

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

OVER A CENTURY OF CATHOLIC PRESENCE



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way
of the Lord."
- Mk 1:3

2^º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Preparen el camino
del Señor, enderecen
sus senderos".
- Mc 1,3

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MISSION STATEMENT

"IN SINCERE GRATITUDE AND WITH GRACE IN OUR HEARTS, ST. JOSEPH PARISH CALLS GOD OUR ONE FATHER. HIS LIFE IS SHOWN TO US THROUGH JESUS AS HIS SON AND OUR SAVIOR. IN THE SPIRIT OF THAT SAME DIVINE LIFE WE REMEMBER, PROFESS AND PRACTICE AS A FAMILY OF BELIEVERS SO THAT THE GOSPEL MAY BE LIGHT AND LEAVEN TO OUR WORLD."

Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon - Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef - Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sean G. Winters - In Residence
Deacon George Kimball - Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ramon Torres - Permanent Deacon
Deacon Vidal Gonzalez - Permanent Deacon
Ms. Joanne McKnight - Principal
Mrs. Marcelle Doherty - Director of Religious Education/Pastoral Assistant

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 10, 2023



Carta del Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

On this Second Sunday in Advent, please see below the extra times scheduled for confessions over the next two weeks before Christmas.

The blessing of forgiveness prepares us to joyfully welcome our Lord in His birth.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Diocesan Patroness, will be celebrated on Monday, December 11, with Mass at 7:00 p.m. and Mariachi music. After Mass, please join everyone in the church hall for Fellowship of typical treats and 'las mananitas'. Thank you to our Hispanic ministry committee and all others for their the donations.

Next Sunday, December 17, will include a blessing at all Masses for those who serve in our parish in works of charity, catechesis, prayer and fellowship. May this season of joy help each participant know how much they mean to our parish family.

Please remember the bi-lingual Mass for Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 24 is at 5 p.m. Our children will present the Christmas Story prior to the start of Mass and our youth from the school and PREP will play xylophones and bells during Mass.

The Christmas Eve night Mass will start at 10:00 p.m. God bless you all,

Msgr. John

Querida familia parroquial:

En este segundo domingo de Adviento, por favor vea a continuación los tiempos adicionales programados para las confesiones durante las próximas dos semanas antes de Navidad.

La bendición del perdón nos prepara para acoger con alegría a nuestro Señor en su nacimiento.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, nuestra Patrona Diocesana, será celebrada el lunes 11 de diciembre con Misa a las 7:00 p.m. y música de mariachi. Después de la misa, únase a todos en el salón de la iglesia para disfrutar de la comunión de golosinas típicas y 'las mañanitas'. Gracias a nuestro comité del ministerio hispano y a todos los demás por sus donaciones. El próximo domingo, 17 de diciembre, se incluirá una bendición en todas las Misas para aquellos que sirven en nuestra parroquia en obras de caridad, catequesis, oración y compañerismo. Que esta temporada de alegría ayude a cada participante a saber lo mucho que significan para nuestra familia parroquial.

Recuerde que la Misa bilingüe para la víspera de Navidad el domingo 24 de diciembre es a las 5 p.m. Nuestros niños presentarán el Cuento de Navidad antes del comienzo de la Misa y nuestros jóvenes de la escuela y PREP tocarán xilófonos y campanas durante la Misa.

La misa de la noche de Nochebuena comenzará a las 10:00 p.m.

Dios los bendiga a todos,

Mons. John

SACRAMENTS

Baptism (English): The second Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Baptism (Spanish): The first Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m.
Please arrange for the obligatory preparation session by calling the Parish Office.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The Holy Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick are available to the sick and shut-ins upon request.

First Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation: Children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their family life, to worship regularly at Sunday Mass, and to receive ongoing Religious Education in the years preceding the reception of these sacraments.

Matrimony: To allow ample time for preparation, please contact the Parish Office at least one year before the intended wedding date.

Holy Orders or Religious Life: If you are considering serving God as a Priest, Deacon or Religious, you may contact your Parish Priest or Deacon; or phone the Office of Vocations at 732-562-2457 for additional information.

MASS SCHEDULE

5:00 PM (Saturday evening Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Monday to Friday: 8:00 AM; Saturday: 8:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM - Spanish Mass
St. Peregrine Mass for the Sick
Second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM

Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

MAILING ADDRESS

Parish	School
7 Locust Street	865 Roosevelt Avenue
Carteret, NJ 07008	Carteret, NJ 07008

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Parish Office	732-541-8946
Parish Office Fax	732-541-0500
Religious Education	732-969-8767
School	732-541-7111
St. Vincent de Paul Society	732-541-8946 x108

PARISH SERVICES

Parish Registration: New parishioners are welcome. Please call the parish office to register. Please inform us if you move.

R.C.I.A.: Adults inquiring about the Catholic Church with a desire to become Catholic are invited to call the parish office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Parish Organizations: Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Ministry to the Sick & Elderly, RCIA Team, Food Pantry, Hispanic Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home School Association, Athletic Association, and Catechetical Instruction.

Sponsorship: To act as a Godparent for Baptism or sponsor for Confirmation, the sponsor must be a baptized Catholic, Confirmed, received Communion, and live a morally good life; if married, done so within church law. Ordinarily the sponsor must be at least 14 years old.

WEBSITE:
sjps.net

EMAIL:
stjosephparishcarteret@sjps.net



2023 Holiday Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

4:30 p.m. Children's Nativity Presentation

5:00 p.m. Family Mass PREP,

9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols

10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Monday, December 25th, 2023

10:30 a.m. English Mass

12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEARS DAY

Monday, January 1st, 2023

10:30 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Bilingual



Thank you for another successful gift card collection this year! Your generosity helped make over 168 children's wishes come true. We couldn't do it without you! We are happy to announce that gift cards and \$2,490.00 in donations were collected. We hope you and your family have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



COMING SOON

ZUMBA

Zumba is coming to St Joseph Parish. Starting January 3rd, 2024 we will have Zumba Classes on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm at the Church hall.

Cost: \$10 per person

Ages: 12 and over

Please note: Minors must be accompanied by an adult
For more information please contact Johanna at joperez1575@yahoo.com or 201 282 9023



Advent Enrichment

Our Parish will have Advent Enrichment each Saturday afternoon during December, Beginning with 4pm Exposition adoration of Blessed Sacrament with a message from Guest Clergy who will then celebrate & Preach 5pm Parish Mass.

Please try and Attend

- ◆ December 16th Guest Clergy **Rev. Jeffery Calia**
(Pastor Holy Trinity Parish Bridgewater)

New crocheters or experienced crocheters

Please join us at the Knights of Columbus Hall

164 High Street, Carteret

Third Tuesday of the month

Time: 1:00 - 2:30pm



Questions -- Contact Bernadette Gilligan 732-541-9692



If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining us. You can scan the code below and be welcomed to the Order. Any men out there who are over 18 years old, please think about it.

For more information contact Grand Knight Joseph M. Orosz, at 908-313-1410.

SCAN THE CODE AND JOIN Specify Council: 1280

FOR ENGLISH www.KofC.org/JoinUs **PARA ESPANOL**



Knights of Columbus



ITALY PILGRIMAGE



Holy Year Holy Doors Italy Pilgrimage

Msgr. John Gordon

December 7-11, 2024-5 Days

\$2,499.00 from Newark

For more information contract the Parish office at (732) 541- 8946

or email: pjuanla@aol.com



Saint Joseph School

PreK-3 and PreK-4 through 8th Grade

A Place to Believe, Achieve, Serve & Succeed

What Makes Saint Joseph School Stand Out



- ✓ Catholic Faith Based Education
- ✓ Robotics & Coding Program
- ✓ Enriched Student Life
- ✓ Student Collaboration
- ✓ IXL & STREAM
- ✓ Rigorous Academic Program
- ✓ Eagles Before and After Care program
- ✓ Fine Arts
- ✓ Athletic Program
- ✓ FLEX Program

