of The Lord
Until December 22nd**

Confessions during Advent will be available with the following schedule:

Wednesdays: 9:00-10:00am

Thursdays: 6:00-7:00pm during Adoration

Saturdays: 9:00-10:00am during Adoration



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, **December 24th**. We will re-open on Monday, **December 27th** at 8:30am.

Additionally, the offices will be closed on Friday, **December 31st** and Monday, **January 3rd** and will re-open on Tuesday, **January 4th** at 8:30am. The entire Parish Staff wishes you all a Blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!

**BSA TROOP 826 WREATH SALE
December 12th**

Troop 826 will be fundraising, selling Christmas Wreaths this Sunday after the 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses at the Gathering Area, outside the back of the Church. All sales will support Troop 826 scouting activities.

LA FAMILIA TOY DRIVE FUNDRAISER

La Familia, the parent agency for FESCO, is collecting toys for children ages 0 to 10. La Familia serves children in the Hayward School District through counseling and various social programs. They hope to provide toys to about 500+ children ages 10 and under. Several businesses and organizations in the community have "adopted" all the FESCO families for Christmas so they are taken care of. If you would like to purchase a toy, drop it off in the office labeled "La Familia" and it will be delivered to the La Familia drop off location by **December 17th**. You can also donate gift cards or online at www.lafamiliacounseling.org/toy-drive-2021.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We invite you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special flower envelopes or by submitting the name to the Parish Office. A list of names will be available after Christmas. Thank you for considering this thoughtful and helpful way to remember those you love.



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BIG RESPONSE FOR "BREAD FOR THE WORLD"

Many thanks to all of you who signed postcards for our annual "Bread for the World Offering of Letters." After the Masses on November 20th - 21st, approximately 220 postcards were signed, asking our senators and representative to support legislation to fund global nutrition programs and to extend the Child Tax Credit to help lift families with children out of poverty.



HELPING THOSE IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Do you or someone you know need assistance this holiday season? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Grace can help you with food for the holidays or other resources as needed. Please call our message line at 510-581-2164 or email svdp@olgc.v.org and leave a message. We will get back to you the next day. All names are kept confidential.

ONE WARM COAT DRIVE



Blessings to all for your generous donations! All the coats, blankets, tarps and sleeping bags will be distributed throughout our local Conference and the drop-in centers and clothing closet at St. Vincent de Paul's main campus in Oakland. Thank you so much for your generosity.

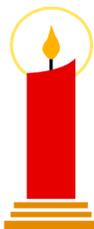
PRE-BAPTISM CLASS FOR PARENTS & GODPARENTS

If you are wishing to have your child baptized, ages infant to six years, parents and Godparents need to attend a Pre-BAPTISM Baptism Class. You also need to be registered members of the parish for at least three months. Pre-Baptism classes are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm via Zoom. **Our next class will be on January 5th.** Call Jay at 510-537-0806 for more information.



DEVOTIONAL CANDLES

Candles for our candle stand are available for purchase in the Parish Office or next to the candle stand. The candles will burn for 5 days. The cost per candle is \$4.00. The glass globes in the candle stand must be left in the church.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give 10% of your income to the Church and charity, for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings for the Month of NOVEMBER:

Sunday Plate for the month:	\$ 36,841.00
Month Budgeted Goal:	\$ 45,705.00
Over/[Shortfall]	\$ [8,864.00]
Year-To-Date Over/[Shortfall]	\$ 14,642.00

May God bless your continuing generosity



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Pam Ahland | Brian Linney |
| Glen Alcorn | Arcadio Morfin |
| Larry Bronzini | Diana Riley |
| Peggy Burton | Angela Schaaphok |
| Virginia Cabardo | Howard Songey |
| Gina Castillo | Ronald Staszko |
| Joyce & James Czeck | Concepcion Velasco |
| Nancy French | Mary Lou Vincent |
| Mark Jerome | Arthur Williams |
| Bill Lawrence | Peggy Winkenbach |
| Grace Letteer | |

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

In Memoriam

JEANNE HUGHES

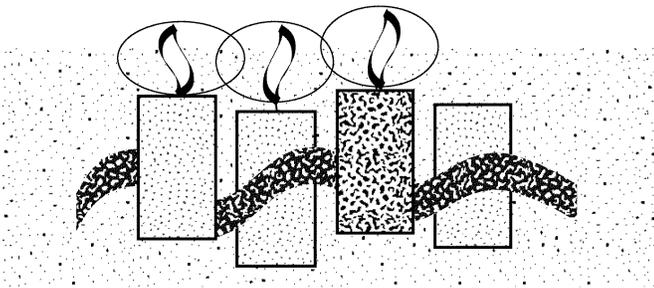
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VICTIMS OF COVID-19

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

prepare yourself for the coming of the LORD



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HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please have items for the bulletin to the Parish Office no later than the deadlines below:

December 26th Bulletin: **due December 13th**

January 2nd Bulletin: **due December 17th**

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MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Jesus loves greatly those who imitate Him in love toward His most pure mother."

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 12th:

Third Sunday of Advent

Our Lady of Guadalupe-Rosary & Mañanitas
 5:30am—Church

Masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Whole Family Class
 10:15am—Stack Center

Confirmation Class
 12:15pm—Stack Center

Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass
 1:00pm--Church

Monday, December 13th:

Bible Study w/ Fr. Francisco—Spanish
 7:00pm—Zoom

Tuesday, December 14th:

Men's Faith Share
 7:00pm—Stack Center, Room 7

Wednesday, December 15th:

Confession
 9:00am—Church

RCIA
 7:00pm—Stack Center

Thursday, December 16th:

Adoration & Confession
 6:00pm—Church

Saturday, December 18th:

Adoration & Confession
 9:00-10:00am—Church

1st Reconciliation Retreat
 10:45am—Church

Vigil Mass
 5:00pm—Church

Sunday, December 19th:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am--Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word
 9:00am—Church/Augustine Cneter

Spanish Mass
 1:00pm--Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, December 12th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Reydante D. Padua – D

9:00am Victims of Covid-19

11:00am OLG Community

1:00pm Rosa Martinez Reyes – D

MONDAY, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am Victor Pasquini – D

TUESDAY, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:15am Ferdinand Perdido – D

WEDNESDAY, December 15th

8:15am Mary Gladden – L

THURSDAY, December 16th

8:15am Gina Castillo – L

FRIDAY, December 17th

8:15am Linda Urlicksen – D

SATURDAY, December 18th

8:15am Jesusa Perdido – D

5:00pm Franciscan Friars

SUNDAY, December 19th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30am Victims of Covid-19

9:00am Louis Rodrigues – D

11:00am Gilberto C. Marquez – D

1:00pm OLG Community

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

December 13th through December 19th

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a;

Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13;

Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25;

Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Saturday: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:39-45



*Be doers of the Word
and not hearers only*

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

Your Graced Legacy

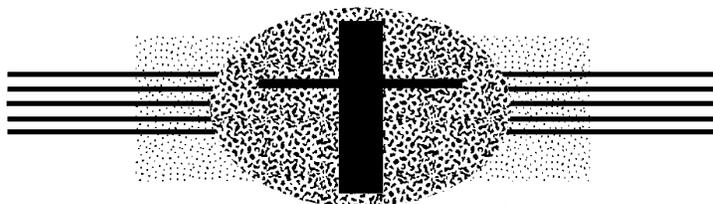
Explore your Personal Legacy and Prepare Your End of Life Celebration. On this retreat weekend, **January 7th-9th**, we will creatively use music, poetry, Scripture, quiet time, journaling, and small group sharing to explore your personal legacy. We will use this exploration to influence the deeper hope of what your celebration of life would look like. Our presenters will be Bidi Millet and Margaret Riley. In-person at San Damiano or Zoom participation are available. For more information and registration please go to the San Damiano website at <https://sandamiano.org/events/legacy/>

PAX CHRISTI QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Peace is a precious gift, which must be promoted and protected...never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.”

-Pope Francis, September 2013

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EXECUTION ALERTS

The following execution is scheduled to take place in **December** :

December 9th Bigler Jobe Stouffer Oklahoma

We ask for your prayers for this person, for the victims of their crimes and for their families.

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This week we extend our gratitude to:

OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL