



Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of Mary's most well-known titles. On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill (now México City). Three days later, on December 12, Juan Diego received a miraculous sign from the Virgin Mary. On this same day, centuries later, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Marian title of Our Lady of Guadalupe comes from the sixteenth-century apparition of Mary to an indigenous, poor man by the name of Juan Diego. According to the Vatican News, we know the story of this Marian apparition by way of the scholar Antonio Valeriano, who wrote it in the same native language as Juan Diego, Nahuatl (an Aztec language). On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill, encouraging him to go to his bishop, Fr. Juan de Zumárraga, to ask him to build a chapel in the very place of her appearance. Bishop Zumárraga didn't believe Juan Diego, asking for proof that Mary had appeared to him.

So Juan Diego journeyed back to Tepeyac Hill, and Mary appeared to him again. She told him to gather a bouquet, even though it was winter, and present them to the bishop. Holding the flowers in his tilma (cloak), Juan Diego returned to Bishop Zumárraga.

"When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognised them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico. What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself."

The original tilma can be found in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, built atop the very same hill where Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was canonized in 2002. Today, the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from St. Juan Diego's tilma is found in art and churches worldwide.

St. (Pope) John Paul II was the first pope to make an official papal visit to México. In January 1979, he made his first trip foreign trip as pope to the Dominican Republic, México, and the Bahamas. Then the Cathedral of México City (which became a basilica after his visit), St. (Pope) John Paul II said Mass and prayed before the tilma of St. Juan Diego. In the homily, he prayed, May the faithful Virgin, the Mother of Guadalupe, from whom we learn to know God's plan, his promise and his covenant, help us with her intercession to strengthen this commitment and to carry it out until the end of our lives, until the day when the voice of the Lord will say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your master." (Mt 25:21-23.)

St. (Pope) John Paul II returned to México City – and the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe – three more times during his papacy. In 1990, he beatified Juan Diego, and in 2002, he canonized him as St. Juan Diego.

On July 31, 2002, St. (Pope) John Paul II canonized St. Juan Diego at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was built atop the same place – Tepeyac Hill, where Mary appeared to the poor Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. This made Juan Diego the first indigenous saint of the American continent. In the canonization Mass, St. (Pope) John Paul II said,

"With deep joy I have come on pilgrimage to this Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Marian heart of Mexico and of America, to proclaim the holiness of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, the simple, humble Indian who contemplated the sweet and serene face of Our Lady of Tepeyac, so dear to the people of Mexico."

SFOA Mass December 12, 2023 - 7PM.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

The Offertory totals for the week of Nov. 20 - 26, 2023:

Masses	\$ 11,872.60
Online	\$ 6,657.50
Mail/Drop	\$ 345.00
OLPH	\$ 84.00
1st Collection	\$ 18,959.10
Villages	\$ 90.00
CCHD	\$ 83.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 7,892.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,383.00
St. Francis Fund	\$ 20.00
All Souls	\$ 40.00
All Saints	\$ 10.00
2nd Collection	\$ 9,508.00

1st & 2nd Collection \$ 28,467.10

***Thank you in advance
for your generous
giving.***



You may not be here every Sunday, but your generous contributions are needed to help cover our regular operating expenses. We invite you to sign up for automated recurring offertory contributions. To do so, choose any one of the simple and convenient giving options. Simply go to www.sfoasj.com on any device and click on the [Online Giving](#) button.

Or Scan this QR Code with your mobile device.

Or Text "Give" to 408-479-5858 on your phone

Or If you would like an account to be created for you, please contact our Parish Business/Operations Manager Victor Espinoza at 408-223-1770, ext. 302. Get started today and ensure that your generous contributions are received even if you are not here. It's quick, easy, and convenient!



Monday, Dec 11
Patricia A. Stanley+
Will Martin+
Victor Franco Borlaza+

Tuesday, Dec 12
Bill Madden+
Noah Robertson (bday)
David Pham+ & Ty Pham+
Deacons Sal Alvarez & Vicente Perez

Bryan Demare(Bday)
Wednesday, Dec 13

Cerila Llagast+
Louis Pragasam+
Pepito Medina+

Thursday, Dec 14

Bonnie Lott+
Lois Martins+

Danilo B. Abarro+ (Repose of Soul)

Friday, Dec 15

Ariel da Silva (Birthday)
Ange & Berthe Aclinou+
Juanita Pagatpatan+

Saturday, Dec 16

Evelyn Gaviola (Birthday)
Maria Teresa Han+
Carol B. Ayonon+

Saturday/Sunday, December 17, 2023

4PM

Richard Martinez+
Angelita Ilagan+
Antone Cincotta+

5:30PM

Teresa Pauline Nguyen+

Sunday 8AM Chapel

Thelma Rodin+
Olympia Dato+

Laura Nitro & Family (Thanksgiving)

8:15 Villages

10AM Chapel

John Bui+, David & Ty Pham+

Jane & James Branham+

Mareli Casimiro (Bday)

For the People of the Parish

12PM Chapel

Cynthia Dizon+
Eva Lansang+

Sylvia Alvarez (Birthday)

Michael & Michelle Le+

Anna Ky Thanh+

Jaime Caricungan+

Trinity Marie L. Cruz-Hernandez

2PM Chapel (Spanish)

George Rossy (Health/Recovery)

4PM Chapel (Vietnamese)

Peter Hong Nguyen+

Teresa Moi Vy+

6PM Chapel

Anna Roa & Esther Legazpi+ (Anniversaries)

Franco Borlaza+

Mario Guevara+ & Luz (Bday 3rd Dec)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ♦ **Daily Rosary and Prayer**
8:00AM, Chapel
- ♦ **Adoration**, First Friday of month, 9:30AM-5:00PM, Chapel
- ♦ **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
Wednesdays, Chapel
Rosary/Novena/Mass 6:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturdays, 11am - 12pm, Chapel

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Crisis Mental Health Services
988

Suicide Hotlines

Santa Clara County 855-278-4204

Text Line: 741741

(Text "BAY" for Crisis Support in Bay Area)

California Youth Crisis

800-843-5200

Santa Clara County Emergency

Psychiatric Service (EPS)

485-885-6100

NAMI Warm Line

(open Mon-Fri, 10AM-6PM)

408-453-0400

The Peace Prayer of St. Francis



Lord, make me an
instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we
are born to Eternal Life.

AWESOME TIDBITS FROM FR. REY

.....to our Building & Grounds

Committee for planning and organizing the re-carpeting and re-flooring of our chapel. Also, to Conklin Brothers, for making our chapel look even better, and conducive to prayer and moments for silent reflection. You are all awesome!

...to all of YOU (parishioners), for your generosity, and understanding. The re-carpeting and re-flooring of our chapel would not have been possible without your generous contribution and support. You are all awesome ! Please be assured of my prayers to you and your families.

...to the staffs and volunteers of the Christmas Tree Lighting

Leslie, Ranilo, Youth Ministry, Girlie, Chad, Tim, Oscar, Roselle, Sonia, Tran, the building and grounds committee. Thank you for making the event awesome and memorable. You rock!

ADORATION & CONFESSION.

As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we will have an opportunity for Confession. Our Advent Reconciliation is scheduled within the context of the Adoration, which provides us a quiet, sacred time before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be on December 14, Thursday from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During this time, Fathers Lieu, . Robain, myself and invited priests will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You and your family may come in any time at your convenience for either Adoration or Confessions or both and leave at any time.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE.

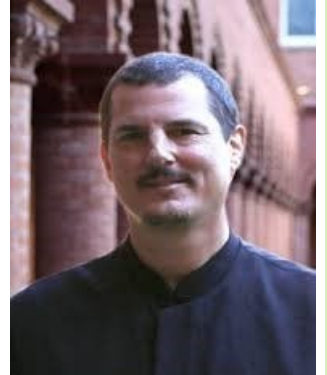
Please mark your calendars. As one community of faith, I invite you to our upcoming Advent & Christmas events and Masses.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION.

The Birth of the Messiah: An Advent Meditation and Bible Study on Luke

1-2. I invite you and your family on December 13, Wednesday at 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm at the Sandersfeld Hall.

Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD, a local Byzantine rite Catholic priest, lecturer in Sacred Scripture and Biblical Languages at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, and pastor of St. Elias Melkite Catholic Mission will lead the recollection. Sign-up sheet is available after each Mass this weekend, and weekday Masses. Don't forget to bring your Bible ☒



16-17 December 2023 Third Sunday Of Advent Saturday (Anticipated)

4:00p.m. - Fr. Robain
(Simbang Gabi)

5:30p.m. - Fr. Lieu Vu (Vietnamese)

Sunday

8:00 am – Msgr. Mitchell

8:15 am - Fr. Robain (The Villages)

10:00 am – Fr. Rey

12:00 pm – Fr. Robain (Dcn. Sunny)

2:00 pm – Msgr. Gene (Spanish)

4:00 pm – Fr. Lieu Vu (Vietnamese)

6:00 pm – Fr. Lieu Vu (Assist. Dcn. Joe)
(Simbang Gabi)



Mass Intentions for 2024 are now open.

We understand how important it is to have Mass intentions for your loved ones and would like to accommodate all if possible. We are limited to 3 per Mass. Please plan your Mass intentions in advance if possible (Birthdays, anniversaries, death anniversaries). Our Mass Intention calendar is open through **June 30, 2024.**



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH MEMORIAL GARDEN
"It is in dying that we are born to eternal life"

- St. Francis of Assisi

The Memorial Garden is a place for the cremated remains of those who have gone before us, and to memorialize others who have died but are buried elsewhere. The Garden, it is a quiet space in which you can pray, reflect, and remember. We also honor the four periods and peoples of the history of Evergreen: the Ohlone Native Peoples, the Spanish and Mexican settlers, the ranchers and vintners, and those who have developed the land and reside here now. If you would like information about the Memorial Garden, please contact **Claudia Bernaga (Monday-Wednesday 9AM-4PM, Thursday-Friday, 9AM-1PM)** to schedule an appointment at claudia.bernaga@dsj.org, or 408.223.1770, ext. 102.

PAVING STONES

Also part of the Memorial Garden are paving stones and the Stations of the Cross. If you wish to fill out an order form for the paving stones, you can download the order form (<https://www.sfoasj.com/paving-stones-order-form>) and mail it or drop it by the office.

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PLEASE CONTACT OUR
PARISH BUSINESS &
OPERATIONS
MANAGER VICTOR
ESPINOZA AT
408-223-1770
EXT. 302

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR MORNING FAITH SHARING EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 AM IN THE PARISH OFFICE

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

We all have a story to tell, especially of how God has been and continues to work in our lives, sometimes without our even knowing it. You are welcome to share those stories in a small group and in a confidential setting as we reflect on how scripture speaks to us through our own life experiences. It might be a memory of a time when God touched us, it might be a challenge with which we are dealing in the present moment.

Sharing stories helps us deepen our own personal faith, and hearing others' stories of God's presence in their lives brings us into deeper relationship with each other and with God.

For more information, please contact **Lerma Simpson at (408) 223-1770 ext. 316 or at lerma.simpson@dsj.org**



The parish gift shop is seeking volunteers who can assist with sales one Fridays and or Sundays. Do you have retail experience? Would you like to gain retail experience? Training will be provided to all. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to help our parish for a couple of hours per week. Come join our wonderful team of volunteers and help to serve our community!

To join our team or for additional

information contact: The Office
408-223-1562

Buscamos Voluntarios

La tiendita de artículos religiosos de la parroquia busca voluntarios para ayudar a vender después de la misa de 2:00 pm por una hora en un domingo por mes. No se necesita experiencia, se ofrecerá entrenamiento. Para más información en español o para apuntarse, puede llamar a la oficina de la parroquia 408-223-1562

PRAYER REQUEST
WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



We also Pray for...

Those who suffer in silence

Those with cancer

The who have no one to pray for them

Graduating classes of 2024

Those beginning new journeys

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTS READINGS

TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading II:

2 Peter 3:8 - 14

Gospel:

Mark 1:1 - 8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading I:

Isaiah 61:1 - 2A, 10 - 11

Reading II:

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24

Gospel:

John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28



LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
is hosted by
Legion of Mary
every Wednesday
in the Chapel,
with a
Rosary/Novena at 6:30PM followed
by Mass.

