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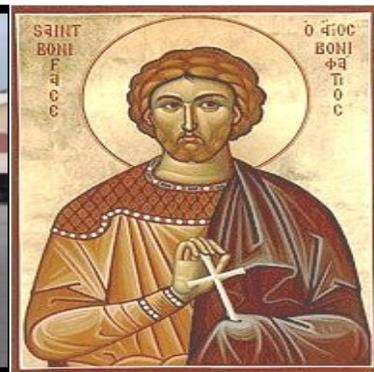
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Our Motto: "To strengthen the spiritual growth of the community and to nurture personal relationship with Jesus Christ"

Church Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: English Mass: 9:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass: 12:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday and Wednesday: 6.00 p.m.; Friday: 9.00 a.m.

First Friday: One hour adoration after the Mass

Special Celebrations

Baptisms: Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Quinceñeras and Weddings: Saturday 12:00 or 2:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Children: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Adults: Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Confession

Weekends: Half an hour before all masses

Weekdays: By appointment

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism, First communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony, please call the church office.

Sick Calls

If you or a member of your family is sick or in the hospital, please call the parish office or the priest. You will be included in our prayers, and the priest will be able to visit you.

For more information

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Holy Father's Intention for December 2015

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Pastor's Desk

Let us pray through Mary

Feasts of Immaculate Conception (Dec 8th) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12th)



The Immaculate Conception: this is a dogma based mainly on Christian tradition and theological reasoning and defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX through the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. **Definition:** From the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved free from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, savior of human race (CCC). This means that original sanctity, innocence and

justice were conferred upon her, and that she was exempted from the evil effects of original sin, except for sorrow, pain, disease, and death which are temporal penalties given to Adam (Catholic Encyclopedia).

Traditionally speaking, the Immaculate Conception is a dogma originating from sound Christian tradition. Pope Leo VI propagated the celebration. Pope Sixtus IV approved it as a feast. Finally in 1854 Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception to be a dogma of faith. Mary approved it by declaring to Bernadette at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception." **Scripturally** speaking, first, if God purified the prophet Jeremiah in the womb of his mother (Jer 1:5) and anointed John the Baptist with His Holy Spirit before John's birth (Lk 1:15), it is reasonable that God kept the mother of His Son free from all sins from the first moment of her origin. Second, the angel's greetings to Mary as "full of grace" means that she was never, even for a moment, a slave of sin and the devil. Third, the woman in Gen. 3/15: "I will put enmity between you and the woman and her seed shall crush your head," is interpreted that she stands for Mary, and the promise would not be true if Mary had original sin. **Arguing from reason,** the All-holy God cannot be born from a woman who has ever been a slave of the devil, even for a moment in her life. As every mother wants her children to inherit or acquire all her good qualities, our immaculate and holy mother wants us to be holy and pure children of God. We need Mary Immaculate in our lives in order to remember who Christ is and who we are ourselves. Everything is gift, everything good in us is God's grace (1 Cor 4: 7).

Our Lady of Guadalupe: On December 9, 1531, Saint Juan Diego had a vision of Mary at Tepeyac, a poor Mexican Indian village outside Mexico City. Mary directed Juan Diego to tell his bishop to build a church at Tepeyac. The Spanish Bishop didn't trust in the poor Indian's story as a mere superstition. However, the bishop insisted the visionary to bring some sort of proof. So three days later, the Virgin Mary appeared again and told Juan Diego to pick some beautiful roses that had miraculously bloomed amidst December snow and to take them as a sign to the bishop. When Juan opened his poncho to present the roses to the bishop, the flowers poured out from his poncho revealed an image of the Virgin Mary as painted inside of the poncho, which resulted in the conversion of millions of Indians. That image hangs today in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City and is venerated by thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. The Virgin of Guadalupe was declared as the *Patroness of Latin America* by Pope Pius X (1907), *Queen of Mexico* by Pope Pius XII (1945), *Mother of America* by Pope Saint John XXIII (1961) and *Star of Evangelization* by Pope Saint John Paul II (1979).

Special Prayer: Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, make intercession for the Holy Church, protect the Sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke thee in their necessities, and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of God, obtain for us from thy most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity and the precious gift of final perseverance. Amen.

Prayers and Blessings,

Rev. Lawrence Rasaian, JCD, Ph.D.

Weekly Readings

Monday, Dec 14 Reading: NM 24: 2-7, 15-17A Gospel: MT 21:23-27

Tuesday, Dec 15 ZEP: 3: 1-2, 9-12, Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

Wed., Dec 16 Reading: IS 45: 6C-8, 18, 21 C-25 Gospel: LK 7: 18 B-23

Thursday, Dec 17 Reading: GN 49:2, 8-10, Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-17

Friday, Dec 18 Reading: JER 23: 5-8, Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

December 2015

Sunday Offering: \$1790

Second Collection: \$381

Second Collections for this month:

12/13: Retirement Fund for Religious

12-20: Building Maintenance Fund

12/24&25: 10% Christmas Collection

12/24&25: Seminarian Special Col.

