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St. Juan Diego



Most of us know St. Juan Diego as having seen four apparitions of the Virgin Mary who we know as Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated on December 12th, but know very little about his early life, or that he is the patron saint of indigenous peoples, or that he is the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. We celebrate his feast day on December 9th, so as we prepare to celebrate that day, let's go back in his life to see what made him such an exemplary person.

Juan Diego was born as Cuauhtlatoatzin (which means "the Talking Eagle") in 1474 about 15 miles north of Mexico City. He was born poor in a society devoted to class distinctions. At the age of 3 when his father died, he lived with his uncle who brought him up under the Aztec pagan religion. He was married to Maria Lucia and made his living as a farm hand, mat maker, and field worker.

He showed signs from a very young age of having a mystical sense of life, a religious fervor, a reverence for the Virgin Mary and a dedication and compassion for his ill uncle. When a group of 12 Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico in 1524, Juan Diego and his wife converted to Catholicism and became the first in the region to be baptized. This is when he assumed the name of Juan Diego (thank goodness we don't have to pronounce or remember his given name!). His devotion to his new life was manifested in how he would walk long distances to receive religious instructions from the Franciscans stationed in Tlatelolco. It was also said that he would walk 15 miles to attend Holy Mass. His wife died 2 years later.

The story of the apparitions is familiar to most of us, so I will try to summarize the story. On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego experienced his first vision of the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill on the outskirts of what is now Mexico City, and she spoke to him in his native tongue. She asked him to go to the local bishop and to tell him to build a shrine in her honor on the hill. Bishop Juan de Zumarraga did not believe Juan Diego's story, and when Mary appeared once again to Juan Diego, he told her that he had failed at getting her request granted and that he was not the right person for such an important duty, but Mary insisted that he was who she was looking for. He returned to the bishop the next day repeated to him the request. The bishop asked him for proof. On December 12, while searching for a priest to administer the last rites to his sick uncle, Mary again appeared to Juan Diego. He told her of the bishop's

answer, and she instructed him to gather roses and take them to the bishop as a sign. She also told Juan Diego that his uncle would be well. Juan Diego gathered the roses and when he opened his *tilma* before the bishop, dozens of roses fell out, and an image of Mary appeared on the inside of his cloak. Having received proof, the bishop ordered that a church be built on Tepeyac Hill in honor of the Virgin. Upon returning home, he found his uncle well, who told him that Mary also revealed herself to him in a vision and that she wanted to be known with the title of Guadalupe.

The church was built on Tepeyac Hill the next year, where Juan Diego's cloak with the miraculous image is displayed. Juan Diego was appointed by the bishop as the first custodian of the church and moved into a little hermitage on Tepeyac Hill, and lived a solidarity life of prayer and work teaching the faith and telling the story. He remained there until his death on December 9, 1548, at the age of 74, 17 years after the first apparition. Bishop Zumarraga and Juan Diego died within days of each other.

News of Our Lady's apparitions caused a wave of nearly 3,000 Indians a day to convert to the Christian faith, and during those 17 years over 9 million heard the gospel and received baptism.

During the revolutions in Mexico, at the beginning of the 20th century, nonbelievers attempted to destroy the Image with an explosion. The altar's marble steps, the flower-holders, and the basilica windows were all very damaged, but the pane of glass protecting the Image was not even cracked. Juan Diego's imprinted cloak has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 to the present time. I have been privileged to visit the "Basilica of Guadalupe" several times, one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines.

Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990, and canonized on July 31, 2002, by Pope John Paul II. Numerous miracles have been attributed to him, and he remains one of the most popular and important saints in Mexico.

Sources: Britanica Encyclopedia, Catholic for Life, and Letters From Saints.

