



WHAT APPEARS IN THE VIRGIN'S EYES



In the winter of 1531 the Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego, a humble Mexican Indian peasant, instructing him to tell the local bishop of her desire for the construction of a new basilica dedicated to her.

Begging for a sign to convince the Bishop, Saint Juan Diego was told to climb to the stony summit of Tepeyac where he would find miraculously blooming roses he was to gather in his mantle (or tilma) and take to the Bishop. Opening his mantle to show the roses, all were astonished to see the Virgin Mary's colorful portrait miraculously imprinted on the coarse fabric of Saint Juan's mantle. This tilma has been preserved to this day in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

What the ophthalmologists found: In 1956 ophthalmologist Dr. Rafael Torrija Lavoignet examined the eyes of the Virgin's image with an ophthalmoscope in great detail. He observed the apparent human figure in the corneas of both eyes, with the location and distortion of a normal human eye and specially noted a unique appearance of the eyes: they look strangely "alive" when examined. Earlier that same year ophthalmologist Dr. Javier Torroella Bueno certified that the images in the Virgin's eyes are located where they would be in a living human eye, and that the distortion of the images agree with the curvature of the cornea.

In 1979, when working with digitized high-resolution images of the tilma magnified 2,500 times, Dr. Jose Aste Tonsmann discovered that in addition to the human bust others had seen previously, other human figures were reflected in the Virgin's eyes -- a total of thirteen people. The same people are present in both the left and right eyes, in different proportions, as would happen when human eyes reflect the objects before them.

Tonsmann said he believes the reflection transmitted by the eyes of the Virgin of Guadalupe is the scene on Dec. 9, 1531, during which Juan Diego showed his tilma, with the image, to Bishop Juan de Zumárraga and others present in the room. Nuclear physicist Dr. Charles Wahlig also posited that the Blessed Mother must have been invisibly present when Juan Diego was presenting the roses to Bishop Zumárraga and that the tilma acted like a photographic plate that captured her image and the reflection of their images in her eyes.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Aiden Lanphear, Bianca Abbott, Brian Scharrer, Cecelia Hernandez, Cheryl Kartes, Christina Muñoz, Dan McNicholl, David Pope, Don Taylor, Fred Hawkes, Gary Hanson, Georgia Dempsey, Gordon Bryson, Irv & Lucille Douroux, Jill Nagrotsky, Jim & Phyllis Carpenter, Jim & Debbi Keys, Joseph Graziano, Julie Hogan, Karen Poelakker, Kitty Woolridge, Laura Fawson, Nick Escamilla, Norm Engle, Patricia Flaherty, Patty Broyles, Phyllis Willame, Raul Reyna, Ray White, Rob Dwyer, Ruth Mounts, Samuel Scarth, Steve Kist, Susan Muñoz, Tom & Carol Porter, Torii Cain, and Tracy Goodin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Angel Clingerman, Annette Smith, Arlene Strupp, Dionesio Briones, Doug Pope, Gabriel Garcia, Hector Garduno, Jean Bourque, Jim Scarth, Judy Lanphear, Kyle Christianson, Kyle Hanson, Mary Wallace, Rae Crozier, Richard McAfee, Shaun Rich, Sylvia Romero Martinez, Vincent Guglielmetti Sr, & Wanda Guglielmetti

We are a Mission of St George Catholic Church; our priests travel from St George to celebrate mass here.

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David Bittmenn,**
Reverend Franklin Minzaki
Deacon Dan Weber

**Communion to the
Sick & Homebound:**
Please contact the church office.

PARISH CALENDAR

VIGIL MASS: Saturday 6pm

MASS: Sunday at 12:30pm

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays at 12:30pm

ROSARY: Monday at 2pm

KNIGHTS ROUNDTABLE: Monday Feb 16th 3pm

COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesdays at 9am

ADORATION: Sat. Jan 31st - 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Monday's 6:00pm – 7:30 pm

WOMENS BREAKFAST: Feb 9th—9:30am at River Rock

YOUTH GROUP KICKS OFF

Wednesday, January 21st 7pm to 8pm

For our youth ages 13-17 to gather as young Christians to build community, have fun and continue their faith journey. The plan is to meet twice a month.

Please contact Patty Nation (435) 218-5849 for more information.

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS A BILINGUAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION DISCUSSION

We would like to hear your input, concerns and ideas. On **Saturday January 31st**, Father Dave will stay after Mass to hear what's on your mind.

If you speak and read Spanish and would like to be a lector, help with announcements, become an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or help in any part of this transition, please talk to Suzie.

SUPER BOWL 2026 Fundraiser SQUARES ARE BACK!

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Saturday Night see George Apodaca

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FROM BAPTIST PASTOR TO CATHOLIC PRIEST

A UNIQUE JOURNEY TO PRIESTHOOD

Father Travis Moger has been a Catholic priest for just nine months, and his journey to ordination was a unique one. A former Baptist pastor and Navy chaplain, he was ordained in May 2025 in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, seven years after he, his wife, and his son entered the Catholic Church.

"I didn't come into the Church in order to be a priest; God used prayer to draw me to the Catholic Church," Moger told EWTN News reporter Julia Convery.

During a military service as a Navy chaplain, Moger; his wife, Amelia; and his son, Mark, all separately began to feel the call toward Catholicism. While Moger was away, his wife had begun attending RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, which is now called OCIA — the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).

Father Thomas Falkenthal, Moger's former Navy chaplain supervisor, witnessed the seeds being planted in Moger's heart.

"He was connecting with the liturgy. The Catholic Mass was certainly far from his tradition. I could tell it was touching him," Falkenthal shared with Convery.

"He didn't realize it, but all the way back home in the United States his wife, Amelia, was going to RCIA and preparing to join the Catholic Church. So when he came home from that deployment, they both had something to share with each other. Now I think that's an amazing movement of the Spirit to keep that couple so close," Falkenthal said.

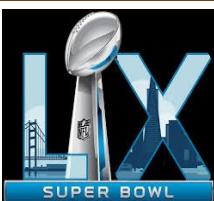


WE'RE LOOKING FOR FEW NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Saint Paul Church is in need of altar servers to assist Fr. Dave, Fr. Franklin and our parish celebrate Mass here at St. Paul.

Servers should be capable to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. You must be baptized Catholics and should have already received Holy Communion.

It only takes a little bit of training and practice and you would be serving your church and our Lord in a most meaningful way. If you're interested,



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**FEBRUARY 18th, TIME TBA
AT SAINT PAUL**



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