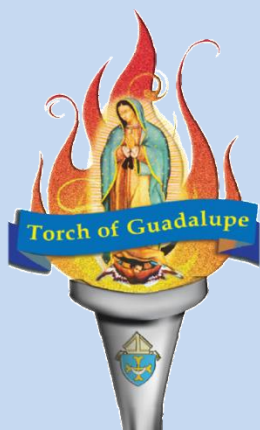


The Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch, The Souls of Purgatory and “La Promesa”



During the month of November, we are called to increase our devotion to praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This is a time to make special efforts to visit the graves of our loved ones and to redouble prayers for those who have gone home.

The month of November is also a special month in the Diocese of Trenton because we have the Torches of our Lady of Guadalupe traveling throughout the Diocese in honor of Our Lady.

The traveling torch is a tradition that began more than a half a century ago. The torchlight accompanies the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the original “light” carrier, as it was through her womb that light was brought into the world. And, just as in biblical times there were processions with the Ark of the Covenant, we too process with the new Ark of the Covenant, our Mother Mary.

Since Mary is the Mother of Christians on earth, in heaven, and in purgatory, the Jesus Bread of Life Cemetery & Mausoleum hosts in November, the Our Lady of Guadalupe torch.

- We process around the cemetery with the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch and the image.
- We make prayerful stops at the Jesus Bread of Life Cemetery, Columbarium and Mausoleum.
- With the ringing of the bells, the names of those laid to rest here are called out in remembrance.
- Once inside the Mausoleum, we recite the rosary of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the Holy Souls of Purgatory.
- We will do this every day, for a week, at 3pm. Prayer Booklets are provided.
- We close the week with a special Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass for the Holy Souls in Purgatory in the Mausoleum

La Promesa

What is a promesa? A promesa translates as a promise but it is much more than that. It is a special offering made with a petition to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The practice of this custom involves asking Our Lady of Guadalupe to grant us our prayers in exchange for a personal sacrifice. Our prayers are for the expedite release of the Holy Souls in Purgatory and our sacrifice is that we would commit to this week long prayer journey. You can also add your personal intention to your “promesa” as well. Our holy souls do not mind us sharing our prayers for them, with our prayers for ourselves. Purgatory is not eternal. Its duration varies but only through the help of others—through the intercessory prayers and sacrifices of those living members of the Body of Christ who, being still in this world, are able to perform expiatory works. Are you a prayer warrior? Join us!

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch Procession
dates are still to be assigned by the Diocese*

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“A cemetery procession is a public witness to our faith in the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come”