



## **CABALGATA, PARADE OF HORSES**

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The third annual Cabalgata in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 11:30am to 8:00pm at St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church in Magnolia. The Parade of Horses will arrive in front of the church starting at approximately 2:20pm. There will be shows until 4:00 pm followed by family activities until 8:00. All parishioners are welcome.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is venerated throughout Mexico and in Hispanic communities in Central America and the USA. The Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego at Tepeyac Hill (now in a suburb of Mexico City) in 1531 and the Catholic Church has built a shrine on this location. Each year Catholics in Mexico, the USA and Central America celebrate her appearance by way of a Parade of Horses and a day full of fun, shows, games, dancing and food for the whole family.

The horses will parade from Montgomery to Magnolia for the show with more than 200 horses expected. They will arrive at St. Matthias at 2:20 and proceed to the pavilion for the blessing of the horses and riders, followed by the spectacle of the dancing horses. The Matachines will put on an Aztec show with traditional dress and dancing. Following the performances, the Queen of the Cabalgata will be crowned. You can dance to 3 bands and enjoy the delicious food!

Cabalgata is the second largest fund raiser in support of our capital campaign, second only to the annual bazaar. In 2017 it raised \$23,300. Approximately half of this total comes from the sale of food and drink on the day of the celebration. The candidates for Queen sponsor fundraiser prior to the Cabalgata and the one who raises the most money is crowned Queen.

## Scenes from Cabalgata 2017

The parade of horses



Matachinas



The Queens with Fr Chris



See more pictures of the Cabalgata 2017 at <https://st-matthias.net/photoalbums>. Scroll down through the albums.