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## ST. JUAN DIEGO

Feast Day December 9

Juan Diego was born in 1474 in Tepeyac, Mexico. He was born an Aztec, but was converted by the Franciscan missionaries who arrived in 1523 with the Spanish. On December 8, 1531, Juan Diego was walking to mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception when the Blessed Mother appeared to him as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She asked him to bring a special message to the bishop.



Our Lady wanted a chapel to be built on Tepeyac Hill. Sadly, the bishop did not believe him. Our Lady told him to gather roses in December in his tilma and bring them to the bishop. Roses never flower in December in Mexico. When he opened his cloak for the bishop, the roses fell down and a beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on it. The bishop knew that Mary had truly appeared to him and a chapel was built in her honor!

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