M ST. MARY DECEMBER 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE by Patricia Ronquillo and Amy Ketner

This Tuesday, December 12, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. In 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, an indigenous man in Mexico, and told him to deliver roses to the doubting bishop. Though it was winter, Juan Diego found roses nearby and carried them in his cloak. When he dropped them at the bishop's feet, the image of Our Lady was imprinted on his cloak, and the bishop believed. They built a basilica where Mary appeared to Juan Diego, and there still remains the imprinted cloak for pilgrims to witness.

Parishioner Patricia Ronquillo helps organize the Las Mañanitas novena to Our Lady, as well as the dances for mass on Dec 12. Recently, in an emotional and powerful conversation, I asked her about Guadalupe. The following are her translated reflections:

Why is the Virgen of Guadalupe so important to you? To the Mexican people?

It's simple. She is the living image of the love of God for us. She is important to Mexico – and other Latin American countries too - because she represents us, guides us. She unites us. It is through her that we will reach our salvation. Through her we will reach Jesus' love.

Why is it significant that she appeared to Juan Diego?

I think she chose him, the most humble, poor of all, so that through him we can all know her. In this act is represented the love that is given to all. She has gone beyond borders, she has reached many places.

How did you celebrate the Feast Day in Mexico?

Once I made an eight day pilgrimage, walking from my town to the Basilica. Groups from every town make this pilgrimage. It's the most beautiful experience. One walks it singing and praying.

When I close my eyes I can still see it, arriving to Mexico City on that last day, Dec 12. We ran through the streets to the Basilica. Once we arrived, our exhaustion disappeared. We went to see the cloak's image and celebrate mass. We gave thanks for all she has done for us.

Everyone in Mexico watches the TV program on the eve of the Feast Day. There are testimonies and traditional Guadalupe songs. At midnight they sing Las Mañanitas and celebrate mass.

This takes me back many years. In my 13 vears here, this is what I miss most about Mexico, all of these Guadalupe traditions.

Any final thoughts about Our Lady?

I believe in God. I believe in Jesus. And I believe in her too.

I think we need to increase our faith. All the apparitions she has made around the world are so that we may have peace, love in our world, but more than anything so that we may love her Son.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is my guide, my role model to follow.

Please join us in celebrating this special Feast Day of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. On Tuesday, music begins in the Church at 6:30pm and mass at 7pm. Mass includes traditional dances, a children's offering of roses to Our Lady and a representation of her apparitions. A reception with food and music is to follow. All are welcome!



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MEETINGS & EVENTS: DECEMBER 10-DECEMBER 16

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-MIDNIGHT

Las Mananitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church
Children's Liturgy	10:15 AM	Newman Hall+
Catechesis of the Good Shep.	11:15 AM	Rectory Lounge
Coffee and Donuts	11:15 AM	Newman Hall
ESL	12:45 PM	Newman Hall
Hispanic Choir Practice	1:00 PM	Music Room
Hispanic Children's Liturgy	2:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Hispanic Sacramental Prep	3:15 PM	Newman Hall
Confirmation Class	3:15 PM	Donnelly Hall
Confirmation Class #2	3:15 PM	Whitman Room
Youth Group	3:15 PM	Rectory Lounge
Guadalupe Music Rehearsal	5:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
Guadalupe Dance Practice	6:30 PM	Church
Ig.nite Team	7:15 PM	Rectory Lounge
Reconciliation	7:30 PM	Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-MIDNIGHT

Women of the Heart	10:15 AM	Donnelly Hall
lg.nite	5:10 PM	Church
RESTORE	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Music Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-9PM

Baccalaureate Mass & Recept. 5:10 PM Church & Donnelly Undergrad Christmas Party 7:00 PM Newman Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-9PM

Into the Light-Advent 7:45 AM Rectory Lounge Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:30 AM Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-MIDNIGHT

Las Mananitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00 PM	Church
Centering Prayer	6:30 PM	Richard Room
Bible Study	7:00 PM	Rectory Dining Room
Born for Joy	7:00 PM	Monteith Room
Baptism Class	7:00 PM	Newman Hall+
Advent by Candlelight!	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 10-15

Debbie Evans

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 8:30 AM Mass for

10:00 AM	Mass for	Philip Lienert
12:00 PM	Mass for	+Victoriano and +Anita Go
2:00 PM	Mass for	Nicolas Elias Hernandez
5:00 PM	Mass for	+Phyllis Levine
9:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-MIDNIGHT

Las Mananitas y Novena	6:30 AM	Church
SCC-Open	4:00 PM	Newman Room
RESTORE	6:30 PM	Rectory Lounge
ROOTED	6:30 PM	Newman Room
Catholic Thinkers Book Club	7:00 PM	Rectory Dining Room

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7:00 PM Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:10 PM Mass for +Frank Colombano

TUESDAY. DECEMBER 12

5:10 PM Mass for Paige Patterson7:00 PM Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:10 PM Mass for Michael Patterson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:10 PM Mass for +Jim Montgomery

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:10 PM Mass for Shawn & Chris Brown & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 STUDENT STUDY DAYS 9AM-MIDNIGHT

Advent SCC—Women 9:30 AM Newman Room
FFF Lead Team 7:00 PM Newman Room
She Speaks 7:00 PM Church & Donnelly

Upcoming Events for the Parish

NEW DAY THIS WEEK ONLY...

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

MON, DEC 11 6-10 PM

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Monday 12/11 instead of 12/12 due to the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Adoration is a time to reflect and pray quietly before the Lord. People are invited to come when they can and stay as long as they like.

Contact Marlee mcwillsh@umich.edu

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

TUE, DEC 12 | 7:00 PM

Spanish Mass celebrating the feast of "Our Lady of the Americas" English guides provided. Reception following Mass in Newman Hall.

LAS MAÑANITAS

DAILY AT 6:30AM | DEC 4-12 | CHURCH 45 minutes of song and prayer in Spanish leading up to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday Dec 12.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

MON, DEC 11 | 7-9 PM

Ladies- we have a couple of spaces left. RSVP to Julie jmussio@smspnewman.org

SHE SPEAKS

WED, DEC 13 | 7:00 PM

She Speaks is a night of adoration, praise and worship for all undergrad and grad/yp women. This event is not exclusive to St. Mary's but open to the greater Ann Arbor area. The event will begin at 7pm with adoration, followed by a faith-filled talk and praise and worship music. After the first hour in the church, all are welcome downstairs in Donnelly Hall for fellowship and refreshments until 9pm.

Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org

WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURS, DEC 14 | 10:15 AM

Women of every age are invited to connect, be inspired, and celebrate their faith with one another. We meet one Thursday each month from 10:15 AM-12 noon to enjoy a light brunch and explore relevant topics.

DEC 14 TOPIC: Discovering Our Deepest Desires - Undoing the message of Eve - Banished for exploring passions – Mary as the New Eve – Christmas Overtones.

Contact Patty pmmm@comcast.net or Phyllis pbmclaughlin@comcast.net

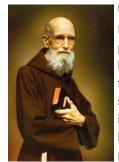
ST. MARY DISCUSSION GROUP

SUN, DEC 17 | 3:00-5:00 PM

This month's topic will be

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY, as his beatification was held

recently at Ford Field in Detroit.



Fr. Gerry Pehler, OFM Cap. will present a short documentary on the life of Capuchin Father Solanus, followed by reflection on what is a saint, our call to holiness, and the influence Blessed Solanus has on our lives as we strive to be holy. The process to becoming a saint will be presented as well, followed by

question/answer/discussion time.

Fr. Pehler is a Capuchin-Franciscan and has been a member of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph (Detroit based) for over 49 years. Presently, he serves as pastoral minister at the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit.

We will gather at 3:00 PM in Donnelly Hall for coffee, cookies and conversation with the program beginning at 3:15 PM and ending by 5:00 PM. A basket will be available for those who wish to thank Fr. Pehler for his time by contributing to the work of the Solanus Casey Center.

Contact Sherry Warden sswarden@umich.edu.

UNDERGRAD MEN'S RETREAT

TO LOVE

FRI, JAN 12-SUN, JAN 14

COLOMBIERE RETREAT CENTER, CLARKSTON, MI

The culture has it wrong. God has it right. Come to learn how God intended masculinity to be lived out when it comes to masculine identity, relationships and sexuality. A retreat for undergrad men about the true definition and living out of masculinity as God intended.

All men need to be reminded what it means to be created male by God and how to respond to the cultural pressures and expectations of the world in relation to identity, relationships and sexuality. This retreat is intended to remind and refocus men on how God intended you to live and love.

