

St. JOHN & PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family

BIENVENIDO a la familia

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING...

TO DATE

**770 FAMILIES
HAVE REGISTERED**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 9, 2017

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II West
956 S. 10 th Ave., Kankakee

Saturday

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

6:00 pm Misa en Español de Vigilia

Sunday

8:00 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

5:00 pm

St. John Paul II Central

St. Rose of Lima Church

486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee

Sunday

8:00 am (Services suspended)

St. John Paul II East

St. Teresa Church

307 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee

Sunday

12:00 pm Misa en Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II West

Monday thru Friday

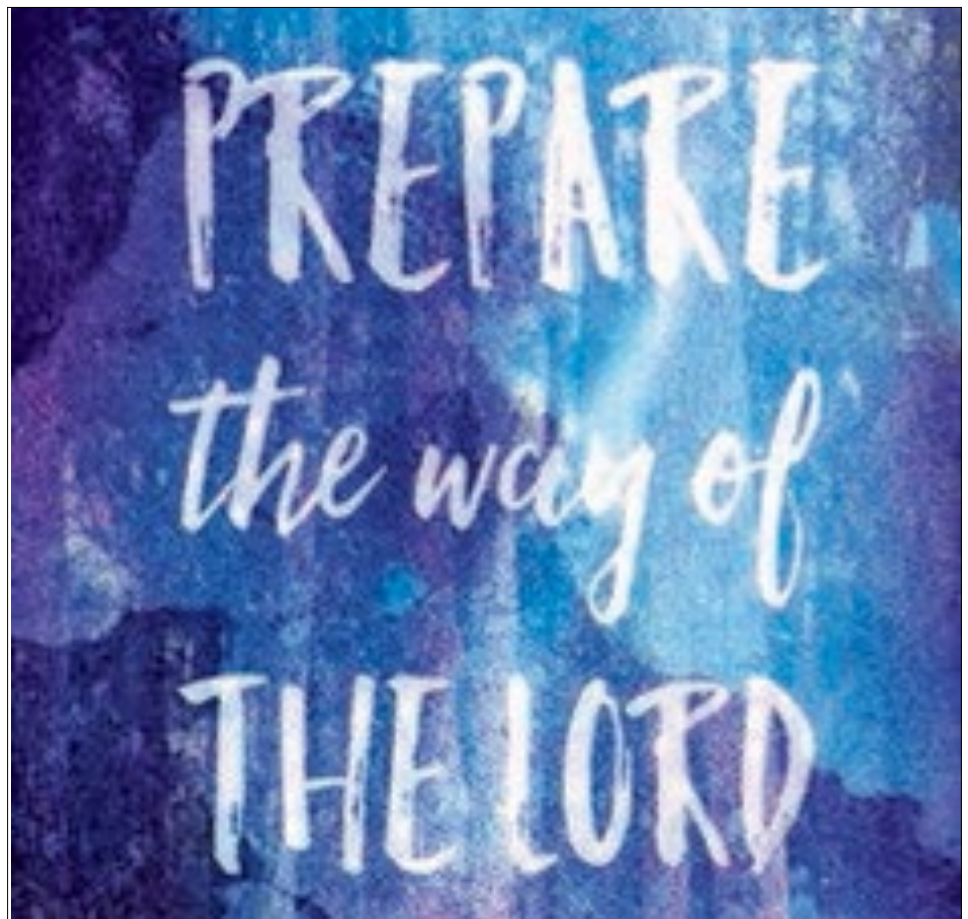
7:30 am

Tuesday

6:00 pm Misa en Enpañol

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment



Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths.”

Mirad, estoy enviando a mi mensajero por delante, él preparará el camino. Una voz de llanto se oye en el desierto.

“Prepara el camino del Señor.
Endereza sus caminos”.

GO PURPLE!

The Advent Season is marked by the color purple, which is made visible in our sanctuary. The purple banners hanging with some key words of the season give us a visual of the significance of the color.

COLOR OF PENANCE AND REPENTANCE. We know that purple is the symbol of penance, as the Advent season brings back again the spirit of renewal, repentance and conversion. I am pleased to see that more people are actually coming to confession during this season, and I also notice that more people are asking to speak with me privately for some situation in their life that they desire to address and improve. When we sing “prepare the Way of the Lord” before mass, this is the ultimate spirit that we are trying to foster as a community of faith, in this Advent Season. Go purple!