Become A Part Of Our School Family
Please Visit the following link to register:

<https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration>

Forme en parte de nuestra familia Escolar
Por favor visite el siguiente enlace para registrarse:
<https://saintjosephschoolcarteret.net/2023-2024registration>

Regístrate ahora 2023-2024

Llama al (732) 541-7111 y Programa un Visita



Calendar Raffle Tickets

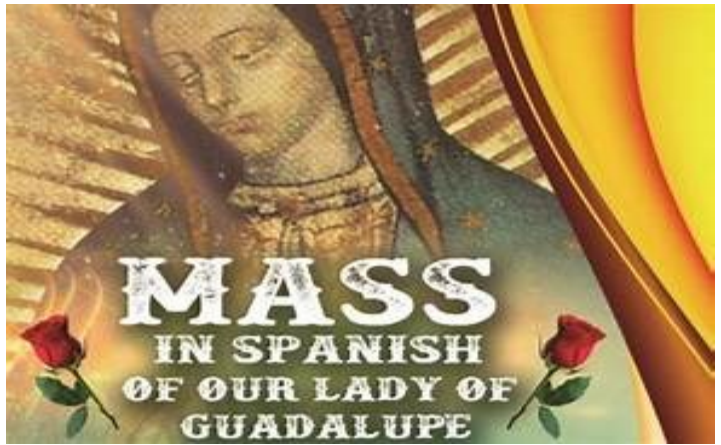
Saint Joseph Parish School is selling tickets for its Annual Calendar Raffle. Each ticket costs \$20.00 and you get up to 10 chances of winning \$400.00. Don't miss your chance to be a winner. Each family has a chance to purchase tickets after Mass or contact the parish office at 732 541 8946. Thanks in advance for your support. All proceeds go to fund Saint Joseph School Improvements.



St Joseph Life Care Center

Saint Joseph Parish Life Care Center is open. It is located at 55 High Street.

The Life Care Center is a non-profit information center for moms to be. The Life Care Center provides compassionate Pro-Life support to women and men faced with pregnancy decisions. Pregnancy isn't always expected and can often come at a difficult time; that's where our pregnancy centers comes in. With our center you can trust that you'll only receive accurate Pro-Life information, pregnancy and material resources and confidential services, without charge. Our Hours are Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 9a.m. -12p.m. For more information call 732 541 8946.



La Misa Especial de *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*

será el 11 de diciembre a las
7pm con Mariachis.

Después de la misa tendremos un
compartimiento en el salón de la iglesia.

Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Virgen de Guadalupe,
 Patrona de los niños por nacer, te imploramos tu
 intercesión para cada niño en riesgo de ser abortado.
 Ayuda a los padres que esperan un hijo para que acojan el
 invaluable don de Dios de la vida de su hijo.
 Consuela a los padres que han perdido ese don a causa del
 aborto, y guíalos hacia el perdón y la sanación
 por intercesión de la Divina Misericordia de tu Hijo.
 Ayúdanos a apreciar y a cuidar a familiares y amigos
 hasta que Dios los llame a su casa.
 Ayúdanos a nunca ver a los demás como una carga.
 Guía a nuestros funcionarios públicos
 a defender cada vida humana con leyes justas.
 Inspíranos a todos a llevar nuestra fe a la vida pública,
 a defender a quienes no tienen voz.
 Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, que es
 Amor y Misericordia.
 Amén.

Confessions before Christmas

Special hours for sacrament of confession during next two
weeks will be:

Friday, Dec. 15, 6pm-7pm

Saturday, Dec 16, 4pm- 5pm

Friday, Dec. 22, 6pm- 7pm

Saturday, Dec 23, 4pm- 5pm.





St. Joseph Church
Parish Religious Education Program

PREP Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2023 - 2024

PREP Classes

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8

Wednesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Grades 1, 2, 3, 4

The St. Joseph Parish Religion Education Program (PREP) Office is located in the St. Joseph School.

