



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sorrowful Mysteries for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch In a Season of Remembrance

In Memory of Our Dearly Departed & For Those Who Suffer Their Loss

The Diocese of Trenton dedicates the 2020 "Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch in a Season of Remembrance" to those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19 or any other illness or circumstance and to those who suffer their loss.

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"As we enter heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory."

~ Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen



The Sorrowful Mysteries of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rosary for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer: O our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, make intercession for Holy Church, especially for the penitent church in purgatory and for the families who grieve their loss. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father...

3 Hail Mary...

Glory be...

Fatima Prayer - O my Jesus, forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.



THE SORROWFUL ROSARY FOR THE FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony in the Garden

Scripture: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." (Mark 14:32-42)



Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Rosary, we beseech you, by the immense grief which your Divine Son Jesus felt in the garden, intercede for the souls in purgatory, and especially that soul which is most destitute of prayers and most lacking of earthly loved ones. Bring them to the glory of your Son, there to praise and bless Him forever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, for all those who awoke this morning to the loneliness of bereavement. Those who are living an unaccustomed quietness of a life now, thought to be, incomplete. That they may feel the warmth of the One who has already passed from death to life, for the very purpose of making it possible for their loved one to pass from death to life into God's Kingdom. Amen.

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Glory be...

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Second Sorrowful Mystery: The Scouring at the Pillar

Scripture: Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him. Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder. (Luke 23:13-19)



Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Heaven, you did suffer with Jesus his Passion, accepting the office of Mother of mankind at the foot of the Cross. Behold Mother the children in purgatory whom He commended to your care. Behold the souls ransomed with the Blood of the Son, shed in His cruel scourging. We beseech you now, intercede for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory into the Presence of your Son. Also, for those who mourn we pray, Our Lady of Guadalupe, that you may be the vessel God uses to bring them into His light. That through you they may know their God and know that He will never leave them or forsake them. That they may know that there will be beauty for ashes on the other side of this grief. Amen.

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Hail Mary...

Glory be...

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Third Sorrowful Mystery: The Crowning with Thorns

Scripture: Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. (Matthew 27:27-31)



Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Behold the just suffering in purgatory, who ask to be remembered by you. Mother of mankind, speak to thy Son on behalf of those we commend to you now, by the Precious Blood which your Son Jesus shed in His bitter crowning with thorns. That they may be speedily released from pain and admitted to Paradise. To the company of Jesus, all the angels and saints and you, our precious Mother. Our Lady of Guadalupe, to you we also entrust those who mourn. That they may know your promise to be with them in this day of trouble and your promise to hold them close in the fold of your mantle. That if they cannot find Our Lord in the darkness of this grief, you may lead them to Him. Amen.

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Glory be...

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Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: The Carrying of the Cross

Scripture: Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. 21 The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” (John 19:17-22)



Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, we beseech you, by the Precious Blood which your Divine Son Jesus shed through the streets of Jerusalem when He carried the cross upon His sacred shoulders. Intercede for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory so that on the throne of glory which awaits them, they may magnify Our Lord and bless Him forever. Our Lady of Guadalupe, help our brothers and sisters in Christ who mourn the loss of a loved one. Let them know that God's eye is upon them even in the midst of this suffering. That they may know that nothing is wasted in this life especially not a grief that is such a witness to love. Lead them into the beauty of lifesaving truth. Amen.

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Hail Mary...
Glory be...

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Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death

Scripture: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother* and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." There was a vessel filled with common wine. So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop and put it up to his mouth. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit. (John 19:25-30))



Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, we beseech you, by the Precious Blood, which your Divine Son shed upon the wood of the Cross from His most sacred hands and feet. Intercede for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory, especially those souls for which we are most bound to pray for. Overlook everything about us that may cause you to reject our plea and hinder your intercession on their behalf. Our Lady of Guadalupe, we also ask you to intercede for those who mourn. You, more than anyone knows the pain of loss. You know what it does to a human heart. Death and loss cut deep and without your intercession these lives will perish. Whisper in the hearts of those who hurt, Dearest Mother. Let them know the truth there is in hope and the certainty there is in God. Amen.

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be...

Fatima Prayer - O my Jesus, forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen

Concluding Prayers:

The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

All Pray: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, we may imitate the love that they contain and obtain the hope that they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



Litany to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Leader: Lord, have mercy on our dead. **All:** Especially those in dire need of your mercy

Leader: Christ, have mercy on our dead. **All:** Especially those in dire need of your mercy

Leader: Lord, have mercy on our dead **All:** Especially those in dire need of your mercy

Leader: Christ, hear us. **All:** Christ, graciously hear us.

V: God the Father of Heaven, **R:** Have mercy on us and on the holy souls of purgatory

V: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **R:** Have mercy on us and on the holy souls of purgatory

V: God the Holy Ghost, **R:** Have mercy on us and on the holy souls of purgatory

V: Holy Trinity, One God, **R:** Have mercy on us and on the holy souls of purgatory

V: Holy Mary of Guadalupe **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother of the Americas, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Star of Evangelization, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Perfect and Ever-Virgin, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother of the True God, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother worthy of honor and veneration, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother most merciful, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother of those who love thee and have confidence in thee, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother of those who cry to thee and search for thee, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who cures all our pains, miseries and sorrows, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who remedies and alleviates our sufferings, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who keeps us under her compassionate and merciful gaze, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who shows us help, love and compassion, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who chooses those who are humble and simple, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who graciously repays all who serve her, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who keeps us under her shadow and protection, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Mother who carries us in her embrace, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Holy Mary, Fountain of our joy, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Good St. Joseph, **R:** pray for our dead

V: St. Juan Diego, **R:** pray for our dead

V: All Angels and Saints, **R:** pray for our dead

V: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **R:** spare us O Lord.

V: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **R:** graciously hear us, O Lord.

V: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **R:** have mercy on us and on all the souls in purgatory.



The Memorare Of Our Lady Of Guadalupe

All Pray: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, that in thy celestial apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, thou didst promise to show thy compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting thee, seek thy help and call upon thee in their necessities and afflictions. Thou didst promise to listen to our supplications, to dry our tears and to give us consolation and relief. Never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Mary, ever Virgin Mother of the True God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins and the loss of our loved ones, we come to prostrate ourselves in thy august presence; certain that thou wilt deign to fulfill thy merciful promises. We are full of hope that, standing beneath thy shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us.

Thou hast decided to remain with us through thy admirable image, thou who art our Mother, our health and our life. Placing ourselves beneath thy maternal gaze and having recourse to thee in all our necessities, we need do nothing more. O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us⁷

Closing Prayer

Our Lady of Guadalupe, if those whose names I had in my heart during this time of prayer, have already passed on into heaven, then let my prayers go to those who have no one to pray for them and are in most need of your mercy.

Blessed souls, I have prayed for thee; I entreat thee, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me a miserable sinner, who is in danger of being damned, and losing God forever.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



Marian Songs for Before and/or after Rosaries

Guadalupe Hymn

You are the fountain of my life,
Under your shadow and in your
protection, I fear no evil, no pain, no
worries.

O Maria, O most merciful Mother,
Gentle virgin with the name
Guadalupe. On a mountain we find
roses in winter, All the world has been
touched by your love.

Here in the crossing of your arms,
Could there be anything else that I
need? Nothing discourage, nothing
depress me.

O Maria, O most merciful Mother,
Gentle virgin with the name
Guadalupe. On a mountain we find
roses in winter, All the world has been
touched by your love

You are the star of the ocean,
My boat is small and the waves are so
high. But with you to guide me, I'll reach
my homeland.

O Maria, O most merciful Mother,
Gentle virgin with the name
Guadalupe. On a mountain we find
roses in winter, All the world has been
touched by your love.

You are the dawn of a new day,
For you give birth to the Son of the
Father. All of my lifetime, I'll walk
beside you.

O Maria, O most merciful Mother,
Gentle virgin with the name
Guadalupe. On a mountain we find
roses in winter, All the world has been
touched by your love.

Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, thy praises we sing; Who reignest in splendor with
Jesus our King. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

In heaven, the blessed thy glory proclaim; On earth we, thy children,
invoke thy fair name. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for God's glory; may His kingdom come; We pray for His vicar,
our father, and Rome. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth, And bless, dearest Lady,
the land of our birth. Ave, ave, ave, Maria! Ave, ave, Maria!



Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

Blessed are you among women, blest
in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize will be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

EYES

Contain reflections of the scene with Juan Diego and the bishop that are visible only with modern technology

LOOSE HAIR

An Aztec sign of virginity

HANDS

United in prayer. The left appears to be a darker, native color, while the right appears lighter, representing the two races

46 STARS

Form the constellations that would have appeared in Mexico at the time of the apparition

BELT

A symbol of the Virgin's pregnancy with Jesus

RAYS

Symbolize the sun, an Aztec deity. They are brighter near her womb where she carries the child

MOON

Symbolizes the woman of Rev. 12:1 who has the "moon under her feet." The word "Metz-xic-co" means "in the center of the moon"

FLOWERS OF NAHUI OLLIN

The greatest symbol of the Nahuatl; represents the presence of God

ANGEL

Has feathered wings and is carrying Mary to the people. The angel's red robe represents the earth, while Mary has a mantle of heaven



Symbolism of the Image

The natural lifespan of a tilma made with fiber from the agave or maguey plant is only about 30 years. There is no scientific explanation for the 478 years of high quality-preservation of the Tilma or for the miracles that have occurred to ensure its preservation.

The miraculous image produced on the apron or tilma of Blessed Juan Diego is rich in symbolism. The aureole or **luminous light** surrounding the Lady is reminiscent of the “woman clothed with the sun” of Rev. 12:1. The light is also a sign of the power of God who has sanctified and blessed the one who appears. The rays of the sun would also be recognized by the native people as a symbol of their highest god, Huitzilopochtli. Thus, the lady comes forth hiding but not extinguishing the power of the sun. She is now going to announce the God who is greater than their sun god.

The Lady is standing upon the moon. Again, the symbolism is that of the woman of Rev. 12:1 who has the “moon under her feet”. The moon for the Meso-Americans was the god of the night. By standing on the moon, she shows that she is more powerful than the god of darkness. However, in Christian iconography the crescent moon under the Madonna's feet is usually a symbol of her perpetual virginity, and sometimes it can refer to her Immaculate Conception or Assumption.

The eyes of Our lady of Guadalupe are looking down with humility and compassion. This was a sign to the native people that she was not a god since in their iconography the gods stare straight ahead with their eyes wide open. We can only imagine how tenderly her eyes looked upon Blessed Juan Diego when she said: “Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief...Am I not here who am your Mother?”

The angel supporting the Lady testifies to her royalty. To the Meso-American Indians only kings, queens and other dignitaries would be carried on the shoulders of someone. The angel is transporting the Lady to the people as a sign that a new age has come.

The mantle of the Lady is blue-green or turquoise. To the native people, this was the color of the gods and of royalty. It was also the color of the natural forces of life and fecundity. In Christian art, blue is symbolic of eternity and immortality. In Judaism, it was the color of the robe of the high priest. The limbus or gold border of her mantle is another sign of nobility.

The stars on the Lady's mantle shows that she comes from heaven. She comes as the Queen of Heaven but with the eyes of a humble and loving mother. The stars also are a sign of the supernatural character of the image. The research of Fr. Mario Rojas Sánchez and Dr. Juan Homero Hernández Illescas of Mexico (published in 1983) shows that the stars on the Lady's mantle in the image are exactly as the stars of the winter solstice appeared before dawn on the morning of December 12, 1531.

The color of the Madonna's dress is rose or pale-red. Some have interpreted this as the color of dawn symbolizing the beginning of a new era. Others point to the red as a sign of martyrdom for the faith and divine love.

The gold-encircled cross brooch under the neck of the Lady's robe is a symbol of sanctity.

The girdle or bow around her waist is a sign of her virginity, but it also has several other meanings. The bow appears as a four-petaled flower. To the native Indians this was the nahui ollin, the flower of the sun, a symbol of plenitude. The cross-shaped flower was also connected with the cross-sticks which produce fire. For them, this was the symbol of fecundity and new life. The high position of the bow and the slight swelling of the abdomen show that the Lady is “with child”. According to Dr. Carlos Fernández Del Castillo, a leading Mexican obstetrician, the Lady appears almost ready to give birth with the infant head down resting vertically. This would further solidify her identification with the woman of Rev. 12 who is about to give birth.





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