

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7000 35th Avenue SW , Seattle, Washington, 98126

December 20, 2015



“...Do not be afraid. Jesus is the Light who brightened the darkness.” ...Pope Francis

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday Mornings - 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekday Mass - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses - 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays - 4:15 to 5:00 PM (or by appointment through the Parish Office)

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From the Pastor's Desk

Celebrate Christmas

Wherever this Feast of Christmas takes you, extend a loving hand of peace toward all you meet. If you will be with our community for Christmas this year, extend a warm Christ-like welcome to our many visitors who will join us for our Liturgies.

Please note that we have added an earlier Christmas Eve Mass in order to see if we can better accommodate everyone. I truly look forward to celebrating this Christ event with you, your families and people you might invite. Help your church everywhere work for justice without which there can be no peace.

Remember, There Is Darkness During This Season Of Light

My 42 years in ministry has made me acutely aware that this season finds many people living with sadness, brokenness and illness. I am thinking of you who have lost loved ones since last Christmas, I am thinking of you who are going through divorce and separation for the first time this year. Let us be mindful that Christmas Season kindness can help lift the darkness. Help all of us be grateful for the blessings we have and the Light of the Gospel we are called to share.

Pre-Christmas Love!!

Thank you for your support of our Christmas Outreach programs. Gift Boxes of Joy, St. Vincent de Paul, The Giving Tree. I remember the quote over heard on a West Seattle bus, "Do you know where I could get help with food? Oh, yes, go to OLG, they help the poor." Indeed you do!! Thank you.

Christmas Time - More Than A Day!

Our Christmas time is a celebration of promises kept and promises fulfilled. During Advent, we hear prophets telling us "Good News is coming". During Christmas, we celebrate that Good News came when God stepped into our world in the Jesus Event. But, Christmas is not just for a day, it is a season of almost three weeks. After December 25th, we celebrate Holy Family, Holy Innocents, and The Solemnity of Mary on January 1st. Give yourself to experiencing Christmas for more than a day.

Fr. Jack

O Rising Sun of Justice
Birthing hope for a new dawn
Conceived by earth-rooted mother
Reflecting moon and stars -

In weakness and in glory
Unhesitant "Yes" to life
Toddling a human journey
Emptying oneself in simplicity -
Selfless unbounded love.

Beauty enfleshed
In gracious hospitality.
Flaming fire of Spirit
Warm shelter for our sojourning -
Refuge of healing mercy.

Creation groans in pangs of birth
Peace amid the turmoil
Joy amidst vulnerability
Hope without ending -
Tender Christmas embrace. . .

O loving caress of Shalom!

Prayer & Liturgy



Let Us Pray For...

We will hold our brothers and sisters, listed below, in prayer for a month. If you would like to have us pray beyond this month for anyone, please notify our parish office and we will keep their name on the list for the time that you have requested.

Pete Baum	Velda Handler	Joey Quiñones
Paulina Beard	Daniel Hansen	Georgette Sankey
Matthew Benoit	Aaron Hubert	Andre Sasonoff
Sis Blumer	Karen Kinner	Sharon Schellong
Thelma Bowman	James & Stacia Kratzer	Justin Shaw
Richard Brodrick	Joan Lewis	Dennis Simonson
Mike Burris	Carsten Maes	Donna Simonson
Sinead Anne Cadde	Dominic Marrese	John Sisson
Patricia Calhoun	Rocco Marrese	Evelyn Soros
Rosie Caton	Jenny Mattingly	Jake Steiner
Delores Chapmen	Pat McCarthy	Lennie Tague
Frank Coccia	Robert Mollerus	Leon Vielle
Alfred Cruz	Dene Napolitan	Nelly Villasenor
Mary Jane Daniels	Brianna Nelson	Ed Wagon
Jeanette Denfeld	Rae Nicklas	Doug Walker
Barbara Duchschere	Bertha Okrusch	Sandy Warren
Craig Duncan	Betty Pepin	Essie Weingerger
Jacque Fitzwater	Theresa Perales	Tanya Wright
Chris Hackett	John Plummer	Marge Zielaskowski
David Handler	Remedios Ponce	Mr. Broderick
	Pattie Quinn	

Let us also pray for those who have recently passed.

