

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*

* *Livestreaming is available for those who are sick or homebound (or have other extenuating circumstances)*

Our Lady of Guadalupe

"A parish with open arms and caring hearts"

Our Mission Statement

"Our Lady of Guadalupe parish is a diverse, welcoming Catholic community rooted in West Seattle. Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather in prayer and live as disciples of Jesus Christ. United in our core value, we serve our community and care for all God's creation."

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"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

-Isaiah 9:1





Sharon's Christmas Prayer

She was five, sure of the facts,
and recited them with slow solemnity,
convinced every word was revelation.
She said...

they were so poor
they had only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat
and they went a long way from home
without getting lost.

The lady rode a donkey, the man walked,
and the baby was inside the lady.

They had to stay in a stable
with an ox and an ass (hee-hee)
but the Three Rich Men found them
because a star lited the roof.

Shepherds came and you could
pet the sheep but not feed them.

Then the baby was borned.

And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated to silver dollars.

The baby was God.

And she jumped in the air,
whirled round, dove into the sofa,
and buired her head under the cushion,
which is the only proper response
to the Good News of the Incarnation.

-- Fr. John Shea



We would like to take a moment to wish you a very blessed Christmas season and happy New Year. During this season, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love and Joy; We pray that all four of these would fill your life in every way this Christmas and beyond. It is such a blessing for us to work with you and we look forward to many new adventures in 2023!

You are always generous with your time, talent and treasure especially to those most in need and that continued during this Advent season. Your generosity provided:

- 92 "Shoeboxes of Joy" for Volunteer Chore Services
- 14 gifts for children at Sanislo Elementary School
- 130 gift cards for Santa Teresita parents/guardians to purchase gifts for their children
- 33 gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul
- 42 games, 10 ditty bags, 12 Seattle souvenirs, and 8 food baskets for the Seattle Seafarers Ministry



"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
-Matthew 25:40



LOOKING TO GET INVOLVED IN 2023?

YOUNG FAMILIES - Here at OLG we have a lot of families with children 5 years old and younger. With great joy we celebrate the baptisms of these children and welcome little ones and their parents/guardians into our community. We are currently building a YOUNG FAMILIES ministry with social gatherings for families to connect with one another, classes for parents/guardians to grow in sharing faith, and service projects for families. If you have little ones 5 years and younger, you are invited to join us! Contact: sarahr@olgseattle.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY - We all know the pandemic took a huge toll on our young people. This year, we are excited to offer a YOUTH MINISTRY that focuses on building community and friendship amongst our middle and high school students. Our party following Light Up the Night was a big success and we are looking forward to more game nights, social times, speakers addressing topics of concern, and service projects. All 7th and 8th grade students, and those in high school, are welcome to join us! Contact: sarahr@olgseattle.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - There are many opportunities throughout the year for adult Catholics to grow and deepen their faith. These include lecture series, bible studies, the Summer Film Festival, and various workshops on a variety of topics including liturgy, prayer & spirituality, social justice, and theology. Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org.

CARING FOR CREATION MINISTRY - In partnership with Holy Rosary Parish, this group helps to put our commitment to the environment into action by educating parishioners, sponsoring events, and working collaboratively with other groups to care for our "Common Home". Lucy, littleu1@aol.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Are Catholic men committed to making the community a better place. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. www.kofc.org.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - Our prayers for all our families for a blessed Christmas and holiday season. May this busy time also be a time of sharing the joy of Christmas and the many blessings of being a family. Thank you to our parents, guardians, and catechists for their commitment to the children's faith formation. It is exciting to see our programs growing again after the COVID closures. New families are always welcome. Contact Molly Berger mollyb@olgseattle.org or check out our page on the parish website <https://olgseattle.org/children-family-faith-formation->.

Sunday morning programs resume on Children's Small Faith Formation Groups. The **Lord's Lions preschool group will start January 22** during the 11:00 Mass! Registration will be available in January.

Making the most of our children's time out of school or during cold weather can be a challenge. Share ideas at our family idea sharing page <https://bit.ly/OLGFamilies>.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES - Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, and musicians help our community come together to pray and worship our loving God not only at our Sunday Masses, but also for other liturgies including our Communal Reconciliation Services and funerals.

LOOP THE 'LUPE - Is a fun-filled, 5K that features five laps of "ninja warrior" obstacles on a course the whole family can complete including mud-crawling, wall climbing, balance beams, tire agility and more! The "Loop" also offers a no-obstacle 5K run/walk, a Senior Saunter walk, and a 1K Youth Dash for kids 8 and under. You can also enjoy live music, food and a beer garden. Contact Michelle: michelles@olgseattle.org

OUTREACH MINISTRIES - Our parish is committed to working with all people in need, including those in our own parish community, in our High Point neighborhood, and in the world at large. This outreach takes many forms from charity and direct service to advocacy, education, and empowering solidarity. They include: Life, Peace & Justice Commission, Immigrant Ministry, Healing, Equity and Anti-Racism Team (HEART), Day of Service, Chicken Soup Brigade, The Welcome Table and Youth Migrant Project, and Homeless Care Kits. Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org.

MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES - Our trained and commissioned lay Eucharistic Ministers can become the arms that fully support people in our parish, including bringing Holy Communion to those who are sick and/or homebound, as well as to those recuperating in a hospital or rehabilitation facility. In addition, volunteers make prayer quilts to bring comfort and support to anyone in need and others who host funeral receptions for those who have lost loved ones. Contact Sr. Mary, srmmary@olgseattle.org

55+ FUNSTERS GROUP - You are never too old to have fun! Activities include Halloween potluck, day trips, and other social gatherings. Contact Dave and Judy, bernthill73@comcast.net



ST. VINCENT de PAUL MINISTRY - Provides practical financial assistance with utility bills, food, clothing, home goods, and rent as well as referrals and spiritual support to low-income neighbors through home visits. This ministry is open to all volunteers over the age of 18. Bob Bucci, bbooch@comcast.net

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Young adults (20-35+) come together for a variety of events ranging from social activities to service projects. They also gather on the third Saturday of each month after the 5:30 p.m. Mass to go out for food, drinks and fellowship. Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org to get on the email list.

YOUNG LADIES GRAND INSTITUTE - The Christian principles of charity and love define the YLI. The group gathers once a month for prayer and fellowship, and also engage in service projects within the parish and in the larger community. Arabella, arabellac@comcast.net



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

"LITTLE LAMB" CARE GIVERS - For our youngest parishioners (9 months-3 years) during the 11:00 am Mass while their parents/guardians attend Mass. This is a paid position. Contact Molly, mollyb@olgseattle.org

CAMERA OPERATORS - Are needed for our daily and weekend Masses. Time commitment would be once a week and/or as a sub. Training provided...it is simpler than you think! Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org

FACILITIES - We are looking to build a group of volunteers to help with facility needs around the campus. Do you have general fixit' skills? Like to paint? Willing to help with projects? If so please reach out to Michelle Scheving, michelles@olgseattle.org

KNITTING - This year, the knitting and crochet group provided **60 hats, 12 scarves, and 12 prayer shawls** to our neighbors in need. Some hats went to the Seattle Seafarers Center for their Christmas ditty bags. The other hats and all of the scarves are being put into the care kits that we distribute to our neighbors in need. The prayer shawls are given to those in hospice care at Providence Mt. St. Vincent. Contact velmaj@olgseattle.org

PRAYERS & SQUARES - Combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt which are then given to people who are experiencing difficult situations. Susanna, susannadolejsi@yahoo.com

LITURGY - As more people are returning to Mass, we need more altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org

FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE - A wonderful group of people who help families during a very difficult time. Volunteers are needed to help serve at and help co-coordinate the reception. We always receive so much more than we give, as the families are so grateful for this ministry. Contact Sandy, sandyp@olgseattle.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



TUESDAY EVENINGS, JANUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7 - Adult Confirmation Preparation Program - From 6:30-7:45 p.m. by Zoom and one Saturday morning retreat. Contact Helen, heleno@olgseattle.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 11:00 MASS - Lord's Lion Pre-School Classes Begins

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 11:00 MASS - Catholic Schools Mass & OLG School Open House

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - 1st Reconciliation Celebration

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 11:00 MASS - Confirmation Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 4 - OLG School Auction

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - Day of Service

APRIL 6—10 - Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - Multicultural Fair

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 5:30 MASS - 1st Communion Celebration

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 11:00 MASS - Multicultural Mass & Potluck

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd - Loop the 'Lupe at Walt Huntley Field

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - Fr. Kevin's 25th Ordination Anniversary

JULY 10-14 - Vacation Bible Camp, This year's theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light"





Thank You!

THANK YOU TO THE 198 GUADALUPE FAMILIES WHO HAVE RENEWED THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE PARISH IN 2023!

These parish families have pledged \$452,398 for parish ministries and operations in 2023. We are so grateful for your generous support.

