



## Third Sunday of Advent



WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025



Photo by **Laurie Moloney**

## *Welcoming the Advent Season*

Banners adorn the south wall of St. John the Baptist sanctuary, reminding us that Advent has arrived. The themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace mark the spiritual journey of the four weeks before Christmas. Each theme corresponds to a candle on the Advent wreath, guiding believers to prepare their hearts for Christ's birth through these virtues.



## Our Mission

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.  
-Ephesians 4:1-6

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name!  
Grow in God's Time!  
Go in God's Spirit!

## Mass Times & Confessions

(check weekly schedules inside for holiday times and weekly changes to Mass)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p

### Sunday Masses

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish  
2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)  
8:00p Spanish

### Weekday Masses (in chapel):

Monday 9:00a  
Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a  
Wednesday 7:00p (Spanish)  
1st Friday (alternating months - see weekly schedule)

### Confessions:

Saturday 3:00p to 4:45p (Main church)  
Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

**Vigil:** Saturday at 5:30p

### Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

### Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a  
Thursday at 6:30p  
1st Friday at 9:00a (alternating months - see weekly schedule)  
1st Friday Spanish at 7:30p

### Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hours:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

### Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

## Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p  
Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p  
Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p  
Sunday & Monday - Closed

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## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



Please call 253-859-0444 for times.

### **Sunday, December 14**

Adult Faith Formation  
Centro Rendu  
Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) - 12:00 pm  
Rosary (Spanish)  
Sacramental Preparation  
Swahili Community - 4:30 pm  
Confirmation - 6:30 pm

### **Monday, December 15**

Bible Study (Spanish) - 10:00 am  
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish) - 10 am  
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm  
Centro Rendu - 3:00 pm  
Confirmation - 6:30 pm  
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm  
Partners in the Gospel PFAC

### **Tuesday, December 16**

Rosary - 12:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (Spanish) - 12:30 pm  
Terrific Tuesday Meals - 5:30 pm  
Alpha - 6:30 pm  
Small Christian Community - 7:00 pm  
Adult Confirmation

### **Wednesday, December 17**

Cursillos (Spanish) - 2:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Golf Committee - 6:00 pm  
RCIA/OCIA - 6:30 pm  
Bible Study  
Rosary (English & Spanish)  
Young Adult Group (Spanish)

### **Thursday, December 18**

Holy Hour for Vocations - 10:00 am  
Celebracion Guadalupana Dance Practice - 5:30 pm  
Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)  
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)  
Centro Rendu - 7:00 pm  
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)  
Small Christian Community

### **Friday, December 19**

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am  
Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm  
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish) - 7:00 pm  
Bible Study Communities  
Divine Mercy

### **Saturday, December 20**

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am  
Sacramental Preparation - 9:00 am or 12:30 pm  
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish) - 7:00 pm  
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm



### **Sunday, December 14**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am Mass  
Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am  
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am  
**Mass - 11:30 am**  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**

### **Monday, December 15**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am  
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm  
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

### **Tuesday, December 16**

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, December 17**

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Backpack Buddies Setup in Youth Room - 9:30 am  
Children's Mass Rehearsal - 4:30 pm  
Middle School Night - 6:30 pm  
OCIA for Kids - 7:00 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

### **Thursday, December 18**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am  
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
Hora Santa Holy Hour - 3:00 pm  
**Mass - 6:30 pm**  
Choir (11:30 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm  
OCIA - 7:00 pm

### **Friday, December 19**

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am  
Nativity Play Rehearsal - 5:30 pm  
Safe Car Holiday Dinner - 6:00 pm  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

### **Saturday, December 20**

Advent Reconciliation Service - 10:00 am  
Children's Mass Rehearsal - 1:00 pm  
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Simbang Gabi **Mass - 5:30 pm**

## Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

**Janet Stone**  
**Ledilyn Baga**

those who have **died**:

**Manny Adriatico** (father of *Lisa Nonthaveth*)  
**George Chiftis** (friend of the *Rosenbergers*)  
**Matthew Mazzitelli**  
(grandson of *Tim & Sharon Mazzitelli*)  
**Jean Smith** (husband of *Roberta Tift*)



## Christ's Love in Action: New Eucharistic Ministers



In the past two weeks, nine parishioners have responded to the call of the Holy Spirit to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. We joyfully welcome to the table **Liz Arreola, Tess Babick, Brittany Craig, Michael Ho, Rachel Hughes, Pamela Saito, Rick West, Dave Zentner, and Nancy Zentner**. May Christ's love shine through you as you minister to His people.

