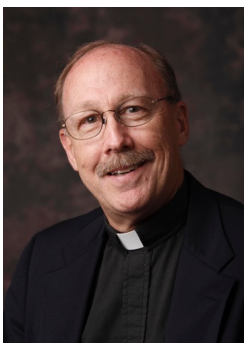


Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Patrick's Parishes

Spreading the Gospel on the South Side of Milwaukee

December Newsletter



Message from Fr. Rick Abert, S.J.

Advent again, Advent always.

There is a word that speaks to the essential reality of human beings, and while we might not talk about it much, it rests in the heart of us all. The word is “belonging.” It is arguably the most significant human reality that calls us to know who we are; to be human is to belong; to be fully human is to “long to be” connected to others and connected to the earth we make our home. We are created by a God whose love arrives at our heart always in the form of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus desires to belong to us as one who enters those places in our lives where healing, courage, strength and transformation need to be real for us. Our deep human longing not to be alone in life’s struggles is the call that God is always attuned to and to which God’s Spirit is always ready to find us and fill us. We have often heard that God’s Spirit, a Spirit of peace and mission, is the “belonging link” between us and God, us and one another.

The very first Monday of Advent sets a very hopeful tone for us. Isaiah the prophet offers us the image of “all nations of the world” *streaming together* to the Lord’s mountain, the place of God’s teaching what it means to be a people whose hearts long to be connected; a people who “long to belong” so intimately as to allow differences of race, color, political rivalry, negative history slide into the past. In Advent we have another opportunity to recognize that we are all part of becoming God’s longing to be received in us so that we might know again a hope that will make belonging to one another real again, and always.



*For those who seek emotional, psychological,
and/or physical healing . . .*

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

will be offered at the conclusion of the 1st Friday Mass
at St Patrick’s Church on Friday, December 3 at 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec 3rd is the Memorial of St Francis Xavier, S.J., college roommate and lifelong friend of St Ignatius of Loyola.



Holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration at
5 p.m. Bilingual Mass at 6 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

Special Masses



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 8th
St Patrick's Church at 6 p.m.

Dec 11/12 (Sat-Sun) Celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

- Rosary 7:00 pm
- Serenade 7:30-10:30 pm
- Vigil Mass at 11 p.m. (Mariachi Garibaldi)
- Sunrise Mass at 7:00 a.m. (Trio Amores)



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

An Advent Talk for Young Adults
With Father Joseph Laramie, S.J.

Wed Dec. 15th at 7 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church



Friday, December 17



Reconciliation Service and Individual Confessions
Five Jesuit priests available to the community.
St Patrick's Church at 6 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Bilingual Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6 p.m.



Christmas Day

Mass in English at Our Lady of Guadalupe
at 10 a.m.

Mass in Spanish at St. Patrick's at 12 p.m.

New Year's 2022!

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at 10 a.m.

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Message from Parish Life Coordinator, Silvia Jiménez

Dear Parents,

There will be NO CLASSES on December 18 and 25, and January 1.
Catechism classes will resume on Saturday, January 8.

We hope to see you at the special celebrations this month of December.
Enjoy your family time and, *"May Jesus be at the center of your celebrations"*. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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