Please give us a call or send an email to
mndoherty@sjps.net for additional information.
Phone: 732-969-8767 or 732-969-6677
Fax: 732-541-0712

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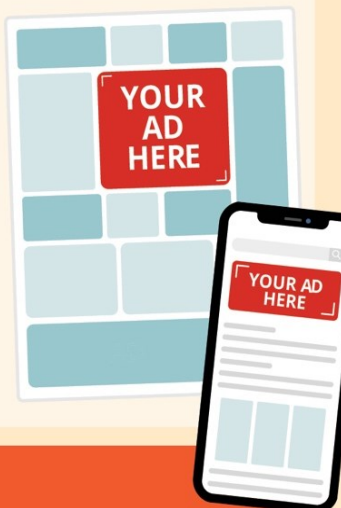
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Donna Delgrosso from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!



Donna Delgrosso
609-339-1112
ddelgrosso@4lpi.com



GOSPEL

When Mary visited Elizabeth, Mary had wonderful news to share. Jesus was coming into the world. You have good news to share about Jesus, too. The next time you visit a friend, gently share how happy you are that Jesus came to save you.



MISSION

Say a special prayer for missionary families. People all around the world need Jesus.



PRAYER

God, help me to share the good news about Jesus when I visit my friends.

Our Lady of Guadalupe • Luke 1:39-47

The Feast of
Our Lady of
Guadalupe



We celebrate the Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe on
December 12th.

Name _____



One day, a poor Mexican man named Juan Diego was on his way to mass. Suddenly, he saw the beautiful Blessed Mother Mary.



Mary told Juan Diego to go to the bishop and tell him to build a church at the site where She appeared.



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen

Immigration Services Program

Free 15-Minute In-Person Assessment

Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Programa de Servicios Inmigratorio

Evaluación en Persona Gratuita

por 15-minutos

Los Miércoles de 10:00 am a 3:00 pm

at/en

Unity Square Community Center

81 Remsen Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing communications@diometuchen.org and, as always, news@catholicspirit.com.

Blood Drive at Most Holy Redeemer

Thursday, December 14, 2023, 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: [Most Holy Redeemer](#)

New Jersey Blood Services will conduct a blood drive on Thursday, December 14th, from 1:00—7:00 p.m. in Desmond Hall.

To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing. Appointments preferred. For an appointment, call 1-800-933-2566 or visit NYBC.ORG/DRIVE. The sponsor code is 10712.

Please remember to eat, and drink, and bring your ID with your name and photo.

Rosary for Life – January 19, 2024

Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at 1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar – January 25, 2024

All are welcome to join our Family Ministry Fair Live Webinar on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:30 PM. Our four speakers will be: Dr. Gregory Popcak (Catholic HOM), Damon Owens (Communio), Enza Cerami (Living Stones, Inc.) and Patrick Metts, LPC (RESTORE Catholic Marriage Resource). This event presents a chance to learn and grow parish outreach to families and also minister to marriages. For more information and/or to RSVP for the Zoom link please contact cdaverso@diometuchen.org



In this season of Thanksgiving, why not celebrate your marriage and its many blessings by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 16 - 18.

Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco).

Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Acción de gracias

En esta temporada de Acción de Gracias, ¿por qué no celebrar su matrimonio y sus muchas bendiciones asistiendo a un Fin de Semana de Encuentro Matrimonial?

Un Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial le brinda el tiempo y las herramientas para revitalizar el romance, profundizar la comunicación y nutrir la espiritualidad en su matrimonio.

El próximo Fin de Semana Mundial de Encuentro Matrimonial se llevará a cabo del 16 al 18 de febrero.

Por favor, aplique lo antes posible ya que el espacio es limitado.

Llame al 1-732-904-9636 para solicitar e información (Tom y Ruth DeFalco).

Visítenos en: www.wwme.org para obtener más información.