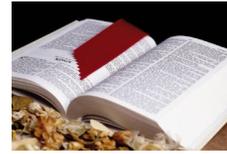
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Prayer Quilt Ministry

For the month of December, we continue to hold in prayer the following recipients who have received prayer quilts: Ana Maria Gil Karl, Hudson and Mason Langhams, and for the families of Konner House and Tony O'Keefe who recently passed.

The Making Of Our Jubilee Doors

It started out as a "Wouldn't it be cool if..." and it ended up as a work of art thanks to the creativity and hard work of Dave Fitton, Kelley McKenzie, and Mia Sazon. The images on the panels are replicas of the actual panels on the holy doors of St. Peter's Basilica! We are very grateful for their gifts and energy to help us celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. These doors will remain open throughout the year in a special place of prayer until the end of the Jubilee on November 20, 2016.



Scripture Readings

This Week

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Midnight Mass

Reading 1: Isaiah 9:1-6

Reading 2: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Next Week

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



Cultivating A Jubilee Year Of Mercy

This Week's Focus: OLG's Jubilee Doors

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we blessed our Jubilee Doors as we begin our pilgrimage journey during this Holy Year of Mercy. As Fr. Jack prayed during the blessing, "Brothers and sisters, let us begin this journey together - as a parish community, as families, and as people in the world, asking for God's grace and guidance. He is the way that leads us in the year of grace and mercy." You can learn more about the Jubilee Year and the many activities taking place at OLG by visiting our website.

BUSINESS OF THE WEEK

CatholicMatch

Washington

CatholicMatch.com/meetWA

For more information about "Prayer and Liturgy" go to www.olgseattle.org and click on the "Grow In Faith" tab.

Faith Formation



Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant

**Welcome all Shepherds, Angels and Stable Animals
to our Christmas Eve children's Mass!**

Our Lady of Guadalupe has a wonderful tradition of inviting all children who want to participate in our Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Thursday, December 24th at 3:00 p.m. Please note that this Mass has been moved up one hour from previous years so that we can accommodate all of the families and friends who want to attend. If your child wants to be part of this special tradition in our community, here is what they need to do:

1. Attend a mandatory rehearsal on Monday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the church. Costume assignments will be made at the rehearsal to give time to make sure children have what they want in terms of costume fittings and to help the children become familiar with the pageant format. Parents and guardians who want to volunteer to help organize the children on the 24th as well as sign up for snacks will be able to sign up on the 21st.
2. We will have a second rehearsal on December 24th at 2:00 p.m., which is also mandatory, so that we can give as much support to the children, enabling them to tell the greatest story every told in a prayerful and meaningful way. This is where we will need parent and guardian help. Please bring your children to the DeMazenod Room, lower level of the church.
3. Please note that any additional children who may come during the Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant Mass, and have not participated in the two required rehearsals, will have an opportunity to process into the church and be part of that experience only. They will not be part of this year's pageant program, as costumes and parts will have been assigned, but they would be welcome to participate in the Gospel pageant the following year. Often friends and relatives come to this event and it is our desire to welcome all children in our procession to the Crèche to share in the joy and excitement of this wonderful tradition.

If you should have any questions about our Christmas Eve Gospel Pageant Mass, please call Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext. 113 or email marionk@olgseattle.org.

Acts Of Love And Mercy Come In All Shapes And Sizes

A big heart felt thank you to our faith formation families who came together on Sunday, December 13th to make 50 paper white bulb planters for our homebound parishioners. We tied bows and special messages were made and placed on the planters to show our senior community that they are not forgotten. Many of the children shared such personal and heart felt messages on the tags and one senior who received her planter yesterday said, *"I do not get to see my grandchildren very often and to receive this from a child is so special"*.

Many of the families will be assisting in the distribution of these special planters of paper whites. This special and simple act of mercy is a reminder to us all that when we reach out to one another, we are able to spread the love of Christ to others in such a powerful way. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish!

Mark Your Calendars No Faith Formation Programs During Christmas Break!

Our Faith Formation programs will be taking a Christmas break which will also include our Little Lambs program during the following dates: Sunday, December 20th and Sunday, December 27th

We will resume our programs in January with our Family Faith Sunday program on January 3rd in the Walmesley Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Come join in this wonderful celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord. We invite all families to participate in activities that will help us all celebrate the gifts that we have been given by God, as well as the gifts that we want to share with one another in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Also mark you calendars that we will not have any Faith Formation programs, including Little Lambs, on January 17th honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. Thank you for the gift of your children to our Faith Formation programs.

O' Come let us adore Him,
O' Come let us adore Him,
O' Come let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!
Our Lady of Guadalupe Faith Formation Team

Thank You!

A big thank you to Cub Scout Troup Pack 284 for sharing their gift of time and talent to the residents at Bridge Park! Last Wednesday, they gathered with big smiles and sang Christmas carols from their hearts during their dinner hour. This was something the residents looked forward to and they greatly appreciated that the children, along with their families, took the time to share the spirit of the season in such a joyful way! This is becoming a traditional event at Bridge Park retirement home where over 26 Catholics, many from our community, reside.



Outreach Ministry

Day Of Service - Save The Date!

Mark your calendars - the 2016 Day of Service will be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2016**. This is an opportunity for the OLG community to participate in one of several service projects helping others in our community. Stay tuned for more details. If you have any questions, contact Karen Fitton at fitton-karen@gmail.com or Jennifer Ibach at jibach@olgseattle.org.

United Airlines Miles Needed For Volunteer Trip To Texas

Fr. Jack and parishioners from OLG are preparing for a service trip to McAllen, TX to help at the Humanitarian Respite Center run by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. The trip will take place in March and we are looking for donations of United Airlines miles to help volunteers offset the cost. Please consider helping us serve the families arriving at our border by donating 37, 5K-50K miles, the average "cost" of a ticket (smaller increments may also be donated). Donations needed by December 31st. For more information, contact Jennifer Ibach at 206-935-0358, Ext. 120 or jibach@olgseattle.org.

Christmas Eve Elves Needed

Last year, we surprised the women in our shelter by decorating their space before they arrived on Christmas Eve. If you would like to help us by sharing decorations, treats, food or presents or by coming to help decorate Christmas Eve morning, please contact the Parish Office at 206-935-0358 or parishoffice@olgseattle.org. Families are welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus was poor all His life. He was born in a "homeless shelter" (the stable), He and His parents became refugees in Egypt for an unknown number of years, as an itinerant preached He told His followers that He had "No place to lay His head." How can we be true followers of Christ without becoming "poor in spirit?" As the feast of Christmas approaches, let's pay special attention to those in our neighborhoods who are truly poor and give to them from our wealth, our comfort, our love. Who knows, we may find Christ there!

U.S. Bishops Urge Catholics To Welcome Syrians

Lately, the news has been filled with stories of war, violence and debates over refugees. Many are left wondering how to respond and what our faith has to say in these times. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has some good resources to consider. To learn more about the European Refugee Crisis and how the Church is responding, to go <http://www.crs.org/media-center/european-refugee-crisis-7-things-you-can-do-to-help>.

For more information on taking action through advocacy, visit: <http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/callalert/index.tt?alertid=68637626> and <http://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/current-issues/>. To learn more about the work and mission of the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services, <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>.



