



NEW LITURGICAL YEAR 2021

As we begin this church year this Sunday we pray with the HOPE of ADVENT for change. We will pray for solutions to this COVID pandemic from which so many are suffering. We pray for those who like Mary and Joseph face severe dangers and challenges as they begin their family life. We pray for migrants around the world who risk everything to achieve their dreams. We pray for peace in our Land as new conversations, actions and ways of caring for each other grow amongst us. Spend time in prayer focusing on your hopes for our Church community this year.

Winter takes over so powerfully with winds, ice, rain and snow. Something new is happening. Let's pray that we pay attention this new church year to the many new opportunities around us each day and in every season. If we get it right our community will follow Jesus much more closely. And many will notice what is happening here at HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH. That will have much more impact than a Winter snowfall!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Starting on this Thursday evening (Dec. 3rd) we will begin the nine days of prayer leading up to the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on December 12th. This novena will be celebrated in Spanish with different families helping sponsor the liturgy. The Hispanic community welcomes all to this novena which starts with the rosary in Spanish at 6:30 pm in St. Barbara church on the first four days. The remaining days the rosary will be prayed, as well, but preceding the celebrations of the Mass. On Sunday, December 6th, the novena masses will begin with the celebration of our Sunday mass in Spanish at 12:30 pm. The rosary will be prayed in Church beforehand starting at noon. Other masses will be celebrated in Spanish on certain evenings at 7pm. On December 8th the mass will be celebrated in Spanish at St. Barbara at 7pm in honor of **Our Lady's Immaculate Conception**. That same evening at 7pm the mass will be celebrated in English at St. Louise Church. On Dec. 9th the 7pm mass of the Novena will honor **St. Juan Diego** who witnessed the apparitions of the Virgen at Tepeyac in the outskirts of Mexico City in **1531**. **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** will be anticipated at mass on Friday, Dec. 11th at 7pm.

And the actual Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin with 'wake-up' music and prayers called "**Las Mañanitas**" at 5 am. This romantic custom of serenading someone that you love a lot as they start their day is joyous and very celebrative! **The Mass of the Roses** will begin at 7pm. Both of these celebrations will have traditional Guadalupe music. Unfortunately COVID restricts us from continuing the festivities with a feast this year. There will **not** be any gatherings or meals after the prayers in Church. All practices to protect us from COVID will be enforced: Wearing Masks, Watching our social distance, and washing/disinfecting our hands. Also, we regret that **we can NOT receive flower donations in Church, nor will we distribute roses at the mass on December 12th**. We fear the chance of infection. There will be blessing of flowers or bouquets of roses for your homes in a drive-by fashion after the Mañanitas and after the 7pm Mass of the Roses on Dec. 12.

PLEASE REGISTER to ATTEND these celebrations. All are welcome! Our love for Mary flows naturally and powerfully out of our love for her son, JESUS!

!!!VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE!!!

Long Live Our Lady of Guadalupe!!!!

Fr. Dave