Cost of retreat is \$75. Men who register will need to pay via venmo or St. Mary's quick give. Financial aid is available if needed. Sign-up goo.gl/R8Feio

UNDERGRAD WOMEN'S RETREAT

BE LOVED

FRI, JAN 26-SUN, JAN 27 WEBER CENTER, ADRIAN MI

The culture has it wrong. God has it right. Come to learn how God intended femininity to be lived out when it comes to feminine identity, relationships and sexuality. A retreat for undergrad women about the true definition and living out of femininity as God intended.

All women need to be reminded what it means to be created female by God in a world that tells that us are inadequate, unworthy of true love and not enough. This retreat is intended to combat those lies and remind and refocus women on how God intended us to receive love and how are to be loved.

Cost of retreat is \$75. Women who register will need to pay via venmo or St. Mary's quick give. Financial aid is available if needed. Sign-up goo.gl/DdgrQP

STUDENT STUDY DAYS AT SMSP

Extended hours to study for finals at St. Mary's

- * 9:00 AM to Midnight from Sun-Thurs Dec 10-14, 17-19
- * 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Fri & Sat Dec 15 & 16

We'll have snacks in quantities most can only dream of and study spaces of varying noise levels.

IG.NITE

THUR, DEC 14 | 5:10 PM

Join us for a student-led 5:10 PM mass in the church and a grab & go dinner in Newman Hall. Head upstairs to study or stay in Newman Hall to eat and socialize.

Contact Ali aquinn@smspnewman.org

DECEMBER BACCALAUREATE MASS & RECEPTION

FRI, DEC 15 | 5:10 PM

Please join us to celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass honoring the December graduation of our undergrad and grad students. Open to graduates and their families. Mass at 5:10 PM followed by light refreshments in Donnelly. *Please wear your cap and gown and arrive by 4:45 PM for a class photo.*

Please RSVP to Danielle dkopin@smspnewman.org.

SMSP CHRISTMAS PARTAYYY

FRI, DEC 15 | 7:00 PM

Celebrate Christmas at SMSP on Friday, December 15, from 7:00-10:00pm! Bring your best gingerbread house making skills and your ugliest Christmas sweater for the chance to win prizes. Kick off the holidays with cookie decorating, swing dancing, ornament making, and Euchre. Can't wait to see you there!

RESTORE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS Restore is a year-long open undergraduate faith sharing group focused on restoring faith, friendships and the kingdom of God. Come meet other undergrads, have authentic conversations and build real relationships. No need to sign up, just drop in! Groups will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, and Thursday at 7:30 PM (after Ig.nite). Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org or Jess jessjana@umich.edu



Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant gives our children a wonderful opportunity to tell the Biblical story of Christmas to the parishioners of St. Mary's with drama and song. St. Mary's will have our traditional Christmas Pageant at 3:00pm on Christmas Eve before the 3:30pm Family Mass. All children are welcome to participate as actors (ages 3-9), readers, singers or musicians (ages 7-17) and a variety of other roles.

Rehearsal is the morning of Saturday, December 16th, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. You must attend the Rehearsal to participate. Information about the specific time you need to be at rehearsal will be emailed to you after the sign up has closed on Dec 12th.

To sign up click on the following link or type it in your browser.

www.signupgenius.com/2017StMaryCh ildrenPageant

If you have any problems with the sign-up, please contact Diane at 810-964 4551 or dbmukkala@gmail.com

If you have general questions about the pageant please email Tish at pvl@umich.edu or call 734-994-6603 or contact Diane.

Deadline to sign up is December 12th 6:00 PM.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

DIVING DEEPER

SUN, DEC 10 | 3:15 PM

Come to Youth Group to dive deeper into who God is and what it means for our lives. It will be a good time, money back guaranteed (it's free, heads up). Come grow with us as we build friendships and faith.

ICE SKATING FIELD TRIP

SUN, DEC 17 | 1:00-2:30 PM

We will be going to Yost Ice Arena to celebrate our LAST event of the calendar year by ice skating! Ability to skate is not important—we will all fall together. Come join us for a good time.

Wear a Christmas sweater and a Santa hat.

For any information or questions about the High School Youth Group, please contact Brennan bmchugh@umich.edu

GRAD/YP EVENTS

ADVENT PRAYER AND SOCIAL

MON, DEC 18 | 7:00 PM

Join your fellow grad students and young professionals to reflect on the Advent season as we approach Christmas. The night will begin with a prayer service at 7 pm at St. Mary's, after which we will head out to a local restaurant or bar to celebrate the upcoming holiday together.

