

ST. MARY OF THE ROCKIES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM, Saturday Evening 4:00PM
Sunday Morning 9:00AM, Weekday Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:00PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Evening 3:00PM - 3:45PM
Thursday Morning 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Adoration

Thursday Morning 9:00AM concluding with
Benediction at 10:00AM

For weddings, contact the office six months in advance
Other Sacraments, contact the office
Religious Education, contact the office

Second Sunday Of Advent

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. Psalm 126



December 8, 2024

Saturday, December 7 Mass at 4:00PM

St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
For: Living and deceased parishioners
of St. Mary of the Rockies

Sunday, December 8 Mass at 9:00AM

Second Sunday Of Advent
For: Rick Timko (D) By: Friends

Monday, December 9 Mass at 9:00AM

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

For: Cynthia Gdula (L) By: Bill Loebig

Monday, December 9 Mass at 6:00PM

The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary
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of St. Mary of the Rockies

Tuesday, December 10 NO MASS

Advent Weekday

Wednesday, December 11 Mass at 8:30AM

Advent Weekday
God's Mercy for Jessica Hanna & Family By: Private

Thursday, December 12 Mass at 8:30AM

Our Lady Of Guadalupe
For: Karen Taylor (L) By: Kathy & Glenn Pence

Friday, December 13 Mass at 8:30AM

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
For: Deacon Norm Beabout (D) By: Pence Family

Saturday, December 14 Mass at 4:00PM

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church
For: Mary & Margaret Loebig (L) By: Family

Sunday, December 15 Mass at 9:00AM

Third Sunday Of Advent
For: Living and deceased parishioners
of St. Mary of the Rockies



Bret Melby, Alma Jerome,
Mike Pesta, Brian Kohl,
Albert Rhein & Family,
Jeri Lemkuhl, Maddie Mann,
Mary Beth Raiichart, Karen Taylor,
Michele Salentine, Chelsea Joy Craver

We encourage parishioners to pray for our friends and family members. Contact the office with requests to add or remove names, 303-838-2375.

Names will remain on this list for four (4) weeks unless otherwise requested.

May Jesus, the Divine Physician, restore them to the fullness of life and health and liberate them from all afflictions, let us pray to the Lord.

Readings for the week of December 8



Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6;

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10bc, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Job 13: 18b-19; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Second Sunday Of Advent: Peace

God our father, help us keep watch and strengthen our faith as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wake us up and find us ready to serve and praise Him. Amen

We strive to be the living presence of Jesus Christ in our community life, our worship of God and forming our children and adults in the Catholic Faith. We, as a parish, believe in good stewardship of what God has given us by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with others.

Saturday December 14, 4:00PM Mass

EMHC: Luci Berardi
Lector: Janice Kraft
Sacristan: Gretchen Dyson
Collections: OPEN

Sunday December 15, 9:00AM Mass

EMHC: Ginny Pawlik & Douglas Gould
Lector: Tom Karnowka
Sacristan: Patty Schmidt
Collections: Bruce Bohne

December Church Linens - Shirley Moroney
Counter(s), Dec. 10 – Shirley & Roger Moroney



Fiscal Year 2024/2025
Offertory Budget: \$132,800
Weekly Offertory Budget: \$2,554
November 24/25: \$1,441
Online Giving: \$916
Difference: \$197 Less



2024 Returning God's Gifts Goal: \$8,117
Pledged: \$8,625 Percent of Goal Pledged: 106%
Collected: \$8,813 Percent of Goal Collected: 109%

**The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast Day December 12**

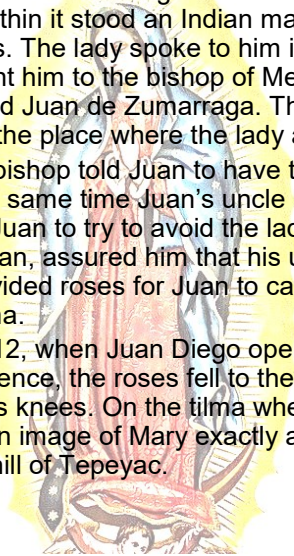
The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.



Reflection

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself. (*franciscanmedia.org*)

The Secret To Making Scripture Come Alive

(continued from previous bulletin)

The Essence of Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is a personal encounter with God through Scripture.

Lectio Divina establishes a dialogue between the reader of Scripture and God.

Lectio Divina aims at heart-to-heart intimacy with God.

For our purposes we will describe the process of *Lectio Divina* with five simple terms: listening, understanding, reflecting, praying, and acting.

Acting. After prayerfully listening to God through a passage of Scripture, we are challenged and moved to make a difference in the way we live. In addition to drawing us inward to reflection and prayer, the word of God impels us outward to those people and situations in need of God's light and compassionate presence. By acting on Scripture we become, as James says, "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (Jas 1:22).

Active change in our lives is the fruit of *lectio divina*. Occasionally the changes are remarkable, more often, they are subtle. As we open ourselves to encountering Christ through revealed spiritual practices such as *lectio divina* we gradually become aware that the fruit of studying the Bible is the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). When we begin to notice this fruit in the way we live each day, we will know that the word of God is working within us. We become more effective members of the body of Christ in the world and witnesses to God's kingdom.

(Our Sunday Visitor)

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

10:00AM