COLOR OF ROYALTY AND POWER. Purple is also the color of royalty, power and nobility. We emphasize the kingship of Jesus because we are waiting to celebrate the apex of the history of salvation, where God manifests His power over the forces of sin and evil. God’s rule over all the universe is manifest through His Final Coming, and as a church, we celebrate again the festival of His coming to the world as man, showing us by His humility that He is Lord of all.

COLOR OF THE INCARNATION. I was also thinking about it, reflecting creatively on what it may symbolize beyond these two widely known ideas, and here’s what I came up with: I remember from childhood art class that purple hue is created by combining two primary colors - red and blue. We can get the cue of the insight from there! In the church, color red is usually associated with the Holy Spirit, while blue is almost exclusively identified with Mary. The purple season of Advent is the preparation of the synergy between the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, i.e., the Incarnation! Remember the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that the Holy Spirit will overshadow her and thereby conceive and bear a son, who will be named Jesus, who will be great and be called Son of the Most High, whose kingdom will never end (Luke 1:26-37). It is a new insight which I will certainly be remembering whenever I see purple in the Advent season.

COLOR OF HEALING AND WELLBEING. In food and nutrition, purple takes on another important symbolism – it is the color that represents good health! It is scientifically proven that the darker the food, the higher the antioxidant level. Think of purple foods like the mission figs, purple cabbage, prunes, blueberries or blackberries, concord grapes, and purple yam. Anthocyanins, compounds which are found in purple foods, help reduce the risk for both high blood pressure and lower HDL cholesterol. These compounds also help mop up free radicals and soothe inflammation. How appropriate then that the Advent season is meant to be a time of wellbeing of the spirit, and now we are finding that it is also a symbol for the wellbeing of the body! For indeed, salvation is for the whole person, body and soul, and purple seems to meaningfully work for both.

As a community of faith, we are in the season of rich symbols. Symbols are important because they somehow present or represent to us an abundance of meanings that we might find spiritually encouraging. Throughout history, we have used symbols to indicate sacred truths that surround us. They teach us of the beauty of our faith and tradition. They give us a glimpse of eternal and divine realities. That is why being a Christian requires a certain level of poetic mindset, to be able to navigate meanings that are not literally given. And if it gets too complicated, dear JP2 Church, just don’t forget to go purple!

Waiting eagerly for the Lord,
Fr. Sunny Castillo



¡USA MORADO!

La Temporada de Adviento es marcada con el color morado, que es visible en el santuario. Los estandartes morados colgados con unas palabras claves de la temporada nos dan un significado visual del color.

COLOR DE PENITENCIA Y ARREPENTIMIENTO. Ya sabemos que el color morado es el símbolo de penitencia. La temporada de Adviento nos proporciona nuevamente el espíritu de renovación, arrepentimiento y conversión. Me complace ver que mas gente actualmente viene a confesarse durante esta temporada, y he notado también que mas gente pide mis consejos privadamente sobre alguna situación en sus vidas que desean mejorar. Cuando cantamos, “preparen el Camino del Señor” antes de misa, este es el espíritu esencial que estamos tratando de fomentar como comunidad de fe, en esta Temporada de Adviento. ¡Usa morado!

COLOR DE REALEZA Y PODER. Morado es también el color de realeza, poder y nobleza. Aquí recalamos el reinado de Jesús porque esperamos celebrar cúspide de la historia de salvación, cuando Dios manifiesta Su poder sobre las fuerzas del pecado y el maligno. La ley de Dios sobre todo el universo se manifiesta por medio de Su Venida Final, y como iglesia, nosotros nuevamente celebramos el festival de Su venida como hombre a nuestro mundo, manifestando Su humildad que Él es Señor de todo.

COLOR DE LA ENCARNACIÓN. Estaba pensando en esto, reflexionando de manera creativa, en lo que puede simbolizar más allá de estas dos ideas ya presentadas. Recuerdo de mi niñez la clase de arte que el color morado viene de la combinación de dos colores primarios – el rojo y el azul. De aquí podemos ver lo siguiente. En la iglesia, el color rojo generalmente esta asociado con el Espíritu Santo, mientras que el azul exclusivamente se identifica con María. La temporada morada de Adviento es la preparación del escenario entre el Espíritu Santo y la Virgen María, o sea, ¡la encarnación! Recuerda el Angel Gabriel anunciando a Maria que el Espíritu Santo la cubriría y concibiría un hijo, el cual se llamaría Jesús, el cual sería grandioso y llamarían el Hijo de Dios el Mas Alto, y su reino no tendrá fin (Lucas 1:26-37). Es algo de lo cual ciertamente recordaré cuando vea el color morado en la temporada de Adviento.

EL COLOR DE SANACION Y BIENESTAR. En comida y nutrición, el morado toma otro simbolo importante – es el color que representa buena salud! Esta científicamente comprobado que la comida de mayor color oscuro tiene mayor nivel de antioxidantes. Piensa en el color morado como el de los higos, repollo morado, ciruelas, moras, uvas y batatas moradas. Compuestos de Antocianinas, los cuales se encuentran en comidas moradas, que ayudan a reducir el riesgo de alta y baja presión y colesterol. Estos componentes también ayudan a limpiar y bajar la inflamación. Cuan apropiado es entonces que la época de Adviento es un tiempo para el bienestar del espíritu, y ahora nos damos cuenta que es además el bienestar del cuerpo! En efecto, la salvación es para la persona completa, cuerpo y alma, morado parece ser significativo para ambos.

Como una comunidad de fe, estamos en la temporada de los símbolos enriquecedores. Símbolos son importantes porque de alguna manera nos presentan o representan una abundancia de significados que podemos encontrar alentadores. A través de la historia, hemos utilizado símbolos para indicar verdades sagradas que nos rodean. Estas nos enseñan la belleza de nuestra fe y tradición. Nos dan una visión de las realidades eternas y divinas. Por eso ser Cristiano requiere de cierto nivel de pensamiento poético, para ser capaces de navegar el significado que no se da literalmente. Y si se complica mucho, querido JP2, solamente no se olviden de ir con lo morado!

Esperando ansiosamente en el Señor,
Fr. Sunny Castillo

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Saturday December 16 4:30 pm	Saturday/ Sabado December 16 6:00 pm	Sunday December 17 8:00 am	Sunday December 17 9:30 am	Sunday December 17 11:30 am
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Abigail Richey Michaela Richey	Maria Meina David Diaz Martha Andrade Kimberly Sandhez	Mike Wolfer	Payton Anderson Ayden Anderson Maddie Russell	Zahid Medina Mario Guastalli Rosario Guastalli
Lectors/ Lectores	1) Sharyl Janik 2) Joseph Martino	Lorenia Lara Teresa Lopez Serafin Lopez	1) Linda Kerness 2) Richard Hemza	1) Edison Barber 2) Dolores O'Connor	1) George Arocha 2) Darby Thomas
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	* Deb Turner Diane Sheehan Mary Causer Sandy Girard	Valente Velazco Luis Ayala Vicente Andrade	* Mary Piper Cathy Langlois Larry Serene Carolyn Serene	* Deb Carlson * Sheryl Scanlon * Sr. Krystyna Sr. Magdalena Mary Beth McGrath Laura Shellie	* Beth Arocha Roxanne Storke Pedro Gonzales Rosa Gonzales
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 11-15

LECTOR: Diane Sheehan Extraordinary Ministers: Sr. Teresa, Desiree Grant

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Sunday December 17 5:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Ashanti Quezada Ian Quezada
Lectors/ Lectores	Bob Thrasher
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	*Tatia Godin Alex Quezada Tracy Douglas Sharren Suddick
Ushers Ujieres	* Luis Ayala Juana Ayala
Welcoming/ Greeters	Dave Sula Margaret Sula

Liturgical Schedule JDII East	Sunday/Domingo December 17 12:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Marco Elvir Jose Mercado Chris Garcia Ricardo Cruz
Lectors/ Lectores	Jorge Flores Nancy Benitez Heidi Rodriguez
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	Dolores Pizano Rosa Chavez Isidoro Fernandez Mariana Parra Alex Quezada Kathy Griffiths
Ushers Ujieres	Ashanti Quezada Ian Quezada Yosmar Ocampo Octavio Garcia
Welcoming/ Greeters	

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Tuesday/Martes December 19 6:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Denis Andrade David Diaz
Lectors/ Lectores	Teresa Lopez Ismael Lara
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	
Ushers Ujieres	Eloisa Ayala Virginia Ayala
Welcoming/ Greeters	

St. John Paul II Staff Directory

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Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9 am—4 pm

Friday 9 am—1 pm

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Viernes 9 am—1 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

December 9, 2017

4:30 p.m.

