

DECEMBER 10 & 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send one, who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

JUST IMAGINE

James wrote to a community experiencing hardship, like the exiled Israelites in today's First reading. Isaiah and James exhort people to trust that they will see God's presence in their midst once again, so be patient. That's easier said than done, isn't it? Saint Francis de Sales says to be patient with everyone, and most of all with ourselves. Patient means accepting suffering and delay without becoming angry or upset. Easier said than done. Praying for this virtue each day, sometimes often throughout the day, does help. Breath in the Spirit of God and say, "Give me patience, Lord." Then exhale anger, upset, and impatience. Staring at the garden won't make a shoot spring any faster; however, giving thanks for the seed, the water, the soil, and the Giver of all life can deepen our trust that the garden will grow. So, be patient. Rejoice always. See and be the signs of God's beauty and bounty in our world today.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez,
Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara,
Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



THE MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The more than 450 year-old image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is more than simply a picture... it's a photograph from heaven!

It contains symbols, in a sense—hieroglyphics or a story in pictures—that reveal part of the message the Blessed Mother brought through Juan Diego to the Indians of Mexico and to all the people of the Americas. But the symbols had a special meaning to the Indians, who because of their culture could decipher the code in the image.

1. SUN RAYS

The lady is standing in front of the sun indicating that she is greater than their Sun God, Huitzilopochtli. By the number of tiny skeletons found in the areas of the sun temple, historians estimate that more than 20,000 infants and many more adults were sacrificed each year to their Sun God.

2. MOON

The lady is standing on the moon indicating that she is greater than the God of night, the Moon God.

3. MATERNITY BAND

The maternity band around the woman's waist was the sign of a pregnant woman, a mother who is about to give birth. It was a sign to the Indians that someone is yet to come.

4. THE BLACK CROSS

Displayed on a Gold Broach on her neck was the same black cross as the one emblazoned on the ships' sails and banners of the Spaniards. The Cross was seen in a dream by the conquered King Moctezuma, who felt it was the symbol of his new rulers.

5. HER FACE

The Lady's face shows great compassion, and shows her with dark skin and dark hair like that of the Indians.

6. HANDS

The Lady's hands are joined in prayer and her head bowed in reverence to one greater than her.

7. DRESS, ROBE AND KNEE

Its many golden leaves and floral designs match the topography of the Mexican land, which symbolizes the earth. Our Lady's left knee is bent, indicating she is coming forward to share with us God's many blessings.

8. MANTLE

Our Lady's mantle is turquoise with a blue green hue. The Stars represent the Sky and the Universe.

9. ANGEL

The winged Angel has his right hand on her mantle and his left hand on her dress, announcing that she has come to unite everyone on earth with heaven. The baby God she is carrying is indicated by the 4 leaf flower below her maternity band on her waist.

10. EYES

In the 1950's, under a powerful magnifying glass, scientists discovered in the pupil of her right eye the features of a bearded man and 2 other figures. In 1979, José Aste Tonsmann of the Mexican Center of Guadalupan Studies, researched the image and "eyes." He magnified the iris of the Virgin's eyes 2,500 times and found imprinted on them a highly detailed picture of at least 13 people. He was able to identify all the people imprinted in the eyes, including an Indian family with several children, which he later discovered. Tonsmann believes it is a hidden message kept hidden until modern technology was able to discover it at a time when "The Family" is under serious attack in our modern world.

Advent
Confession Schedule

ADVENT CONFESSIONS WILL BE ON
DECEMBER 16TH FROM 5PM – 7PM.
SEE YOU ALL THERE!



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 12TH IS COMING UP AND WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

THERE WILL BE A NOVENA (SPECIAL ROSARY)
FROM DECEMBER 4TH AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH.

OUR LADY'S FEAST WILL START WITH THE MAÑANITAS AT 6AM, AFTER THAT WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL SPANISH MASS AT 6PM. ALL ARE INVITED!

MAY OUR MOTHER'S MANTLE OF LOVE BRING BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND HARMONY TO FAMILIES IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.



IN YEARS PAST, WE HAVE ASKED FOR DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. THIS YEAR, WE ASK THAT YOU DONATE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY. PLEASE DELIVER THEM AFTER DECEMBER 12TH TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE CHURCH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

St. Anthony's Mendocino
Dec. 27, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

Come help us welcome the Lord in our New Year!

Conferences will be lead by Dr. Anthony Lilles, Professor at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park and Fr. Robert Torczynski former Carthusian Monk.

Come learn more about the great love of Jesus for you expressed in the Eucharistic!

For registration & more information text or call 936-203-0573



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

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MASS INTENTIONS **DECEMBER 10 - 16, 2022**

Saturday (10)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Pedro Hernández Farías † Gautana David Ram † Harold & Pearl Johnson †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Pedro Hernandez Farías † Gerardo Ojeda Ramírez † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (11)	8:00am	Lupe Rentría (health) Lupita González (b-day)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (12)	6:00am	Mañanitas & Rosary
	6:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday (13)	12:05pm	Theresa Hamilton †
Wednesday (14)	12:05pm	Toñita García †
Thursday (15)	12:05pm	Ralph McNair †
Friday (16)	12:05pm	Harold & Pearl Johnson †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2022...\$1,948.00
LIABILITY INSURANCE....\$678.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND
NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



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EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.