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission: Sr. Rebecca



FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Met November 9, 2022
- ❖ Members present: Dennis Wilson, Jim Damm, Tom Giessel, Jenny Ramsey, Jacques Molleker, Pam Huffles, Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Kathy Couchman
- ❖ Minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting were approved.
- ❖ The group reviewed the financial report for October 2022. The October report showed income of \$25,856.70 and expenses of \$27,993.86 for a monthly loss of \$2,137.16. The October 2022 balance sheet showed cash of \$458,046.52 compared to \$469,699.50 at the end of October, 2021.
- ❖ The windows have been measured and ordered for the rectory and annex. Matt from C & V Home Improvement contacted Pam that he miscounted windows and had an extra window in the quote. The final invoice will have a deduction of \$900. Pam also visited with Joe Curtis with Exterior Designs giving him the choice of the soffit color. That project will start after the first of the year.
- ❖ Jim shared that Jason is refinishing the southwest Church door. After discussion of the number of times it has been refinished in the past due to weather conditions, it was decided to check with C & V Home Improvement to get bids on a replacement steel door. It was also mentioned that the closers on the interior doors in Church need checked as they don't stay propped open well.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 10, 2023 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 17, 2022
- ❖ Members present: Stephen Schartz, Amy Froetschner, Tama Hanson, Judy Solko, Lee Gilcris, Larry Skelton, Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Doug McNett, Sr. Rebecca.
- ❖ The meeting opened with the Pastoral Council Prayer.
- ❖ The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a correction. The window project will not be done in 2 weeks, but will be started in 2 weeks.
- ❖ Fr. Bernard reported that the Diocesan Celebration of World Day of Consecrated Life will be hosted by Sacred Heart on January 21, 2023 beginning with a Mass at 10:30 followed by a meal.
- ❖ Fr. Bernard also noted that Bishop Brungardt will visit Belpre and Larned on January 14 and 15.
- ❖ The meeting closed with the Glory Be.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 19, 2023 @ 5:45 PM



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses ~ December 24th

4:00 pm at St. Bernard, Belpre

6:00 pm at Sacred Heart, Larned

Christmas Day Mass ~ December 25th

9:00 am at Sacred Heart, Larned

12:30 pm at St. Bernard, Belpre (Spanish)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

4:00 pm – Saturday – December 31st at St. Bernard, Belpre

6:00 pm – Saturday – December 31st at Sacred Heart, Larned

9:00 am – Sunday – January 1st at Sacred Heart

12:30 pm – Sunday – January 1st – St. Bernard, Belpre (Spanish)

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

- Dec. 1 ~ Benedictine Oblates Gathering, 11:00 AM
- Dec. 3 ~ "The Chosen" with Pot-Luck, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 5 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 6 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Dec. 6 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 7 ~ RCIA, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 9 ~ Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
- Dec. 12 ~ Adult Religious Formation Meeting, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 13 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 14 ~ Advent Penance Service, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 14 ~ RCIA, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 18 ~ Kapaun's Men Group, 8:45 AM
- Dec. 18 ~ Women's Study Group, 8:45 AM
- Dec. 19 ~ Adult Faith Formation Group, 6:00 PM
- Dec. 20 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 21 ~ No RCIA
- Dec. 27 ~ Choir Practice, 6:30 PM
- Dec. 28 ~ RCIA, 6:30 PM



DECEMBER PSR SCHEDULE

- Dec. 7 – Regular Classes / Confirmation Mentor Session
- Dec. 14 – Regular Classes
- Dec. 14 – Advent Penance (3rd thru 12th Grade)
- Dec. 21 – No Class – Christmas Break
- Dec. 28 – No Class – Christmas Break