† Francis Ader (*Kathleen Hardwich*)

† Val & Rose Bukosky (*Bernice Bukosky*)

† John & Carmela Dornburg (*Jodie Carey*)

6:00 p.m.

† Obdulia Zavala (*Blanca Zavala Calderon*)

Sunday

December 10, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Antoinette Rabideau 100th B'day (*Hodak Family*)

† Carmela Dornburg (*Tim & Mary Johnson*)

† Albert Curry (*Ancilla Allen*)

9:30 a.m.

† Elizabeth Sheehan (*Joe & Diane Sheehan*)

† Harold & Ronald Jacobs (*Steve & Diane Devine*)

† Kathy Petrucci (*Mark & DeeDee McCartney*)

11:30 a.m.

† Richard Veronda (*LaVern & Rita Mill*)

† Patricia Mulcahy (*Pamela Gean*)

12:00 p.m.

Valtierra Family (*Parish Family*)

5:00 p.m.

Hyacynth Rogers (*Ancilla Allen*)

For all the People of St. John Paul I

Monday

December 11, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Members of Sr. Magdalena Family (*Sr. Magdalena*)

Tuesday

December 12, 2017 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

7:30 a.m.

Antoinette Rabideau (*Hodak Family*)

6:00 p.m.

All Mothers of the parish

† Esteban Gaytan (*Oralia Gaytan*)

Wednesday

December 13, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Leroy Dandurand (*Cheryl Heldt*)

Thursday

December 14, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Byron Heldt (*Cheryl Heldt*)

† Ron O'Connell (*Bob & Zondra Cross*)

Friday

December 15, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Joseph Dressler (*Ron & Pat Dressler*)

† Violet LaMontagne (*Daughters*)

Saturday

December 16, 2017

4:30 p.m.

† Donnie Bogdan (*Bernice Bukosky*)

† Betty Bridgewater (*Jean Azzarelli*)

6:00 p.m.

† Obdulia Zavala (*Blanca Zavala Calderon*)

Sunday

December 17, 2017

8:00 a.m.

† Lyle Arends (*Family*)

Lu Lowe (*Brian & Lisa Conrad*)

† Susan Andrews (*Brian & Lisa Conrad*)

9:30 a.m.

† Jeanne Hansen (*Verna Mae Tompkins*)

† Joanne O'Connor (*Patrick O'Connor*)

† Bill Powers (*Betty Azzarelli*)

† Bishop Joseph Imesch (*Parish Family*)

11:30 a.m.

† Bernard Hansen (*Ron, Pat, & Gunnar Hansen*)

12:00 p.m.

María Trinidad & Octavio Garcia (*Parish Family*)

5:00 p.m.

Veronica Carlson (*Kathy & Troy Dechenne*)

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT PROCEDURES

Baptism:

Call the parish office for Pre-Baptismal requirements and scheduling.

Weddings:

Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish office for date confirmation before finalizing other wedding plans.

PROCEDIMIENTO PARA SACRAMENTOS

Curso Pre-Bautismal:

Favor de llamar a la oficina de 2 a 3 meses de anticipación

Bodas:

La Preparacion empieza por lo menos 6 meses antes. Llame a la oficina para confirmar la fecha y finalizar otros planes de la boda.

Confessions:

St. John Paul II West: 3:30 pm Saturday
By appointment: Call the parish office

Confesiones:

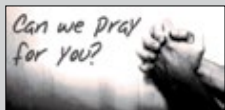
San Juan Pablo II Oeste: 3:30 pm Sábado
Por Cita llame a su parroquia

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00-11:00 AM

JP2 WEST CAMPUS



Prayer Line Information

You may call any of these numbers with your prayer requests.

All information is confidential.

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Ann Wheeler	815-932-7938
Rose Mary Ciaccio	815-932-8664
Rita Kanosky	815-939-0319

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is recuperating from an illness or homebound please call **Donna Worth** at the parish office



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please let us know if you would like your name added or removed from this list by calling the office.