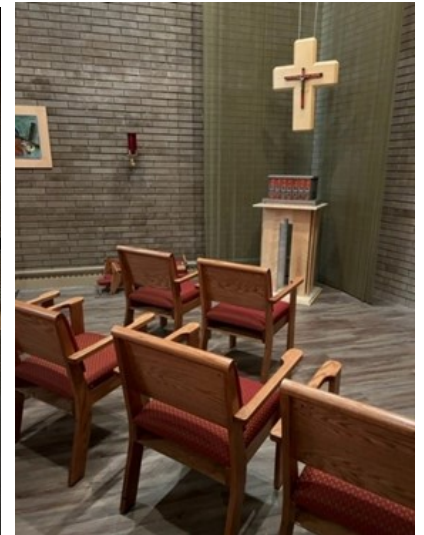
Unfortunately this year's response was about 50% (both in numbers and total amount) of last year, resulting in a projected revenue shortfall. If you have not yet participated we ask that you consider supporting OLG in the new year.

Pledge acknowledgment letter and end of year giving statements will be sent by mid-January. If you donate online please review your account [here](#) and update as necessary for the new year, including payment amount, frequency of giving, banking or credit card information, etc.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - PARISH PROJECTS

Thank you to all who supported the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2021 and 2022. Your generosity enabled us to fully fund the parish projects for both years.

New Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Tabernacle - If you haven't yet had a chance, please stop by the sacred space created for the Tabernacle. Thank you also to the 10 families that chose to sponsor a chair in memory of a loved one.



Increase Accessibility and Safety of the Church - This year our parish contributed **\$96,777** to the ACA. Our parish rebate was **\$26,322**, which allowed us to install handicap doors on the SW side of the church, maintenance of remaining doors and install security cameras.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

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NOTE: Please forgive any misspellings of names. We tried our best.



TO ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SPECIAL:

- Arts & Environment Committee
- Children, parents, guardians and catechists for our Christmas Pageant
- The Caceres Family for being our Holy Family this year
- Ann Sager, The Starry Crowns, choir members, cantors, soloists, and instrumentalists
- Sacristans, servers, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, and ushers
- Facility staff for setting up chairs, cleaning, and stocking restrooms

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To be counted as a tax deduction for 2022 your gift must be either received or postmarked by December 31st.
If the parish receives it after January 1st, the IRS says it is a 2023 tax deductible gift.

A huge thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2022

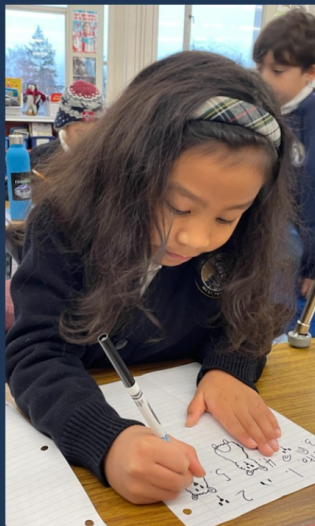
Merry Christmas

From Our Lady of Guadalupe
Catholic School

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School, we rejoice in the witnessing of small miracles everyday! Our students are inspired to achieve academic excellence, embrace the call to serve others, live Gospel values and grow as strong and compassionate leaders.

OLG is accepting applications for enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. We encourage families to consider OLG for your child's educational journey!

Thank you to our parish community for your continued support, prayers and volunteerism as we live out this mission. Blessings to all this Christmas season and in the year ahead.



Please Join Us!
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, Jan. 29th 10:00-1:00



Preschool - 8th Grade
www.Guadalupe-School.org

OLG Leadership

Parish Finance Council - The Finance Council is a consultative body that provides advice concerning the stewardship of fiscal resources. Current members are: *Maryann Crissey—Chair, Colleen Hardy, Dan Merlino, Mario Santos and Clem Zipp*

Parish Pastoral Council - The Pastoral Council is a consultative body that provides advice concerning pastoral issues including long-term planning, mission effectiveness, and creating a more united church.

Current members are: *Andrew Chin—Chair, Solita Argana, Mike Galang, Velma Jones, Nicole Monroe, Matt Prociv and Cindy Tewes*

School Commission - The School Commission is a consultative body that assists leadership in the areas of long term planning, policy development, finances, facilities and resource development.

Current members are: *Jason Howell—Chair, Cayley Crotty, Darrell Thomas, Seth Doyle, Mario Santos, and Justin Umagat*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & School acknowledges that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

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