We are still in **need of Eucharistic Ministers for the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass, as well as the Sunday 11:30 am and 5:30 pm Masses**. Please prayerfully consider this ministry as you discern how to share your time and talents in stewardship. Your service is greatly appreciated.

## Decorate with Poinsettias

You are invited to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one to help provide the poinsettias that will decorate our church for Christmas. Blank memorial cards are available in the narthex - simply write the name of your loved one, place the card and your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the collection box. All memorial cards will be displayed in the narthex at Christmas.



**Deadline: Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
**Suggested donation: \$10 per poinsettia**

## Help Fill Hearts and Stock The Store



Only one more week to go until the Giving Tree store opens for families in our community who may need a little extra help this Christmas.

This year, the Giving Tree team is excited to bring back two long-time favorites that weren't available last year: queen-size blankets and laundry detergent. Of course, we hope to offer the ever-popular essentials - socks, underwear, PJs, pants, tops, coats for kids (infant through adult 2XL), and a wide variety of toys. Take advantage of the Christmas sales to shop for these items! Tags are available in the narthex and will remain there until a few days before the store opens.

The Giving Tree team are still **looking for more elves** to:

- Help families shop at the Giving Tree Store on December 21.
- Move gifts from under the tree to the closet near the nursery after all Masses.
- Transfer items from the closet to the McMullen Center each Monday.
- Sort, set up, restock, and clean up the store on December 21.



If you can give of your time to bring joy and big smiles to families this Christmas, please scan the QR code to the left or you can also sign up at [sjtbcc.org](https://sjtbcc.org). Thank you!

## Help Us Deck the Halls for Christmas!

Your help is needed to prepare the sanctuary for our Christmas Masses! Setup will begin on **Tuesday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m.** Extra hands are especially appreciated for arranging the flowers, but assistance with the Christmas trees (being picked up by the Knights of Columbus) is also welcome.



The more volunteers we have, the faster and more joyful the preparations will be. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to help make our sanctuary shine this Christmas season!

## Your Voice, Your Bulletin!



This bulletin is created to serve you. To help us improve future editions, we'd love your feedback:

- What information would you like to see included?
- Do you have suggestions for future cover photos?

Please send your suggestions to **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org)

## Help Us Clear the Way This Winter!



Icy roads and sidewalks may not be on our minds right now - flooding seems to be the word of the week - but this is the Pacific Northwest, and snow and ice are inevitable at some point this winter. When temperatures drop, icy sidewalks and parking lots can create unsafe conditions for those attending early morning Masses, especially parishioners with mobility challenges.

**We are still looking for families who can dedicate a little time around 8:00 a.m. on a Sunday to help de-ice the sidewalks.** This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our parish in a practical and meaningful way! Your efforts will help ensure everyone can safely attend Mass during the winter months.



If you are interested in this "winter ministry," please contact **Joe Holien** at 253-630-0701 x220 to join the de-icing team.

Thank you for your time, care, and service!



## New Winter Bible Study with Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is offering a winter Bible study using the Threshold Bible Study book "Peacemaking and Nonviolence" by Stephen J. Binz.

Choose one of two options:

- **Wednesdays** (January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; and April 15, 22)  
at **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in person** at the Main Conference Room in Parish office.
- **Thursdays** (January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; and April 16)  
at **10:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom**

Cost is \$10 for the book.

Please register [online](#) at our website or call the parish office so we can order your book. For questions, please email **Joan Williamson** at [joanw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:joanw@sjtbcc.org).

## A Gift of Comfort and Prayer

Prayer shawls serve as a tangible reminder of God's presence, love, and mercy, offering comfort and solace to those who receive them. If you, or someone you know, is facing medical procedures, grieving, living with illness, experiencing the challenges of aging, or simply in need of comfort, we have prayer shawls available at no cost.

Each shawl is lovingly crafted by our *Prayer Shawl Ministry*, whose members pray for the future recipient as they work. The shawls are also blessed before distribution.

You are welcome to **stop by the office during regular hours to pick one up**, or you may request one from a Point Person or staff member after Mass.



## Holiday Season Pancake Breakfast

Sunday December 14th

10:00 – 11:30 am



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy

All Proceeds Will Support  
**The Archdiocese of Seattle Seminarians**  
(Our Next Generation of Priests)

Adults: \$10 | Youth 6-16: \$5 | Children 5 and Under: Free

## Fighting Weekend Hunger

You are helping fight weekend hunger!

Thanks to your generous donations, the *Backpack Buddies* program has filled over 467 meal bags for Covington Elementary students. Every gift, prayer, and act of service makes a real difference.

If you have any questions, **please contact Andrea Shimek** in the parish office. This is an ongoing effort that will run throughout the school year, ending in June 2026.



Ways to support the *Backpack Buddies* Program:

- Shop our Amazon wish list (search "**2025-2026 Backpack Buddies for Covington Elementary**") by clicking [Amazon](#), or by scanning the QR code. Items can be shipped directly to the parish office.
- Use your preferred online retailer and have your items shipped directly to the parish office.
- Purchase items locally and place them in the bin by the *Life, Justice, and Peace* table in the narthex or bring them to the parish office.
- Monetary donations. Write all checks out to "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church".



The children are getting excited to take off for the holidays, but hunger knows no holiday. The *Backpack Buddies* team will continue filling bags throughout the season. This week, they are requesting **applesauce or fruit cups (including pouches), shelf-stable milk, fruit snacks, and fresh fruit**. **Needs change each week**, so please remember to check our weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date list of requested items.

Join Archbishop Etienne for the  
**Mass for the Closing  
of the Jubilee Year**

Pilgrims of Hope

December 28, 2025

10:00 am

St. James Cathedral, Seattle





PARISH FAMILY 30

# Christmas

MASS TIMES

## CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Spirit

5:00 pm, english  
7:30 pm, spanish  
10:00 pm, english

### St. John the Baptist

4:00 pm, english  
7:00 pm, english  
10:00 pm, english

## CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25<sup>th</sup>

### Holy Spirit

10:00 am, english  
11:30 am, spanish  
2:30 pm, swahili

### St. John the Baptist

10:00 am, english

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1<sup>st</sup>

### Holy Spirit

10:00 am, english  
7:30 pm, spanish

### St. John the Baptist

6:00 pm, english

### Holy Spirit

327 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Kent  
holyspiritkent.org

### St. John the Baptist

25810 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Covington  
sjtbcc.org



# Simbang Gabi 2025

Saturday, December 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM  
Celebrant: Fr. Crispin Okoth

Boxed To Go Filipino food available after the mass.  
Hosted by: The Filipino-American Association of SJTBCC

## Journey to Christmas: Young Adult Gatherings

*Saturday, 12/16*

### MASS & ICE SKATING!

7 PM Mass @ Holy Spirit

8:15 PM Open Skate @ Kent Valley Ice Center

*Thursday, 12/11*

### WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION?

Dive into the beautiful Meaning of **Reconciliation**

6:30 PM @ St. John the Baptist

*Thursday, 12/18*

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING & KARAOKE NIGHT!