Tracie Martin, Bonnie Gregg, Dolores Ruder, Mary Krippel, Pat Crane, Jackson Smith, Sandy Mayer, Benjamin Worsham, Sheila Somers, Bill Johnson, Kay Harris, Mia Martin, Kathy Call, Craig Robison, Yvonne Borem, Arthur Licon, Margaret Guimond, Abraham Daily, Joyce Mayo, Francis Raut, Donna Valex, Andy Summers, Rosemary Miller, Elizabeth Hitzen, Mary Lou Murphy, Father Dennis Settles, Jim Saindon, Cheryl Heldt, Carol Veronda, Eleanor Leriger, Mary Orban, Sheri Cavender, Kathy Lenzi, Elvira Berens, Kenneth Emling, Kay Peeken, Francis Boudreau, Jim Beedle, Jonette LaPierre, Nicholas Senor, Dorothy Suprenant, Kathy Dechenne, Luella Rockway, Donald Schafroth, Anthony & Agnes Pagano, Celia Gonzalez, Elias Cortes, Ethel Lamie, Ivan Jaimes Valencia, Kevin Sprimont, Sylvia Martinez, Dan McGrath, Elvira Baron, Jeffery Papineau, Humberto Lopez, Alberta Blanchette, Dennis Brady, Ted Bergeron, Judy Swanson

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ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

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LUTHER PLACE- Leola Mulvihill

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PRESENCE HERITAGE Lodge- Dick Keethers, Theresa Fisher, Frank Hart, Joyce Mayo, John Hagan, Richard Ortman

Village- Margaret Guimond, Virginia Gaines

RIVER NORTH- Eleanor Leriger, Alma Monnette, Ted Wheeler

RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE BOURBONNAIS- Myrl Billadeau

RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE KANKAKEE

Miller: Rosalyn Szymborski

Butterfield Court - Marion Ader, Dorothy Kanosky, Antoinette Rabideau, Rita Morris, Colette Cheffer, Juliana Boudreau, Jean O'Connell

Westwood Oaks-Lorraine Whittington, Eileen Dupuis

WATSEKA HEALTH CARE -Harvey Longtin

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**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS
VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS, PATRONA DE LAS AMÉRICAS**



In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American, Juan Diego, at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City; she identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God, of the Creator of all things, for whom we live, Lord of heaven and the earth. She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and her wish was submitted to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested a sign from her, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question to the Church's local Bishop, and sent her native messenger, Juan Diego, to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the Bishop. After complying to the Bishop's request for a sign, she also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years, but shows no sign of decay 485 years later and still defies all explanations of its origin. It apparently even reflects in Her eyes what was in front of her in 1531.

Her message of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind, as well as the story of the apparitions, are described in the "Nican Mopohua", a 16th century document written in the native Nahuatl language. There is reason to believe that at

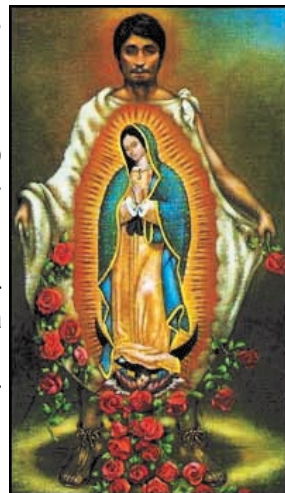
Tepeyac, Mary came in her glorified body, and her actual physical hands rearranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilma, which makes this apparition very special. An incredible list of miracles, cures and interventions are attributed to Her.

Yearly, between 18 - 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica in Mexico City, making it Christianity's most visited sanctuary. Altogether 25 popes have officially honored Our Lady of Guadalupe. His Holiness John Paul II visited her Sanctuary four times: on his first apostolic trip outside Rome as Pope in 1979, and again in 1990, 1999 and 2002. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th. In 1999, Pope John Paul II, in his homily from the Solemn Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, during his third visit to the sanctuary, declared the date of December the 12th as a Liturgical Holy Day for the whole continent. During the same visit, Pope John Paul II entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.

En 1531, una "Señora del Cielo", se apareció a un pobre indio, Juan Diego, en un cerro al noroeste de la actual ciudad de México; se identificó como la siempre-virgen María, Madre del verdadero Dios por quien se vive: del Creador de todas las cosas: Señor del cielo y de la tierra. Le manifestó que era su deseo que una iglesia le fuera construida en ese lugar, y le encargó que vaya a transmitirle su deseo al Obispo local. Cuando el Obispo dudó sobre la autenticidad del mensaje y le pidió una prueba, Ella, la Madre de Dios, obedeció prontamente al pedido del obispo y envió a su humilde mensajero, Juan diego, a la cima del cerro a recoger, en medio del invierno, un ramo de rosas de Castilla para el Obispo. Luego de que las flores le fueran entregadas al Obispo, dejó una imagen de sí misma impresa milagrosamente en su tilma, un tejido de cactus de poca calidad que se debió haber deteriorado en 20 años pero que no muestra señales de corrupción 485 años después y aún desafía toda explicación científica sobre su origen. Inclusive parece aún reflejar en sus ojos lo que tenía frente a ella en 1531!

