December 11, 2016
Third Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH
“Empowered by the Spirit of God we celebrate Jesus’ presence in Prayer, Liturgy, Sacrament and Service”
Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.


We are updating our prayer list and have removed names which have been on the list for some time. Please call the Rectory to have someone included on the Prayer List.

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May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of Christ, especially:

Viloeita Cavero
Glenda Perry
Thomas Carlin
Becharra Helwee
Dear Friends,

Here are our coming events:

- Sunday, December 11th, at the 10am Mass: RCIA Rite of Welcoming. Candy Canes blest and given out at all Masses.
- Monday, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Masses at 12:01am Spanish, 9am English and 7pm Spanish
- Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm: Doug, Dana and James Harmon Advent Concert in the Church. Free Will Offering will be taken up.
- Thursday, December 15th at 6:30pm School Christmas Concert.
- Sunday December 18th after the 8am and 10am Masses: Knights of Columbus “Breakfast with St. Nicholas”
- Sunday, December 18th at 4:00pm and 7:30 pm: Choir Christmas Concerts
- Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve: Masses are at 5pm (Children’s Mass), 7pm and 9pm (Spanish).
- Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day, a Holy Day of Obligation: Masses are at 8am, 10am, and 12 Noon (Spanish)
- Sunday, January 1st, New Year’s Day, a Holy Day of Obligation: Masses are at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Spanish)

Happy Advent!

Father Brian
Our Lady Virgin of Guadalupe (Mother of the true God and of the peoples of the Americas)

In 1531 a 'Lady from Heaven' appeared to a humble Native American at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City.

She identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of both the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth; and of the mother of all the dwellers of this land. She appeared to a humble Aztec by the name of Cuauhtlatoatzin later named Juan Diego. She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local Bishop. When the Bishop hesitated, and requested her for a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question to the Church's local Bishop, and sent her native messenger 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 483 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, 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.

You are all invited to join us to celebrate in our program to honor the mother of God, and the mother of the Americas. December 12, 2016. 5:30 procession departing from the police department, 6pm presentation of the apparitions in the church, 7pm solemn mass, 8pm banquet. Please join us.

Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez

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<td>Mary, Holy Mother of God, we salute you and we honor you. In this season of darkness, as we await the coming feast of the birth of the Son of God, we do pray to you, mother of the Lord of Light. Hail to you, Holy Sun Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. We watch the winter sun, our source of heat and light, our calendar maker, as it wains and prepares for rebirth. Holy sun, mystic mother of ages past, be for us a living sign. Holy Virgin of Tepayac, with the sun as your mantel, you who are clothed in yellow light, with the moon under your feet and stars for your crown, we honor you. Holy earth mother, holy lady of the star-filled night, mother of candles and lamps, we praise you. We thank you for the protection of our land, for your loving kindness and many gifts. Protect our home, guard our family and watch over us forever. We ask this of you through the mystery of your Son, who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, and all those who have gone before us, forever and ever. Amen+</td>
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<td>V. Lord, have mercy. R. Christ have mercy. V. Lord have mercy. Christ hear us. R. Christ graciously hear us. God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, pray for us. Holy Mother of God, pray for us. Holy Virgin of Virgins, [etc.] Mother of Christ, Mother of divine grace, Mother most pure, Mother most chaste, Mother inviolate, Mother undefiled, Mother most amiable, Mother most admirable, Mother of good Counsel, Mother of our Creator, Mother of our Savior, Virgin most prudent,</td>
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Please join us at Our Lady of Loretto Church on December 18th at 4pm and 7:30pm for a retelling of the Christmas Story in song. This concert features an adult and children’s choir with audience sing-a-long of favorite carols. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Reception following the concert in the church hall.

V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, 
R. Spare us, O Lord.
V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, 
R. Graciously hear us, O Lord.
V. Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, 
Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. 
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may we be freed from present sorrow, and rejoice in eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Monday, 12/12: Middle School classes meet in the convent from 7-8:30.
Thursday 12/15: CONVENT CLOSED. High School classes & OLL YM will resume on January 12.

OLL BOOK CLUB

The next book up for the remainder of December is Scott Hahn's "Joy to the World" on Jan 11. Please join us.

No registration is necessary. Bring a friend!

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“Thank You”

Thank you to the many parishioners who quietly helped to make the celebration of my 50th Anniversary so wonderful. I appreciate your presence at Mass, the reception and the many good wishes and prayers that I have received from those who could not attend as well.

Know that I keep you in my prayers daily as we seek to reflect Christ in our world.

Gratefully,
Sister Jeanette, osu
This Week at OLL
December 11 - December 18

Sun. Third Sunday of Advent
Mon. ICF—5:30PM—Hall
Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church
Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel
Al-Anon—Convent—7:15pm
Tue. Our Lady's Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm
Choir Practice—Church—6:30pm
Wed. Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5:00pm
Thurs. Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am
Fri. Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sat. SEE FATHER'S LETTER FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Lady of Loretto, Helping Hands Christmas Outreach 2016
The Our Lady of Loretto, Helping Hands Christmas Outreach 2016

This is our final weekend to solicit donations. Our need is great and we still need many more of you to donate.

It’s easy to be part of this compassionate outreach. Our Giving Trees are up in all the entrances to the Church. Please take an envelope and return it to the secure mail slot at the Rectory, along with your gift of store gift cards, cash or check payable to Our Lady of Loretto Helping Hands Christmas Outreach. Please indicate the amount of your donation clearly on the outside of the gift card. Gift cards from grocery stores and stores such as Target, Kohl’s and Old Navy are much appreciated.

This is our final appeal for your help, as our deadline for donations is THIS Wednesday, December 14, 2016.

For your convenience, Helping Hands volunteers will be at the church entrances after each mass this weekend to accept your donations. Thank you for welcoming Jesus into your hearts by generously donating to our Parish families in need.

We wish you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!
Queridos amigos,

Estos son nuestros próximos eventos:

Domingo, 11 de diciembre, en la Misa de las 10 am: RCIA Rito de Bienvenida. Candy Canes blest y repartidos en todas las misas.
Lunes, 12 de diciembre, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: Misas a las 12:01 am Español, 9am inglés y 19h español
Martes, 13 de diciembre a las 7 pm: Doug, Dana y James Harmon Adviento Concierto en la Iglesia. La Oferta de Libre Voluntad será tomada.
Jueves, 15 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm Concierto Escolar de Navidad.
Domingo 18 de diciembre después de las 8am y 10am Misas: Caballeros de Colón "Desayuno con San Nicolás"
Domingo, 18 de diciembre a las 4:00 pm y 7:30 pm: Conciertos de Navidad del Coro
Sábado, 24 de Diciembre, Nochebuena: Las misas son a las 5pm (Misa de los Niños), 7pm y 9pm (Español).
Domingo, 25 de diciembre, Día de Navidad, un Santo Día de Obligación: Las misas son a las 8am, 10am y 12 del mediodía.
Domingo, 1 de enero, Día de Año Nuevo, un Santo Día de Obligación: Las misas son a las 8am, 10am, y el mediodía (español)

Feliz Adviento!

Padre Brian

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a los sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (río escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de los moros en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga en el año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque él mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo.