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THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Mother of God to Blessed Juan Diego, an Aztec Indian, on December 9, 10, and 12, 1531. She left a Miraculous Image of her appearance on his cactus fiber cloak, or "tilma", which still exists today for all to see in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Dan Lynch

Our Lady came to offer faith, hope and consolation to the oppressed natives of Mexico and to reconcile them with their Spanish rulers. She put an end to the bloody human sacrifice of

the Aztecs and converted millions of natives!

After the conquest, the Spanish rule of the natives was so severe that a bloody revolt was imminent. Bishop Zummaraga prayed for Our Lady to intervene to prevent an up-rising, to reconcile the Spanish and the natives and to bring peace. He asked that he would receive roses native to his homeland of Castile Spain as a sign that his prayer would be answered.

On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to Blessed Juan Diego and asked him to go to the Bishop and request him to build a church for her on the barren hill of Tepeyac which is now part of Mexico City. Our Lady wanted to show her merciful love to all of her children. The prudent Bishop asked Juan to ask the Lady for a sign. Juan did so and Our Lady promised to give him the sign.

On December 12, Our Lady again appeared to Juan on Tepeyac Hill and told him to pick the Castilian roses which miraculously appeared there and bring them to the Bishop as a sign for him to believe her request. Juan gathered the roses into his tilma and brought them to the Bishop.

When Juan opened his tilma, the roses fell out and the Image of Our Lady appeared on it. The Bishop then built the church as Our Lady had requested and ten million natives were converted and baptized to the one, true faith within the next 10 years. Human sacrifice ended in Mexico forever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, which means Crusher of the serpent's head, brought the light of the true faith, crushed the false gods of Mexico, and established an era of peace.

Having worked with the Spanish communities in Texas and Kansas for many years, I fell in love with the devotion of Our Lady of Guadalupe. December 12 is a great festive celebration in most hispanic communities, with processions bearing roses, dancing, and food, all in honor of Mary! The day usually started early in the morning with the singing of the Mananitas and other songs dedicated to her, followed by Mass and breakfast. In the evening was more dancing, another Mass and singing, and a big meal. Some communities continued a special dance throughout the evening warding off the evil spirits and culminating around midnight with one of the dancers, depicting Mary, lying on the floor, with all the symbols used in the dance arranged around her to portray the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. If you look at the image carefully, you will notice it is full of symbolic meaning.

The Image of Our Lady is actually an Aztec Pictograph which was read and understood quickly by the Aztec Indians as follows:

1. **THE LADY STOOD IN FRONT OF THE SUN** – She was greater than their dreaded sun-god "Huitzilopochtli".
2. **HER FOOT RESTED ON THE CRESCENT MOON** – She had clearly vanquished their foremost deity, the feather serpent "Quetzalcoatl".
3. **THE STARS STREWN ACROSS THE MANTLE** – She was greater than the stars of heaven which they worshipped. She was a virgin and the Queen of the heavens. Virgo rests over her womb. She appeared on December 12, 1531. The stars that she wore are the constellation of stars that appeared in the sky that day!
4. **THE BLUE-GREEN HUE OF HER MANTLE** – She was a Queen for she wears the color of royalty.
5. **THE BLACK CROSS ON THE BROOCH AT HER NECK** – Her God was that of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ her son.
6. **THE BLACK BELT** – She was with child for she wore the Aztec Maternity Belt.
7. **THE FOUR-PETAL FLOWER OVER THE WOMB** – She was the "Mother of God." The flower was a special symbol of life, movement and deity – the center of the universe.
8. **HER HANDS ARE JOINED IN PRAYER** – She was not God but clearly there was one greater than Her and she pointed her finger to the cross on her brooch.
9. **THE DESIGN ON HER ROSE-COLORED GARMENT** – She is the "Queen of the Earth," for she is wearing a map of Mexico telling the Indians exactly where the apparition took place.

I was informed that the angel at the bottom was added later.

The image to this date, cannot be explained by science nor shows any sign of deterioration after 450 years! The tilma or cloak of Juan Diego on which the image of Our Lady has been imprinted, is a coarse fabric made from the threads of the maguey cactus. This fiber disintegrates within 20-60 years! All who have scientifically examined the image of Our Lady over the centuries confess that its properties are absolutely unique and so inexplicable in human terms that the image can only be supernatural!

[From an article written by Dan Lynch. "The Amazing Truth of Our Lady of Guadalupe." Catholic Exchange (December, 2002.)

Adult Religious Formation Team Commission – Sr. Rebecca Otter



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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

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

6:00 pm – Thursday – December 31st at Sacred Heart

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



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

Masses:

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

FINANCE/PROPERTY COMMISSION

- ❖ Did not meet in November
- ❖ Members: Dennis Wilson, Jacques Molleker, Jim Damm, Tom Giessel, Kathy Couchman, Jenny Ramsey, Pam Hutfles, & Fr. Bernard.
- ❖ Next meeting: December 15, 2020 @ 12:00 Noon

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- ❖ Met November 19, 2020
- ❖ Members: Amy Froetschner, Larry Skelton, Lee Gilcris, John Kelty, Sr. Rebecca & Fr. Bernard. Unable to attend: Isaac Lemuz, Chelsy LeRoy, Tama Hanson.
- ❖ Fr. Bernard brought the council up to date to the continuing challenges due to the corona virus.
- ❖ Mass on Wednesday's will be in the Church and not in the Holy Rosary Chapel.
- ❖ Adoration on Wednesday's will be in the Holy Rosary Chapel.
- ❖ Confession for PSR students will be on Wednesday evenings while PSR is in session.
- ❖ There will be No Advent Penitential Service this year.
- ❖ Next meeting: January 21, 2021 @ 6:30 PM



Reverse Advent Calendar

Included in this December issue of the Sacred Heart Beat is a Reverse Advent Calendar. The Heart to Heart Ministry is once again sponsoring the "Calendar" as the local Food Pantry is in need of food. This year has been especially challenging for many in our community and there are many individuals and families who suffer from lack of nutritious food. The calendar offers suggestions of various foods that you and your family might like to contribute as a special Advent project. You may leave the items in the Church vestibule each week or during normal office hours at the Parish Education Center. We will deliver the items to the Food Pantry during the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Thank you for your donations and may God richly bless you this Advent season.