The Arm of
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
is visiting the United States and is coming to
the state of NEW JERSEY

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,
Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering
dedication and steadfast faith. Millions
have experienced his intercession in times
of adversity and need.



DATE: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

LOCATION: Our Lady of Fatima Church

ADDRESS: 501 New Market Road - Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 1:00 PM

SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE: 7:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY December 9th

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzin

5:00 PM + John & Mary Scordinsky

SUNDAY December 10th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:30 AM+ Dorothy & Edward Legowski

12:30 PM+ Maximo Matos

MONDAY December 11th

Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:00 AM+ Birthday Thanksgiving Rafael J. Martinez

7:00 PM Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass w

TUESDAY December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00AM+ Sally Labios

WEDNESDAY December 13th

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00AM + Diane Mansmann

THURSDAY December 14th

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM+ Loreta Torres

11:30 AM Adoration

7:00 PM+ Matilda Rosales; St Peregrine

FRIDAY December 15th

Advent Weekday

8:00 AM+ Helen Fedorka

SATURDAY December 16th

Advent Weekday

8:30 AM + Daniel Pegan

5:00 PM + Christopher & Judith Roche

SUNDAY December 17th

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM + Editha Tan

10:30 AM+ Patricia Barry

12:30 PM+ Edmundo Herrera; + Jesus Cardenillas de Herrera

****Recitation of Rosary before 8am Daily Mass****

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated for your Intention and would like to present the gifts that will become the Body and Blood of Christ at that Mass, please be sure to inform one of the ushers before Mass; otherwise, they will ask someone from the congregation to present the gifts. Thank you.

PRESENTACIÓN DE PAN Y VINO

Si ha solicitado que se celebre una Misa por su intención y le gustaría presentar los dones que se convertirán en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo en esa Misa, asegúrese de informar a uno de los ujieres antes de la Misa; de lo contrario, le pedirán a alguien de la congregación que presente el Pan y Vino. Gracias

INTENTIONS ~ December 10–December 16

The **Sanctuary Lamp** burns in Thanksgiving to the Virgin or Guadalupe requested by Graciela Strangio.

The **St. Joseph Sanctuary Lamp** burns in loving memory of Madeline Russon requested by her son Anthony Russo.

The **Pieta Lamp** burns in loving memory of Lisandro and Jose Luis Villalba requested by Graciela Strangio.

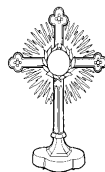


Second Sunday of Advent
Lord God, we light the second candle of Advent, a symbol of peace. We pray for peace in our hearts, in our families, in our communities, and in our world. Help us to be peacemakers, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to extend compassion to others. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays in the Church Chapel

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM



Restoration, sanctification, transformation, reparation, and salvation are the graces being poured out graciously upon us with each Holy Hour we make. -Excerpt from Letter To A Brother Priest

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word,

“For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven...”

a time to heal... for those in our Parish who are ill and especially for Alice Benson, Anthony LaMotta, Anthony Reveillac, Angelina Virola, Arthur Fiore, Ashley Thatcher, Constance Sewing, Elsa Pacheco, Jackson Dowling, Josie Gibbs, Kelley Nelson, Kirsten Kisselman, Maryann Pletterer, Mary Warren, Ray Sewing, Raymond Sewing, Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 26, 2023 \$6427.50

December 3, 2023 \$6479.41

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 40, 1-5. 9-11; 2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8
Lunes: Is 35, 1-10; Lc 5, 17-26
Martes: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10; Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31; Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves: Is 41, 13-20; Mt 11, 11-15
Viernes: Is 48, 17-19; Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11; Mt 17, 9. 10-13

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe DECEMBER 12

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Heart of my Mother,
Our Lady of Guadalupe,
I unite to thy purity, thy sanctity,
thy zeal and thy love,
all my thoughts, words, acts
and sufferings this day,
that there may be nothing in me
that does not become
through thee,
a pleasure to Jesus,
a gain to souls
and an act of reparation
for the offenses against
thy Heart.

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