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Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
Feast day: December 9.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast day: December 12.

On December 9, 1531, an indigenous widowed Aztec convert named Juan Diego rose before dawn to walk fifteen miles to daily Mass in what is now Mexico City. As Juan passed Tepeyac Hill, he saw a glowing cloud encircled by a rainbow. He then saw a beautiful young woman dressed like an Aztec princess. She said she was the Virgin Mary and asked Juan to tell the bishop to build a church on that site. The bishop was kind, but skeptical. He asked him to bring proof of the Lady's identity. Before Juan could go back to the Lady, he found out his uncle was dying. In a



hurry to get a priest, he missed his meeting with the Lady who met him on his path and told him his uncle had been cured. She instructed Juan to climb to the top of the hill where they first met. He was shocked to find Castilian roses growing in the frozen soil. He gathered them into his tilma (an Aztec style poncho) and took them at once to the bishop. Juan told him what had happened and when he opened his tilma, the flowers fell to the ground. But the bishop's eyes were on the glowing image of Mary, miraculously imprinted on the front of Juan's tilma. Soon after, a church was erected on the site where our Lady first appeared. Given the miracle, in the following decade nine million natives converted to Catholicism. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII. St. John Paul II canonized Juan Diego in 2002. He praised St. Juan Diego for his simple faith nourished by catechesis and pictured him as a model of humility for all of us.

Schedule of Masses:

Saturdays (Vigil Mass) 5:00 PM

Sundays Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM;

Weekdays: 8:00 AM (Monday – Saturday)

Holy Days: See Mass schedule printed in Bulletin for each upcoming Holy Day of Obligation

Confessions: Saturdays: 8:45-9:30 AM and 4:00-4:45 PM
Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 PM or by appointment

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

Daily Rosary Devotion: Mornings (Sun-Sat) at 7:30 AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekday mornings after Mass

Funerals: Contact the Rectory prior to making arrangements.

Day of Eucharistic Adoration: On the 23rd day of each month
Unless the occurrence is on a Saturday or Sunday

Baptisms: By appointment each month following completion of Preparation Class.*

Infant Baptism Classes:* First Tuesday evening of the Month:
Contact the Parish Office to register

Marriage: Contact the Rectory at least six months in advance of the expected wedding date.

Marriage Preparation Classes: Conducted on four consecutive Wednesday evenings during the months of January, March, May, July, and October.

Please Note: For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a Practicing Catholic and a member of the parish. To be a Godparent, you must be a Practicing and Confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Church.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK ...



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. – Isaiah 11:9

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7

- Second Sunday of Advent;
- UNTIL 7:00 PM: ADOPT-A-FAMILY Gift Collection

MONDAY – DECEMBER 8

- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Masses: 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM.

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 10

- 7:00-8:00 PM HOLY HOUR: Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions
- # Our Lady of Loreto

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I, Pope

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 13

- CONFESSIONS: FROM 8:45–9:30 AM, and from 4:00 PM-4:45 PM;
- # St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- 7:00 PM: ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS, in the church, everyone welcome.

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14

- Third Sunday of Advent
- # Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious



PREPARE FOR MASS!
READ BEFORE ARRIVING...

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION –
THIS MONDAY DECEMBER 8:
OUR MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

This Monday, **December 8**, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

It is a day joyfully observed as a **Holyday of obligation, which means all Catholics have the same serious responsibility to participate at Mass on this day as they do on any Sunday of the year.** Holyday Masses will be celebrated:

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, at**
8:00 AM;
5:30 PM;
7:00 PM.

It is on this day Our Lady is especially honored as our country's patroness: *the Immaculate Conception*. Catholic belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas. Dogmas are those doctrines of the Church which have been defined infallibly by the teaching authority of the Church.

The other three Marian dogmas which state Mary's personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation are: 1) Her **Divine Motherhood**; 2) Her **Perpetual Virginity**; and 3) the **Assumption of Mary, body and soul**, into heaven.



THE PERFECT GIFT

If you're not sure what to give that special family member or friend on your Christmas gift list? Do something

unique! Give them a Gift they will long remember! **Have a Mass offered for their special intentions!** Includes a Mass card that you can mail or place under the tree! Contact the OLMC Parish office for more information and to schedule or arrange a date.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
2025 Collection ... Next Weekend

Every year, Religious order sisters, brothers and priests sacrifice worldly possessions to serve Jesus by serving His people. Now, it's our turn to help them by contributing to the **2025 Retirement Fund for Religious** campaign. This year's collection will take place next weekend, **December 13-14**.