Home Ministries

If you or anyone you know is in need of the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**, the **Sacrament of Anointing**, or other Home Ministries, let us know by calling Marion Kari at 935-0358, ext. 113.

Prayers And Squares Quilt Ministry Needs Your Help!

Do you sew and have some time to devote to this wonderful ministry? If so, your talents and skills will be greatly appreciated. The growing need in our community for prayer quilts has been tremendous. Our Prayers and Squares Ministry is small and has a dedicated group of quilters. It does not matter if you have never made a quilt before as there will be lots of ways that you can use your abilities. This group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. If you are interested, please contact Marion Kari at 206-935-0358, Ext. 113 or by email at marionk@olgseattle.org.



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Transportation Options For Seniors Road To Independence

Here are a variety of transportation programs that assist seniors or persons with disabilities in our community.

- Volunteer Transportation

A team of over 600 volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to transport and accompany seniors 60 years and older to medical and other essential appointment - offering a ride and a helping hand. You can reach them at 206-448-5740 or 1-800-282-5815.

- Hyde Shuttles

Round-trip van transportation to hot lunches, senior centers, grocery shopping and other local errands for seniors 55 years of age and older and people with disabilities of all ages. You can reach them at 206-727-6262 or 1-800-415-3632.

- Community Travel Video Series

This program offers tips for getting around King County. This video series will help you learn how to ride the bus, pay for the bus and light rail, and use other ways to travel.

- King County Metro Access

This program offers paratransit services for people with disabilities who are not able to use regular public transportation. For more information call 206-263-3131.

- Hopelink

Hopelink provides a variety of mobility options, including Medicare transportation, DART service and travel training programs. For more information please call 425-869-6000.

An Advent Prayer by Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking light.
To you we say, Come Lord Jesus...
Amen



OLG Community

Christmas Flower Donations

It is that time of year to begin planning for our Christmas celebrations. The Arts and Environment Committee is hard at work creating another wonderful place for worship and prayer and your donations can help with this effort. Envelopes are in the pews. You can also make a donation at our parish website. Donations in honor or in memory of a loved one are also possible. Thank you for your generosity!

New On The Parish Website & Facebook Page

You can find a video link of Pope Francis opening the Holy Doors of St. Peter, along with photos of the blessing of our Jubilee Doors on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. www.olgseattle.org

New Year's Resolution Walk

Please mark your calendars for Friday, January 1, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for OLG's first annual New Year's Resolution Walk at the Peace Garden and Labyrinth. This will be a great opportunity to set an intention or two and use the labyrinth as a tool to set your intentions in motion. Hot chocolate and cider will be served. Stop by anytime to take a turn through the labyrinth as well as to visit the St. Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe areas of the garden for quiet reflection.

Catholic Community Services Weekend

Last weekend, we had a guest speak about how Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services provide care for our poorest and most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you to those of you who have already so generously made donations to CCS. Your gifts are used locally to provide essential services and programs for people desperately in need. As good stewards of your gifts, 92 cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Please visit their website at www.ccsww.org for more information or if you have not yet made a gift of support. Thank you.

Three Kings Party

Your family is invited to a child-centered Three Kings Party, Potluck and Food Drive on **Sunday, January 10th** from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the School Hall. In Mexico, Epiphany, or Three Kings Day/El Dia de los Tres Reyes Magos, is the day families celebrate the visit of the three kings from distant lands who welcomed the baby Jesus and His family with gifts and friendship. Parish and non-parish families are invited to share in an interfaith celebration that includes crafts, story-telling, games, and hopefully a visit from the Tres Reyes themselves! Please RSVP to Rebecca at rebeccajsaldana@gmail.com or 206-380-4684 with how many children and their ages, so the Three King's pack enough gifts for all. Rice, beans, hot chocolate, and la Rosca, the special bread eaten on this holiday will be provided. Please consider bringing an appetizer, salads or drinks, and a food item/canned food for St. Vincent de Paul.