Reverse Advent Calendar

As in the past few years during Advent, the Heart to Heart Ministry is once again sponsoring the "Reverse Advent Calendar" food drive to assist our local food pantry with the continued need for nutritious food. With so many food deficiencies within our community/county, the need is great to help those individuals and families among us. The daily suggestions on the "Calendar" are just that – suggestions! You may donate whatever nonperishable food items you like. Also, remember there is a need for nonfood items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes, dental floss, deodorant, bath products, etc. Also, cleaning and laundry products are a necessity. This might make a good Advent project for you and your family in letting children help choose items to be given to those less fortunate. It's an example of service – one of the four pillars of our faith! Donated items can be left in the Church vestibule or during normal office hours at the Parish Education Center. We will deliver the items to the food pantry either the last week of December 2022 or the first week of January 2023. Thank you very much for your donations. May God richly bless you this Advent season and throughout the coming year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| (02) Darlene Befort | (17) Shannon Fischer |
| John Hutfles | (19) Kellyn Eck |
| (04) Brandon Cenicerros | Malia Schartz |
| (05) Mike Mauney | (20) Brad Bauer |
| (06) Yareli Gonzalez | Felicity Newell |
| Stephen Heit | (21) Joe Simmons |
| Libby Keller | Richard VonFeldt |
| (07) Gretchen Holopirek | (22) Jessie Weiszbrod |
| Peyton Weiszbrod | (23) Vi Prosser |
| (10) Mary Mitchell | (25) Andy Tran |
| Janice Schroth | (26) Jean Simmons |
| (11) Linda Lemuz | (27) Alec Carlson |
| Jeanie Snyder | (28) Mary Klinge |
| (12) Amara Nwachukwu-Udaku | Liz McDonald |
| Cindy Perez | (31) Kayla Josefiak |
| (13) Natalie Stude | Marissa Smith |
| (14) Kathy Hammeke | Amy Welsch |
| Betty Hulsey | |
| (16) Karen Kuntz | |
| Jeremy McDonald | |
| Morris Smith III | |



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Henry and Kristen Snodgrass
 (04) Mike and Connie Mauney
 (19) Doug and Jennifer McNett
 (28) Joe and Annie Garcia



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Aiden Julian, the son of
 Andy Tran & Cecilia Jimenez on October 30, 2022

Bentley Matthew, the son of
 Jason & LeAnne Hammeke on November 5, 2022

Ellora Marie, the daughter of
 Kevin & Felicia Davis on November 6, 2022



Remember with Prayer

Frank Garcia	Betty Tauscher
Richard Wolf	Sharon Larsen
Rita O'Gwin	Leon Sanders
Mary Klinge	Ryan Shelton
Ann Haremza	Clayton Kelty
Jayden Waller	Sue Haymaker
Fr. Warren Stecklein	Trenton Welsch
Fr. Charles Mazouch	Kevin Simmons
Stan Durler	Lee Durler
Larry Trujillo	Bert Schartz
Shauna Nwachukwu-Udaku	Sherry Lemuz
Lindsey (Johnson) Gaylord	Georgia Bauer



All of our men and women serving in the
 United States Military, our homebound parishioners
 and those in care homes.

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022

	OCTOBER	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	23,434.10	72,312.86
Special Donations		4,775.00
Endowment		
Interest	9.04	37.95
Farm		31.52
PSR		17,435.00
Fundraisers	675.56	1,385.45
Miscellaneous	<u>1,738.00</u>	<u>5,128.00</u>
TOTAL	\$25,856.70	\$101,105.78
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,365.63	8,941.72
Salaries	12,700.12	53,197.65
Insurance	8,825.00	13,922.00
Utilities	2,825.77	9,025.04
Maintenance	68.41	1,184.78
Improvement		
Office	932.49	3,903.83
PSR	309.46	17,507.87
Farm		
Miscellaneous	<u>966.98</u>	<u>4,561.93</u>
TOTAL	\$27,993.86	\$112,244.82
		YTD: (\$11,139.04)

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 3 PVCH Christmas Party
 Dec. 6 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
 Dec. 9 Pawnee County Blood Drive, 12:00 to 6:00 PM
 Dec 10 Pawnee County Co-op Christmas Party



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thursday, December 8th

Masses:

Thursday, December 8th ~ 7:00 am
at St. Bernard, Belpre
Thursday, December 8th ~ 6:00 pm
at Sacred Heart



Wednesday
December 14th
6:30 PM
Sacred Heart Church



ADVENT PROCESSION

The Advent Procession with the candles for the Advent Wreath will began on November 26 & 27. If your family would like to take part in the procession during the Saturdays/Sundays of Advent, we ask you to add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church vestibule. You may sign up for more than one week, if you desire.



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