

## **Gaudete Sunday & Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Today in Group prayer we learned that today is **Gaudete** Sunday - the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Today we light the Rose colored candle. Gaudete means Rejoice. Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of Jesus, Son of God (both his first coming and his second coming). We are most of the way through the season of Advent now; and it is appropriate to rejoice - "The Lord is near."

Our 3rd and 4th grade class led us through an Advent prayer.

In honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe's Feast Day**, December 12th, Ms. Fisher gave a brief talk to our group about Our Lady of Guadalupe.

*In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared to a Mexican peasant named Juan Diego and asked him to have a church built at the site of the apparition. Seeking proof, Juan Diego's bishop asked him for a sign. Mary told Juan Diego to gather flowers in his tilma (a Mexican garment) and take them to the bishop. When Juan Diego poured out the flowers, the bishop saw on his tilma the miraculous image of Mary. Today, the image is on display in Mexico City for all to see.*

Be sure to ask your kids what else they learned; and where Our Lady of Guadalupe painting is located in our Church.

### ***Our Lady of Guadalupe - Pray for Us***



Our next class will meet January 5th - Epiphany Sunday. We will learn about the Three Wise Men, sing some Christmas songs; and have a special treat to continue the celebration of Christmas!