Faith Formation Dates to Remember:

JOY (and first year preparation for children's (sacraments)

December 24/25 Christmas Eve/Day

– Holy Day of Obligation

January 7 sessions (Attend your assigned session time) High

School students attend JOY through IGNITE

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

First Communion Second Year Preparation

December 10 sessions

(Attend your assigned session time)

December 24/25 Christmas Eve/Day

– Holy Day of Obligation

Youth Confirmation Second Year Preparation

– **sessions 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Evergreen Rooms**

December 24/25 Christmas Eve/Day

– Holy Day of Obligation

January 9 session

Adult Confirmation

– **sessions 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the parish office**

December 24/25 Christmas Eve/Day

– Holy Day of Obligation

January 7 session

OCIA (ADULTS) – sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the parish office

December 10 Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

December 17

OCIA (CHILDREN/YOUTH) Second Year Preparation

– **sessions 10:00 AM to 11:30 PM in the parish office**

December 10 Attend 10:00 AM Mass for dismissal to the session

January 7 Attend your assigned JOY session time

High School students attend JOY through IGNITE

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Middle School ECHO – meet in the Gathering Hall 6:00 to 8:00 PM

December 15-29 Christmas Break

High School IGNITE – meet in the Gathering Hall 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

January 7 session

Dear Parishioners,

Bulletin sponsorships are essential to our parish's communication efforts. When a company chooses to advertise in our church bulletin, they are not only promoting their business to our parish community, but also making a financial sponsorship to help offset the cost of printing this weekly publication. The parish bulletin is the main source of communication our parish has to get information out to parishioners on a regular basis. The cost of producing a publication like this each week would certainly be a financial hardship if it wasn't for this sponsorship program. We are so very grateful for the generosity of our bulletin sponsors. **Victor Espinoza (Business & Operations Manager) (408)223-1770 Ext. 302**

Parish Bulletin

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Weekend Assistance Needed

"We are looking for volunteer to assist our music director in setting up the parish laptop, screens and projectors for weekend liturgies. If you are tech-savvy and interested in getting involved, please contact Leslie in the parish office.

Thank you!"

As we begin the Advent season, I would like to encourage our parish families to celebrate the liturgical year at home. Faith practices are essential for family Catholic identity. Make memories and traditions that will last a lifetime and for the faith of your family. Here are three steps to prepare for the season of Advent:

1. Set up a place to pray together in your home, the kitchen or dining room table, a table in a corner, on top of a bookshelf or mantle.
2. Use a symbol of Advent such as an advent wreath. Place it on colored prayer cloth that reflects the season - Advent uses purple or blue. Catholic Icing has some wonderful templates of Advent wreaths that even our youngest family members can create (with your help, of course!). Here is the link for Catholic Icing's Advent wreath templates: [Advent Wreath Crafts For Kids \(The Ultimate List!\) \(catholicicing.com\)](http://catholicicing.com).
3. Choose a time that the family can gather regularly in the evening or morning or at a meal. You can even say a prayer each time your family lights an Advent candle.

Other Advent traditions that help us to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus are

- the Advent Calendar, which helps children build up their anticipation and excitement for Christmas. Here is a website for a DIY Advent calendar that you and your children can make together: [Easiest DIY Advent Calendar 2023 | Dynamic Catholic](http://EasiestDIYAdventCalendar2023.com). Children who are registered in our JOY and sacrament preparation programs will receive one to take home.
- Since it's a season of reflection, prayers like an Advent novena or the O'Antiphons are a great additional for a family or individual's prayer routine. A popular O'Antiphon is "O Come, O Come Emmanuel. You can search YouTube for various children's versions to which your family can sing along.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULES

Vigil of Christmas

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm: 5:00 pm Masses (The Villages)

6:00 pm Mass (Vietnamese)

8:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)

11:30 pm (Lessons & Carols)

12 midnight Mass

Nativity of Jesus (Christmas Day) Masses

Monday, December 25th

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 noon

4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

Solemnity of Mary

The Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am (Rosary for Peace)

9:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass (Vietnamese)

Advent Schedules

Christmas Tree Lighting & Sweepstakes Raffle Draw

Saturday, December 2nd

6:45 pm Hospitality/Gathering Space

The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7th Vigil Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, December 8th Masses

8:30; 10:30 am

5:00 pm (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm (Bilingual)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00 pm

Simbang Gabi (Advent Novena-Masses)

December 15, 18 - 22, 7:00 pm

December 16th, & 23rd, 4:00 pm

December 17th, 6:00 pm

Advent Recollection

Wednesday, December 13th, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Sandersfeld Hall

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Thursday, December 14th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Chapel

4th Sunday of Advent Masses

8:15 am (*The Villages*)

10:00 am, 12 noon (*Chapel*)