Please use the special envelopes provided for this purpose and place them in the collection basket with your regular weekly parish gift, or take an envelope home and return it in the future.



LISTING OF MASS TIMES AND
CATHOLIC CHURCHES ANYWHERE

IN THE U.S. OR THE WORLD
TRAVELING OR VISITING THIS DECEMBER 8?

As it is a serious responsibility for all Catholics to participate at Mass on December 8, to help you include Mass in your travel or business plans, please check the Internet at www.Masstimes.org for times of Masses and locations of Catholic Churches anywhere in the U.S. or around the world.



Mark your calendars for our
ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Monday Evening – December 22
beginning at 7:00 PM

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.



ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS
PLAN TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE SEASON NEXT SATURDAY EVENING!
 The **OLMC Music Ministry** invites you to this year's **Advent Lessons & Carols**
Service next Saturday, evening December 13th at 7:00 PM in the church.
 This program consists of scripture readings (or lessons) with each followed by Advent & Christmas carols and anthems. There is no admission charge for this annual event which features **the OLMC Adult and Childrens Choirs, OLMC Lectors, and guest musicians!** All family members and friends welcome. A Reception will follow in O'Donnell Hall.



PRAYER BLESSING FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE
 Decorating a tree at Christmas is especially meaningful for faithful Christians.
 Trees have so much symbolic meaning – going all the way back to the *Tree of Life* in the Garden of Eden.
 Christ too is viewed as the *Tree of Life*, and it was on the *Tree of the Cross* that He won Life for us.
 Many Catholic families have a tradition of saying a blessing for the Christmas tree after it is decorated (and before they light it up).
 You can have members of your family or group take turns making up blessings, or you can all use the following one:

PRAYER BLESSING FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE
 Leader: Lord our God, we praise You for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night.
 We praise You for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures.
 We praise You for Jesus Christ, Your Son: He is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of Your love.
 Lord God, let Your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives us be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
 May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 All: Amen.



OLMC NATIVITY PLAY! MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 Children's Ministry, in Grades 1-5, will present their annual **Nativity Play next Monday, December 15, at 4:30 PM** in the church!
Everyone is invited!
 Let us all prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ by sharing in this heart-warming production as only children can recreate!
 For more information, contact program director, John Bruscia, at **(949) 673-2719** or jbruscia@olmc.net.



KoFC PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER, BOAT-PARADE-WATCH, AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY
 The Knights invite you to their Annual Christmas Party on **Thursday evening, December 18th**, beginning in O'Donnell Hall with **Dinner at 5:00 PM**, watch the Boat Parade on the Bay at 6:30 PM, followed by Desert and Christmas Caroling in the Hall.
 The Meal is complementary, with the Main Dish provided by the Knights; Side Dishes are Potluck. Contact **Ted Barry** at ted.barry51@gmail.com or **(949) 697 4533** to reserve the number in your group.



Kofc CHRISTMAS TAMALES SALE
 The Knights of Columbus are selling pre-ordered tamales for pick up next Sunday December 14th after the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses.
 All proceeds will be donated to St Joachim School for tuition assistance and/or endowment.
 Tamales are \$30/dozen. Minimum order is half a dozen. You can order chicken (green sauce); pork (red sauce); or chili cheese tamales. **Only pre-ordered tamales will be available.**
 Contact **Chuck Baur** by texting your order to **(714) 244 8468** or email chuckjr56@icloud.com
 There may be extra tamales next Sunday, on the day of delivery, but no guarantees.



SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES
 (Keep This Schedule Handy for Reference)

Solemnity of Christmas – Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday – December 24 – Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM – Family Mass (in the Church)
 4:00 PM – Vigil Mass (In O'Donnell Hall)
 6:00 PM – Vigil Mass (Church)
 10:00 PM – Mass During the Night

Thursday – December 25 – Christmas Day
 8:00 AM – Mass During the Day
 10:00 AM – Mass During the Day
 12:00 PM – Mass During the Day

(Note: There will be no 5:00 PM or 7:30 PM Masses on Christmas Day)



ALL YOUNG ADULTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER OUR INFORMATION GATEWAY TO OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS...
 Sign up for our young adult ministry and receive information and updates on our events!
 Scan the above **QR code** to download **GroupMe** on your **iPin** our group.