6:30 PM @ St. John the Baptist

*Monday, 12/22*

### MASS AND SERVICE!

Prepare for Christmas with the **Gift of Giving**

6:30 PM Mass @ St. John the Baptist followed by  
serving food to our brothers and sisters in need



## Simbang Gabi 2025

### SOUTH KING DEANERY MASS SCHEDULE

#### Commissioning Mass

Saturday, December 13 | 11AM | St. James Cathedral | 804 9th Ave, Seattle

December 14 | 10:30 AM

St. Philomena  
1790 S 222nd St | Des Moines

St. Thomas  
4415 S 140th St | Tukwila

**DAY 1 - MONDAY**  
December 15 | 6 PM

St. Francis of Assisi  
15236 21st Ave SW | Burien

**DAY 2 - TUESDAY**  
December 16 | 6 PM

St. Francis of Assisi  
15236 21st Ave SW | Burien

**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY**  
December 17 | 6 PM

St. Theresa  
3939 SE 331<sup>st</sup> St | Federal Way

**December 17 | 6 PM**  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
10243 12th Ave S | Burien

**DAY 4 - THURSDAY**  
December 18 | 6 PM

St. Bernadette  
1028 SW 128th St | Seattle

**DAY 5 - FRIDAY**  
December 19 | 6 PM

St. Bernadette  
1028 SW 128th St | Seattle

**December 19 | 6:30 PM**  
Holy Family  
505 17th St SE | Auburn

**DAY 6 - SATURDAY**  
December 20 | 6 PM

Holy Spirit  
327 2nd Ave S | Kent

St. Andrew  
1401 Valley Ave | Sumner

St. Francis of Assisi  
15236 21st Ave SW | Burien

St. Stephen the Martyr  
13055 SE 192nd St | Renton

St. Vincent de Paul  
30525 8th Ave S | Federal Way

**December 20 | 5:30 PM**  
St. John the Baptist  
25810 156th Ave SE | Covington

**DAY 7 - SUNDAY**  
DECEMBER 21 | 10 AM

St. Francis of Assisi  
15236 21st Ave SW | Burien

**DECEMBER 21 | 6 PM**  
St. Anthony  
416 South 4<sup>th</sup> St | Renton

**DAY 8 - MONDAY**  
DECEMBER 22 | 6 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes  
10243 12th Ave S | Burien

**DAY 9 - TUESDAY**  
December 23 | 6 PM

St. Francis of Assisi  
15236 21st Ave SW | Burien



# ADVENT & Christmas at Parish Family 30



## DECEMBER

### 12/13: Advent Reconciliation Service

10 AM, Holy Spirit, Spanish

### 12/14: KoC Pancake Breakfast

9:30 - 11:30 AM, Holy Spirit

### 12/14: KoC Pancake Breakfast

10:00 - 11:30 AM, STJB

### 12/20: Advent Reconciliation Service

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, SJTB

### 12/20 Simbang Gabi

5:00 PM Mass, Holy Spirit

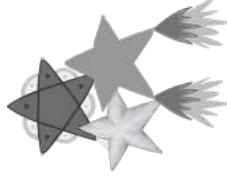
5:30 PM Mass, SJTB

In lieu of a reception, following the

Mass there will be to go boxes of

Filipino food provided by the

Fil-Am community of St. John the Baptist.



## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about how you can help the many ministries in Family 30 contact:

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Kathy Wickward, kathyw@sjbcc.org

### 11/22 - 12/21, Giving Tree at Holy Spirit

Pick up a tag, purchase, and return the gift

### 11/29 - 12/14, Giving Tree at St. John

Pick up a tag, purchase, and return the gift

### 11/29 - 12/7, Sock, Glove, & Blanket Drive

Drop-off donations of new warm items at Holy Spirit or St. John the Baptist, organized by the Confirmation Youth of Family 30.