Su mensaje universal de compasión y amor, y su promesa de ayuda y protección para toda la humanidad, se encuentra relatado en el "Nican Mopohua", documento escrito en el siglo 16 en el lenguaje nativo, Náhuatl. Hay razones para creer que en el cerro Tepeyac María vino en su cuerpo glorificado, siendo sus manos físicas las que acomodaron las rosas en la tilma de Juan Diego, lo que hace a esta aparición muy especial. Una increíble lista de milagros, curas e intervenciones se le atribuyen.

Es estimado que cada año entre 18 y 20 millones visitan su Basílica ,haciendo su casa en la ciudad de México el Santuario Mariano más popular, al igual que el santuario cristiano más visitado del mundo. En total 25 Papas han honrado en alguna forma oficial a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Su Santidad Juan Pablo II visitó su Basílica en cuatro oportunidades: en su primer viaje al extranjero como Papa en 1979 y nuevamente en 1990, 1999 y 2002. La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es celebrada el 12 de diciembre. En 1999, su santidad Juan Pablo II, en su homilía durante la Misa Solemne en la Basílica de Guadalupe durante su tercer visita al santuario, declaró la fecha del 12 de Diciembre con el rango litúrgico de Fiesta para todo el continente de las Américas. Durante la misma visita el Papa Juan Pablo II confió la causa de la vida a su protección, y encomendó a su cuidado maternal las vidas inocentes de los niños, especialmente aquellos que se encuentran en peligro de no nacer.



All children of the parish are welcome to participate in the **JP2 Children's Christmas Choir**



Todos los niños de la iglesia son bienvenidos a participar en el **Coro Navideño de JP2**

Practices are Dec. 10 and 17 after the 11:30am Mass. The Children's Choir will be at 5:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve!!!

Practica Diciembre 10 & 17 Despues de la misa de 11:30 am. El Cor de Niños estará en la misa del las 5:00 pm en Noche Buena!!!

JP2 Music Ministry

Adult Choir practices are held on Monday nights at 7:00 pm & Saturday afternoons at 2:00 pm In the music room

New members are always welcome!!

The JP2 Staff has moved!!

After 5 months of sharing the office spaces at JP2 East Campus, we have moved into our newly renovated offices at JP2 West campus. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the renovation process!!

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Tuesday, Dec. 12 Church 10:00 am
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Friday/Viernes—December 15
9:00 am—11:45 am

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**Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Please return the items by Dec. 15**



**Blood Pressure Screening
Sunday, December 17
After 8:00 am mass and
10:30-11:30 at JP2 West Campus**

**Also, after 12:00 pm mass
At JP2 East Campus**



FOOD BASKETS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

We are collecting items for Holiday Food Baskets for our food pantry.

Canned Corn, Canned Yams, Canned Beans, Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing, Jars or cans of Gravy, Salt & Pepper, Heavy duty paper plates, Plastic Silverware, Napkins, Bottled Juice, Juice Boxes, Cans of Coffee, Dry Creamer, Little Debbie Snack Cakes

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We will collect items until December 12

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The Advent and Christmas Schedule that was distributed last weekend, and is in the church now, had/had an error in it concerning Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses.

Corrected information: Times remain the same, the day is different.

Saturday, December 23 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm
Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Normal Sunday Mass times

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve
3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm Spanish, 10:00 pm, 12:00 am

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
9:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish at East Campus)

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, December 11 (St. Damasus I)

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Zechariah 2:4-17 or Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13 (St. Lucy)

Isaiah 40:25-31

Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross)

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

Friday, December 15 (Advent Weekday)

Isaiah 48:17-19

Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16 (Advent Weekday)

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Matthew 17:9-13

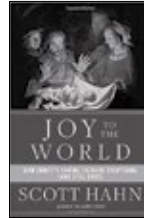
Sunday, December 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

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Dec. 10, 2017, Second Sunday of Advent

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing."

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Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, "Vías de misericordia para la sanación posaborto."



Dec. 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

It is not enough to celebrate that Christ came into the world. We are also to continually make our hearts places where His love grows within us as we interact with one another. Doing this helps prepare us to stand before the Lord, so we might be judged worthy of eternal life.

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Tuesday, Dec. 12

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Tuesday, Dec. 12

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