ROOTED

TUESDAYS | 6:30PM

Rooted is a year-long open Grad Students and Young Professionals faith sharing group focused on becoming more rooted in God, scripture and each other (love). Come meet other Grad/YP's, have authentic conversations and build real relationships for God's kingdom on earth. No need to sign up, just drop in! Contact Jenny jline@smspnewman.org

For more info or to be added to our email list, contact the Grad/YP lead team smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu or Fr. Joe jwagner@smspnewman.org

OTHER DAYTIME WARMING CENTERS

Washtenaw County is providing safe, warm spaces for individuals experiencing homelessness during severe winter weather. Below is a list of daytime & overnight warming centers in Ann Arbor for Winter 2017/2018.

<u>Dec 4-15</u>-Journey of Faith Christian Church (8:30am-4:30pm) 1900 Manchester Rd., Ann Arbor

<u>Dec 18-29</u>-Trinity Lutheran Church (8:30am - 4:30pm) 1400 W Stadium Blvd.

<u>Jan 1-31</u> SMSP (8:30am - 4:00pm) Mon-Fri Feb 1-28

First Congregational (8:30am - 4:00pm)

Mon, Wed & Fri ONLY 608 E William St

First Baptist Church (8:30am - 4:30pm)

Tues & Thurs ONLY 517 E Washington St

Mar 1-16 Journey of Faith Christian (8:30am - 4:30pm) 1900 Manchester

OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTERS

The Delonis Center (312 W Huron Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103) offers an overnight warming center for those experiencing homelessness.

For access to the warming center, each client must call Housing Access of Washtenaw County (HAWC) and obtain a referral to the Delonis Center. More information is available by calling HAWC at (734) 961-1999 or visiting www.housingaccess.net.

In-person HAWC screeners will be available Monday through Friday 6:00pm-10:00pm (until January 30, 2018). There will be no screeners on weekends or major holidays.

The Delonis Center is open 8:30am-5:00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday and 8:30am-7:00pm Tuesday and Thursday.

E-mail Daniel at kellyd@ewashtenaw.org

For more information about Washtenaw County warming centers, please contact Mercedes at (734) 544-6748 or brownmer@ewashtenaw.org

Faith Doing Justice

EVERY INTERACTION MATTERS

We are called to "love our neighbor", but sometimes we don't even know our neighbor. Start this new year by getting to know your neighbor. Here's how: during the month of January in Newman Hall, our parish community provides a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, compassion, kindness, and respect.

JANUARY DAYTIME WARMING CENTER MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-4PM JANUARY 1-31

We provide food, coffee, a warm place of rest, the opportunity for conversation, and the building of relationships. Solidarity and mutual giving are the values that guide this ministry.

Consider this your sign from God, and sign up to volunteer and donate: http://bit.ly/warmingcenter

Questions? Contact Jake Derry at jderry@smspnewman.org

DELONIS CENTER

Each 1st and 5th Friday of the month, SMSP provides volunteers to cook and serve the evening meal at the Delonis Center, located at 312 W. Huron Street in Ann Arbor. We are still in need of volunteers for many of our upcoming dates. You can sign up to volunteer for one meal or multiple. Sign up to volunteer online bit.ly/delonis

Contact Jake Derry at jderry@smspnewman.org

FAITH AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

Prepare yourself to become a servant leader formed in faith. Presentations and discussions on faith and justice topics are offered throughout the academic year.

Contact Jake jderry@smspnewman.org

On-Going Parish Events

BAPTISM CLASS

NEXT CLASS: 12/11/17

Baptism classes are held in English and Spanish one Monday evening each month. Information packets are available in the parish office and should be picked up at least one week prior to class date.

For Spanish, contact Amy aketner@smspewman.org For English, contact Carol ckonczal@umich.edu

CATHOLIC THINKERS BOOK CLUB

The Catholic Thinkers Book Club will meet 7-8:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month September-April at St. Mary. All are welcome to participate. For your convenience copies of these books are on reserve for purchase at Literati Book Store, 124 E. Washington.

Our next meeting: Jan 9-Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
If you would like to be added to the email list, please
send a note to Liz Rodriguiz at YpsiLiz2006@gmail.com

CENTERING PRAYER

MONDAYS | 6:30 PM

Centering Prayer is a silent practice of prayer that rests on the faith that Christ is present within by his Holy Spirit. It is an excellent preparation for contemplative prayer, which is a grace or gift bestowed by God.

Centering Prayer is an intentional openness to, or practice of "waiting" on God, encouraging the building of a more intimate relationship with Jesus and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is rooted in centuries-old monastic prayer.

The book <u>Open Heart, Open Mind</u> by Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO is a good introduction. The first Monday of each month we listen to an introduction to centering prayer and then pray for 20 minutes. Otherwise, we typically sit and pray for two 20-minute sessions with a short meditative walk in between. All are welcome.

Contact Serena Larson serena68@comcast.net

PRAY THE ROSARY

TUESDAYS AFTER THE 5:10 PM MASS

The Rosary is an ancient and powerful prayer of the church. Every Tuesday after the 5:10 mass, you are welcome to join us in a quiet and prayerful recitation of this blessed gift from our patroness, St Mary. Not able to come? Then we invite you to send us your prayer intentions--named or unnamed--to hold up during the weekly Rosary.

Email Toni Morales weena@umich.edu, or ask the office staff 734.663.0557 to pass along your requests to us.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

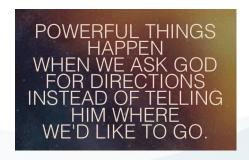
MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

Our Catholic faith teaches that God is alive in the Scriptures. Come discover the Word with us. We practice scripture-based faith sharing in a small discussion group. Discussions are guided by church-approved commentaries, question guides, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Contact Kathy Ann Moilanen 734.668.7437

STUDENT STUDY SNACKS NEEDED

Students will be studying for finals here at the parish December 11 through December 19. We are asking for donations of snacks to keep them fed during this time. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link to see what is needed and sign up for what you can bring. Thank you for your generosity. http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ea9a629ab9-stmary



A BRIEF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY ON-LINE

Ever wonder how there are over 30,000 denominations of Christianity? And what they believe that's so different from Catholics? Did you know that Roman Catholicism isn't the only type of Catholicism? The St. Mary Interfaith Team has created a site with brief information to help you understand some of the history of different types of Christianity and Catholicism.

Check it out here! chriskuh.wixsite.com/smspchristianity

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER

ON-LINE RESOURCES

We still "little blue" prayer booklets at the church entrances. We'd also like to encourage using one of the prayer sources available by email, app, or through social media.

HERE ARE A FEW THAT WE RECOMMEND:

Loyola Press offers several opportunities, including a 3-minute retreat and a daily prayer inspiration:

www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer

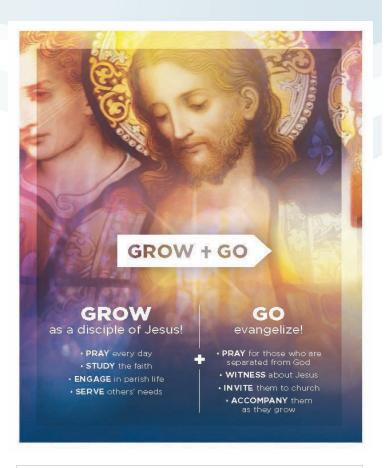
www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/daily-inspirations

Pray As You Go app offers an Advent Retreat and daily, downloadable prayers: www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/

Creighton University:

onlineministries.creighton.edu/ CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/

Finally, you can sign up for daily reflections written by authors from Jesuit schools and organizations throughout the country: jesuitprayer.org/



FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018

\$250,000

\$0

Year-to-Date Offering Report as of 12/04/2017

\$750,000

\$1,000,000

\$500,000

Annual Budget Goal \$1,020,000
Year-to-Date (YTD) Goal \$426,700
Amount Collected YTD \$415,585
Above (Below) YTD Goal -\$11,115

Sunday Offering Report as of 12/04/2017

 Weekly Budget Goal
 \$19,400

 Sunday 11/14/2017 (Week 20)
 \$24,020

 Above (Below)
 Weekly Goal
 \$4,520

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DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

40:1-5,9-11 Reading I Isaiah **Psalm Psalms** 85:9-14 Reading II 2 Peter 3:8-14 Gospel Mark 1:1-8

As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace.

DECEMBER 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

61:1-2a, 10-11 Reading I Isaiah 1:46-50,53-54 Psalm Luke Reading II 1 Thes. 5:16-24 Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God.

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