### 12/21: Giving Tree Store, McMullen MPR

*Volunteers needed*

9:00 - 11:30 AM, Setup

12:30 - 7:00 PM, Guests Shopping

7:00 - 9:00 PM, Cleanup



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### 12/24: Christmas Eve

St. John the Baptist

4:00 pm, Children's Program, English

7:00 pm, English

10:00 pm, English

Holy Spirit

5:00 pm, English

7:00 pm, Spanish

10:00 pm, English

### 12/25: Christmas Day

Holy Spirit

10:00 am, English

11:30 am, Spanish

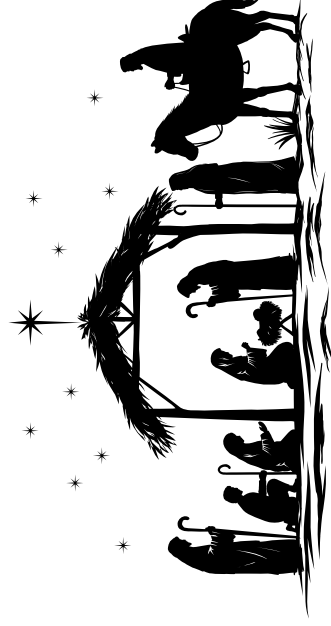
2:30 pm, Swahili

St. John the Baptist

10:00 am, English

### Overflow Parking

*Holy Spirit - Public parking lot on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
St. John the Baptist - Covington Elem on  
the west side of 156<sup>th</sup>*



## JANUARY

### 1/1: Solemnity of Mary the Most Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 AM, Mass, Holy Spirit, English

6:00 PM, Mass, SJTB, English

7:30 PM, Mass, Holy Spirit, Spanish



# Discover Fire

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## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: HOMILY SUMMARY

**Friends, i wanted to share with you a few key insights from my two homilies given at the vigil and feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe:**

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not simply a remembrance of an event that occurred nearly 500 years ago. It is the celebration of a living mystery, a work of divine evangelization that began long before 1531 and continues to shape hearts, cultures, and faith today.

Recent historical, anthropological, and theological studies reveal something extraordinary: God had been preparing the peoples of Mesoamerica for the Gospel for centuries. Indigenous cultures spoke of the “flowery world”, a spiritual realm of beauty, truth, song, and harmony, where heaven and earth would meet. Their ancient poems expressed a longing for this world, yet ended with a painful question: “How can an unworthy human enter such a place?” Only the “God who is near and far” could make this possible.

The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the divine answer to that unfinished longing. In the ***Nican Mopohua***, the original narrative of Guadalupe, Juan Diego ascends the hill amid birdsong and radiant beauty and asks if he has arrived at the “mundo florido” of his ancestors.

Mary responds by revealing herself as the Mother of the true God, the One who gives life. The Gospel is not imposed from outside; it is fulfilled from within the deepest desires of a people.

Guadalupe also reveals herself as a Mother who unites worlds. Her image is mestiza, neither fully European nor fully Indigenous, but a living bridge of reconciliation. What divided peoples could not heal by force, God healed through tenderness. Violence subsided, hearts opened, and evangelization flourished.

She is also the Mother of migrants. Very quickly, copies of her image traveled back to Spain and later throughout the world. Families separated by oceans found unity through her image. Today, migrants continue to carry her in medals, prayer cards, tattoos, and home altars. Wherever her image is, there is a sense of home.

Finally, Our Lady of Guadalupe teaches us that beauty evangelizes. Her image speaks before words are spoken. Beauty opens the soul, prepares the heart, and leads to truth. When the Church celebrates the liturgy with reverence and care, the same mystery unfolds: people encounter God even before they fully understand Him. And then we are pointed towards each other, to see the beauty of God in each person created in God’s image. Beauty then is transformed into action as we seek to care for one another with reverence, especially the poor.

Guadalupe is not only history. She is a living Gospel, still revealing what we need to see.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for Us!

*Fr. Juan Carlos O.*

SPANISH ON REVERSE



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



# NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE: RESUMEN DE LA HOMILÍA

Amigos, quería compartir con ustedes algunas reflexiones claves de mis dos homilías pronunciadas en el día de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:

La celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe no es simplemente un recuerdo de un acontecimiento ocurrido hace casi 500 años. Es la celebración de un misterio vivo, una obra de evangelización divina que comenzó mucho antes de 1531 y continúa moldeando corazones, culturas y la fe hoy.

Estudios históricos, antropológicos y teológicos recientes revelan algo extraordinario: Dios había estado preparando a los pueblos de Mesoamérica para el Evangelio durante siglos. Las culturas indígenas hablaban del "mundo florido", un reino espiritual de belleza, verdad, canto y armonía, donde el cielo y la tierra se encontrarían. Sus antiguos poemas expresaban un anhelo por este mundo, pero terminaban con una pregunta dolorosa: "¿Cómo puede un ser humano indigno entrar en un lugar así?". Solo el "Dios que está cerca y lejos" podía hacerlo posible.

La aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es la respuesta divina a ese anhelo insatisfecho. En el Nican Mopohua, la narración original de Guadalupe, Juan Diego asciende la colina entre el canto de los pájaros y una radiante belleza, y pregunta si ha llegado al florido mundo de sus antepasados.

María responde revelándose como la Madre del verdadero Dios, Aquel que da la vida. El Evangelio no se impone desde fuera; se cumple desde los deseos más profundos de un pueblo.

Guadalupe también se revela como una Madre que une mundos. Su imagen es mestiza, ni completamente europea ni completamente indígena, sino un puente viviente de reconciliación. Lo que los pueblos divididos no pudieron sanar por la fuerza, Dios lo sanó con ternura. La violencia cesó, los corazones se abrieron y la evangelización floreció.

También es la Madre de los migrantes. Rápidamente, copias de su imagen viajaron de regreso a España y luego por todo el mundo. Familias separadas por océanos encontraron unidad a través de su imagen. Hoy, los migrantes continúan llevándola en medallas, estampas, tatuajes y altares domésticos. Dondequiera que esté su imagen, hay una sensación de hogar.

Finalmente, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos enseña que la belleza evangeliza. Su imagen habla antes de que se pronuncien las palabras. La belleza abre el alma, prepara el corazón y conduce a la verdad. Cuando la Iglesia celebra la liturgia con reverencia y cuidado, se revela el mismo misterio: las personas se encuentran con Dios incluso antes de comprenderlo plenamente. Y entonces nos orientamos unos a otros para ver la belleza de Dios en cada persona creada a su imagen. La belleza se transforma entonces en acción al procurar cuidarnos unos a otros con reverencia, especialmente a los pobres.

Guadalupe no es solo historia. Es un Evangelio vivo que sigue revelando lo que necesitamos ver.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ¡ruega por nosotros!





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy;  
they will meet with joy and gladness,  
sorrow and mourning will flee. (Isa 35:10)

### Psalm:

Lord, come and save us. (Ps 146)  
OR  
Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Be patient, brothers and sisters,  
until the coming of the Lord. (Jas 5:7)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them in reply,  
"Go and tell John what you hear and see:  
the blind regain their sight,  
the lame walk,  
lepers are cleansed,  
the deaf hear,  
the dead are raised,  
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."  
(Mt 11:4-5)

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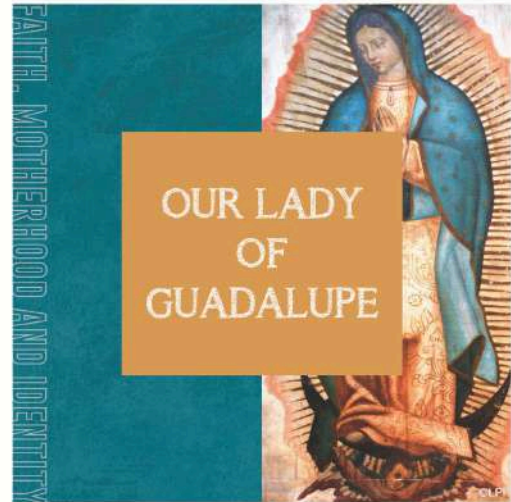
## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard,"  
Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he  
is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We  
have heard. We have seen. We must go and  
tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who  
do we think Jesus is?

## Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

**Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent

**Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico City in 1531. The Patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beloved symbol of faith, motherhood and identity. Her feast day is Dec. 12.

## Prayer for Advent - New Growth

Dear God,  
Bring new life! Your love creates  
and cultivates.  
Bring Your power into the places I  
think of as "deserts"  
and your grace to the prayers I  
fear may be "deserted."  
You can redeem and restore,  
bring a new song to my heart.  
Amen.

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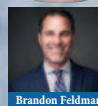
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