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

December 1 ~ Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM
December 2 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, HRC
December 9 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, HRC
December 15 ~ Finance/Property Meeting, 12:00 Noon
December 16 ~ Adoration, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, HRC
December 23 ~ No Adoration
December 30 ~ No Adoration



DECEMBER PSR SCHEDULE

- December 2nd – Regular Classes
- December 2nd – 2nd Confirmation Mentor Session
- December 9th – Regular Classes
- December 16th – Regular Classes
- December 23rd – No Class ~ Christmas Break
- December 30th – No Class ~ Christmas Break

KNIGHTS DECEMBER EVENTS

Dec. 1 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM

Advent Procession



The Advent Procession with the candles for the Advent Wreath will begin on November 28 & 29. 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. Thank you for your participation!

Remember with Prayer

Grace Perez
Fhen Perez
Don Jensen



Eleanor Sanders
Ann Haremza
Frank Garcia
Jayden Waller
Fr. Warren Stecklein
Fr. Charles Mazouch
Rita O'Gwin

Betty Tauscher
Sharon Larsen
Leon Sanders
Ryan Shelton
Clayton Kelty
Sue Haymaker
Trenton Welsch
Kevin Simmons
Joe Haberman

All of our men and women serving in the
United States Military

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(02) Darlene Befort	(17) Shannon Fischer
John Hutfles	Abby Kelty
(04) Brandon Cenicerros	(19) Tom Bahr
(05) Mike Mauney	Kelsey Parr
(06) Yareli Gonzalez	Malia Schartz
Stephen Heit	(20) Brad Bauer
Libby Keller	Monica Clark
(07) Gretchen Holopirek	Felicity Newell
Blakelynn Solko	(21) Calvin LeRoy
Peyton Weisbrod	Cade Parr
(10) Mary Mitchell	Joe Simmons
Janice Schroth	Richard VonFeldt
(11) Linda Lemuz	(22) Jessie Weisbrod
Jeanie Snyder	(23) Vi Prosser
(12) Amara Nwachukwu-Udaku	(25) Gustavo Flores
Cindy Perez	(26) Jean Simmons
(13) Kristin Dooley	(27) Alec Carlson
Natalie Stude	(28) Terri Bahr
(14) Kathy Hammeke	Mary Klinge
Betty Hulsey	Liz McDonald
(16) Karen Kuntz	(31) Kayla Josefiak
Jeremy McDonald	Marissa Smith
	Amy Welsch



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- (01) Henry and Kristen Snodgrass
- (03) Phil and Ann Schreiber
- (04) Mike and Connie Mauney
- (19) Doug and Jennifer McNett
- (25) Jim and Sharon McGinness
- (28) Joe and Annie Garcia



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jim & Sharon McGinness ~ Married 45 years



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Mason James, the son
of Luke & Bethany Steinlage
on November 28, 2020

DECEMBER 2020 ~ MINISTRIES

NET INCOME/EXPENSES BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020

	OCTOBER	YTD
INCOME:		
Collections	11,360.27	65,199.48
Special Donations		100.00
Endowment	1,875.00	1,875.00
Interest	7.09	27.25
Farm	13,563.25	19,280.99
PSR		7,231.00
Fundraisers		731.14
Miscellaneous	866.00	4,609.98
TOTAL	\$27,671.61	\$99,054.84
EXPENSES:		
Stewardship	1,160.70	7,584.51
Salaries	12,707.31	50,587.82
Insurance	5,521.00	10,618.00
Utilities	1,931.75	7,864.90
Maintenance	4,817.64	8,006.86
Improvement		
Office	991.22	3,436.04
PSR	159.74	6,234.94
Farm		
Miscellaneous	688.85	3,673.65
TOTAL	\$27,978.21	\$98,006.72
		YTD: \$1,048.12

Saturday, December 5

Lectors – Mary Klinge
& Kathy Kazmaier
E.M. – Cindy Perez (major)
Dennis Wilson (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Saturday, December 12

Lectors – Kathy Kazmaier
& Mary Klinge
E.M. – Toni Novotny (major)
Mary Klinge (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Saturday, December 19

Lectors – Dennis Wilson
& Joan Wilson
E.M. – Don Kazmaier (major)
Cindy Perez (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Saturday, December 26

Lector – Mary Klinge
E.M. – Dennis Wilson (major)
Joan Wilson (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Sunday, December 6

Lectors – Sharon McGinness
& Mary Mitchell
E.M. – Kristy Mull (major)
Kathy Hammeke (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Sunday, December 13

Lectors – Kristy Mull
& Kathy Couchman
E.M. – Sr. Rebecca (major)
David O'Gwin (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Sunday, December 20

Lectors – Karl Grover
& Mary Mitchell
E.M. – Cathy Grover (major)
Sharon McGinness (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer

Sunday, December 27

Lector – Kristy Mull
E.M. – David O'Gwin (major)
Mary Mitchell (minor)
Server – 1 Volunteer



Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule for:
The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (Monday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm)

The Nativity of the Lord - 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve
& 9:00 am on Christmas Day



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