OLG CYO Volleyball

Calling all kids who want to play OLG CYO volleyball. Registration begins December 1st for kids grades 4 through 8 - boys and girls. Registration will close January 14th and practices will start February 1st. If your child is interested, please contact Erin Pedras, CYO Board Member and volleyball liaison, at erinpedras@comcast.net before January 14th. She can give you all the information you need regarding the upcoming season. You can also check our website, www.olgseattle.org for more information.

OLG CYO Volleyball Coaches Needed

OLG CYO is looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming volleyball season for the following: 4th grade co-ed, 5th/6th grade boys, 7th grade girls and 7th/8th grade boys. If you are interested in being a coach, you must be compliant with the Archdiocesan guidelines for Safe Environment (i.e. current background check, abuse prevention policies read and signed and the Safe Environment training class). You must also have knowledge of the game of volleyball and be willing to attend coaches clinics that are provided by Seattle CYO Athletics to help further your skills as a coach. If interested, please contact Erin Pedras, CYO Board Member and volleyball liaison at erinpedras@comcast.net.

Parish Jubilee Potluck And Travelogue

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 17th** for a Jubilee Potluck following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Walmesley Center. In the spirit of a true potluck, you are invited to bring a dish that reflects your cultural or ethnic heritage, or is just your favorite!!! In addition, our recent pilgrims from the Holy Land will share their stories and adventures. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean up. Please contact Helen at 206-935-0358 if you can help.

**For "Community Events",
Please visit our website.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Mass with Christmas Pageant	3:00 PM
Family Mass	5:00 PM
Traditional Mass	10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

Traditional Mass	10:00 AM
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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1	10:00 AM
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

December 26-27	Regular Mass Schedule
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FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 2-3	Regular Mass Schedule
<i>*Family Faith Sunday</i>	<i>9:30-10:45 am, 11:00 Mass</i>





From The Pastoral Center

Stewardship Giving Made Easy Visit www.olgseattle.org

If you are looking for a more convenient way to make planned or additional financial contributions to support our parish ministries and programs, we encourage you to look at our electronic giving options. Visit our parish website to learn more. Go to www.olgseattle.org and click on the "Online Giving" button.

Have
Only
Positive
Expectations

Stewardship

A huge **thank you** to all who have made their 2016 financial commitment to OLG! We are only 36.11% away from our 1 million dollar pledge goal!! With **349** families participating so far, **\$638,933** in pledges and **20 days** left in December... keep up the good work! Every pledge makes a difference!

Consider a Donation to OLG from Your IRA

Individuals may begin taking distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) as early as age 59 1/2 but are required to begin taking them at age 70 1/2. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision, established under the Pension Protection Act, allows individuals who have reached age 70 1/2 to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their IRAs or ROTH IRAs without paying tax on it. Donors may receive no goods or services in return for their contributions, and must obtain written documentation of their contribution from each recipient charity.

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OLG School Happenings

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Fund Drive Donations - The Fund Drive is well underway, and thanks to our generous supporters, the 8th grade classroom will have new windows installed over Christmas Break! It will be a welcome change for our oldest students to return to a classroom that actually stays warm during the winter. We would love to be able to move forward with another classroom this year as well, but we need your help to do that. To date, we have raised \$77,000 but there is still a long way to go to reach our goal of \$100,000. In addition to helping the school, did you know that contributions to the Fund Drive are 100% tax deductible? As the end of the calendar year quickly approaches, it is a great time to get those last minute write offs! Make your donation today at bit.ly/MAKEMYOLGPAYMENT. OLG School is a wonderful



community of vibrant, involved families and parishioners coming together to build the next generation of leaders. We truly appreciate all that you do to make it such a creative and supportive community.

Advent Prayer Services - Students at OLG School have been participating in weekly advent Prayer services hosted by each grade. The children all gather in the hallway and are led in prayer by a class as the candles are lit. What a delightful way to embrace the season!