

# Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Patrick's Parishes

Spreading the Gospel on the South Side of Milwaukee

## January 2023 Newsletter



### Message from Pastor Timothy Manatt, S.J.

At least once a month I conclude the *Prayers of the Faithful* with the petition that “vocations to religious life and to the priesthood emerge from the families of the Sister Parishes.” While neither Deacon Ryan Ackmann nor Deacon Francisco Javier Rodríguez, OFM-Cap grew up in Our Lady of Guadalupe or St Patrick’s, they will both tell you that their connection to the parishes as adults was instrumental in their discernment and subsequent confirmation of a call to the priesthood. Javier, a native of Manatí, Puerto Rico, attended Mass regularly at St Patrick’s from 2013-2017 while he was working as an attorney with soon-to-be released prisoners at a detention center in Racine. He entered the formation program of the Franciscan Capuchin Friars in 2017, lives at St. Francis of Assisi on the North Side, and will be ordained a priest on June 25th. Ryan, a graduate of Marquette High School, served the parishes as cantor, lector, youth catechist, and parish council member over the course of the last five years, and he gave his first homily as a deacon last April. In addition, he has deep roots in both parishes. Indeed, he can show you a black and white photograph of his maternal great grandmother’s 4th grade class at Holy Trinity School taken in the 1930s, while his paternal grandfather attended St Patrick’s parish school. He will be ordained on May 20th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. As pastor I am so grateful to God that Guadalupe/St Patrick’s has played a role in fostering these two vocations.

Speaking of which, religious vocations are not a fluke; they’re not ‘random.’ First and foremost, they are a gift that comes from the Holy Spirit for the sake of building up the Church. And they emerge from within families—both ‘blood’ families and parish families.

If you or someone you know wants to know more about what is required to enter a religious community of men or women, or feels called to the priesthood, please contact me directly for resources to assist you in the discernment process.

## New Year's Masses!

Follow regular Sunday Mass Schedule



## Epiphany/Three Kings Day

The parishes are happy to offer an aguinaldo/bolo/candy bag for all kids and teenagers at the end of all Masses on Jan 8th.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION, Jan. 6

Eucharistic Adoration @ 5:30 p.m.

Mass (bilingual) @ 6:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church

The tradition of First Fridays is connected to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the intentions of the Pope.



[Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#)



## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., The Prophet of Racial Justice and Reconciliation (1929-1968)

If members of your family have the holiday off on Monday, January 16, we encourage you to find a way to spend two hours volunteering for the benefit of the Community. *The West River Food Pantry* and the *St Ben's Community Meal* are two places to inquire.

## Message from Parish Life Director, *Silvia Jiménez*

A Happy and Blessed New Year to all. We thank you for the role you play at home and for allowing us to form your children in the Faith. A reminder that we will resume classes on Saturday, January 7th for CCD program, and on Sunday, January 22nd for Youth Confirmation classes.



## RESOURCES

[Archdiocese of Milwaukee](#)

[The Jesuit Post](#)

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