Second Sunday of Advent

1. The second collection is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious
2. December 17th, Thursday, at 6.30 pm, we will have a penance service and individual confessions. There will be two more priests available in both languages. All are encouraged to do a meaningful confession for the spiritual preparation of Christmas.
3. Our Christmas day of obligation mass schedule: on the 24th Thursday at 5:00 p.m. we will have a Vigil Mass in English; at 11. 30 pm we will have a carol singing by our choir and at midnight 12:00 am we will have a bilingual mass; the 25th Friday at 9.30 a.m. we will have bilingual Mass. There will not be a Spanish Mass at 12 pm.
4. On the 29th Tuesday at 6.30 pm we will have a coordination meeting of parish councils and parish committees. The chair person and the secretary of each council and committee will submit their annual plan of activities and we will finalize our pastoral plan for the new year. As we are going to discuss about our masterplan of our building projects before submitting to the diocese, all members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.
5. As the bishop wants to pray for those families who need special prayers in this advent season, if any family needs a special prayer for a parent, spouse, sibling, or child during this advent, please let me know, I will inform the bishop, he will pray for them specially at the chancery chapel, and I will also include them in my prayer list.
6. From the last deanery meeting, I would like to inform you that all deanery meetings from now on will be for priests only and not for parish representatives.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

1. La segunda colecta será para el fondo de retiro para los religiosos.
2. El 17 de diciembre tendremos confesiones a las 6:30 en los dos lenguajes. Habrá dos sacerdotes adicionales ese día. Invitamos a todos para que se confiesen para prepararnos espiritualmente para la Navidad.
3. El horario para la misa de obligación, el día de Navidad será el siguiente: el 24 de diciembre tendremos una misa vigilia a las 5 de la tarde en Ingles. A las 11:30 de la noche empezaremos a cantar villancicos y a media noche la misa será en bilingüe. El 25 de diciembre, viernes a las 9:30 a.m. habrá solo una misa en bilingüe. No habrá misa a las 12 de la tarde.
4. El 29 de diciembre, el martes a las 6:30 de la tarde habrá una junta de coordinación para todos los comités de la Iglesia. La secretaria del comité y la cabeza del comité entregaran el plan anual y se finalizara el plan pastoral para el año nuevo. Como vamos a discutir el plan para los proyectos de construcción, todos los miembros de la Iglesia están invitados a participar.
5. El obispo quiere orar para todas las familias que necesitan oraciones especiales en este tiempo de adviento. Si alguna familia necesita oración para un padre, esposo/a, hermano/a, o hijo/a, por favor dejen al Padre Lorenzo saber para que él le mande el nombre de estas personas al obispo y también el padre Lorenzo orara por ellos.
6. Gracias a todas las personas que donaron dinero para las flores y también a todas las personas que donaron su tiempo arreglando las flores y el altar para nuestra madre santísima. Que Dios los bendiga.
7. Por último, se está colectando donación, para los que quieran dar para las flores, el día de Navidad. Si se animan, por favor busquen a Araceli Gómez después de la misa.

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones para la misa

5 p.m. mass: Maria Luisa Hewitt

9 a.m. mass: Guadalupe Galindo and Shelley Galindo

12 p.m. mass: For our Lady of Guadalupe, for the all the blessings we receive from her, and for all the departed souls requested by the Aguilar Ledesma family.

Daily masses for the remaining month of December: Maria Luisa Hewitt.

Happy Birthday to all December babies:

12/1– Eloy Cabrera	12/04– Angelica Duran	12/03– Giselle Rivas	12/05– Aasron Castillo	12/05– Heriberto Hdz
12/06– Naomi Gutierrez	12/09– Sergio Ledesma	12/10– Susana Benitez	12/10– Angelique Tran	12/12– Sandra Ortiz
12/12–Ricky Ramirez III	12/12–Maria Lionor Duran	12/14– Lisa Grochowski	12/16– Noemi Ledesma	12/17–Mariana Lozano
12/18–Frances Grochowski	12/19– Carastina Dye	12/19– Berta Cabrera	12/20– Kristina Christian	12/20– Miguel Ramirez
12/22– Danny Schroeder	12/24– William Hodges	12/26–Amy Maldonado	12/26–Amy Schenck	12/28–Maureen Mashburn
12/28 Christopher Ramirez	12/29– Maria T. Ledesma	12/29–Leea Cruz	12/30–Maria Duran	12/31– Krystel Tran

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December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Confesiones para la preparación de la Navidad:

17 de diciembre a las 6:30 de la tarde

Preparation of Annual Parish Calendar

All the ministry-heads and their secretaries together are requested to prepare an annual plan of your activities for 2016.

Please submit them to Fr. Lawrence by the second weekend of December.

The New Year calendar will be posted in our parish website as well as on the bulletin board.

ADVERTISEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contact Fr. Lawrence by email.**LET US REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Susan Weaver, Peggy Marks, Joyce Dye, Betsy Mamo, Sandra Reynolds, Rhonda Brown, Lisa Kephart, LeRoy Clary, Maya Harper, Beverly Camp, Ellen Wallace, Michael Sharum, Talon Dyess, Kay Chavez, Helen Littler, Eric Duran, Beverly Flores, Christina Grochowski, MaryAnn Hubl, Jim Bloodworth, Billy Wheat, Esperanza Gutierrez, Conradita Sanchez, Donna Wallace, Phyllis Wood, Bill Hall, and Mary Lou Marino, Sam Fisher, David Bartz, Marilyn Hare, Brian Badnisbter Rita Neidlein, Maria Luisa Hewitt.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES.