



**Masks are
mandatory in
the Church**

Bulletin

**Sacred Heart Parish
Eucharist Schedule: Saturday 4:00**

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**December 12th, 2020
Feast Day for Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Our Lady of Guadalupe



"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

— Our Lady to Juan Diego

In the winter of 1531, a poor, 57-year-old Aztec Indian living five miles outside of Mexico City encountered a miraculous happening on his way to morning Mass. First he heard strange music coming from Tepeyac Hill, and then he heard a woman's voice calling his name. Juan Diego climbed the hill and encountered a young woman, appearing to be of his own people in physical appearance and dress. The woman identified herself as the Virgin Mary, and told Juan Diego to ask the bishop of Mexico City to build a church on the hill to assist in the conversion of the nation and be a source of consolation to the people.

Juan Diego obeyed the request, but the bishop was skeptical regarding the message, even

though he perceived that Juan was a humble, and well meaning Catholic. Juan reported the bishop's doubt to Our Lady at Tepeyac Hill, and she asked him to return to the bishop once again, bearing the same message. The bishop once again heard the story, and told Juan Diego to ask Our Lady for a sign that it was indeed herself that wished for the church to be built.

When he returned to the hill, Mary gave Juan Diego such a sign. Miraculously, roses appeared on the hill in the middle of winter, and Juan gathered them in his tilma, or cloak. Our Lady arranged the roses in his tilma with her own hands, and Juan returned to the bishop's presence. When Juan released the tilma, allowing the flowers to fall to the floor, it was revealed that a miraculous image of Our Lady had imprinted itself on his tilma (see above).

The bishop immediately fell to his knees, and came to believe in Juan Diego's message. A church was built on the spot of the apparition, as Mary had requested, and 8 million people converted to Catholicism in a short period of time upon hearing of or viewing the miraculous image of Our Lady.

The tilma of Juan Diego has been the subject of much modern research. The tilma, woven out of coarse cactus fiber, should have disintegrated after 20 years, but although over 500 years have passed the tilma is still in perfect condition. The pupils of Mary in the picture reflect the Indians and clergy present at the time of the first revelation of the image. No paint was used, and chemical analysis has not been able to identify the color imprint. Additionally, studies have revealed that the stars on Mary's mantle match exactly what a Mexican would have seen in the sky in December of 1531.

Third Sunday in Advent

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

**Collection: December 05th,
2020**

Envelopes	\$275.00
Missals	\$30.00
	\$305.00

Notices:

1: Christmas Bake Sale: A big Thank You to all who helped make our Bake Sale a great success. To everyone who baked and donated and to all who came and bought, your support is greatly appreciated. We realized a profit of over \$850.00. That will be the last event for Sacred Heart Ladies Group for this year. We want to thank everyone who supported us during this strange year.

2: Missals: We did not receive our new Missals this year, but Fr. Yake brought extra from St Peters. The missals will cost \$5.00 this year. You can put that amount in your envelope and write on the outside that \$5.00 of the collection is for the missal.

3: Church Decorating: We will decorate, the church, for Christmas on Sunday December 20th, at 10am. All volunteers are welcome to come and help.

4: A COVID CHRISTMAS: Christmas is typically a homecoming event as much as it is a high religious feast so family members will gather to celebrate their faith in God and each other. This Christmas, however, is somewhat different due to COVID-19 restrictions that have limited available space in churches. Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart is scheduled for Thursday, December 24th 6:00pm. Those wishing to attend this Mass must pre-register and include any visiting family members. Because we may not be able to accommodate everyone with self-distancing registration has to be on a “first-come, first-served” basis. We hope that this procedure will work; we do not want to limit each family as to the number of persons they may add. To register please call 535-3107, email louise.campbell@stpeterscable.com or leave a note in your collection envelopes. – **Only a few seats are left.**

5: MASS FOR SHUT-INS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas Day CTV will air Mass at 12 noon. I am sure this will be much appreciated if people are unable to attend their parishes due to limited numbers allowed in buildings. Of course this also is a way for Shut-Ins to participate in Christmas celebrations.

6: Winter 2021: Due to Covid19 self-distancing regulations we will not be able to have mass in the Guadalupe Chapel (vestry) this winter. At a recent parish council meeting it was suggested that we move to the Parish Hall for January – March. We decided to check with our regular church goers to see if they would prefer to stay in the Church (Main church) or move over to the hall. You can leave a note in your envelopes as to your preference. This decision will not need to be made until January, but the sooner we know the better.

7: Christmas/New Year’s Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Thursday, Dec 24, 2020:

L’Ardoise: 4:00 pm – Sacred Heart: 6:00 pm

Potlotek: 12:00 am Celebrated by Rev Duncan MacIsaac

Christmas Day: Friday Dec 25, 2020

River Bourgeois: 9:00 am – St. Peters: 10:30 am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 - Holy Day of Obligation

River Bourgeois: 5: 30 pm

St. Peters: 7:00 pm

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God: Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 - Holy Day of Obligation

World Day of Peace

New Year’s Day

L’Ardoise: 9:00 am – Sacred Heart: 11:00 am