

# DECEMBER calendar & updates

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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Tuesday, December 8  
Bilingual Mass at 6 p.m.  
at St. Patrick's Church**



## Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Friday, December 11  
Church open to visitors  
from 6-9 p.m.**

**Mass at 11 p.m.**

**\*\*You must call the office  
to register for this Mass\*\***

**Saturday, December 12:  
Masses at 7 a.m.  
and at 12 p.m.**

**There will be a serenade  
to the Virgin with live music  
30 minutes before each Mass.**

Dear Parishioners,

The economic impact of the pandemic on the parishes has been undeniable, but not catastrophic. It's true, for a period of 10 weeks there was very little income due to the suspension of public masses. However, from Mother's Day onward the Sunday collections and other donations have been growing. Indeed, in the last six weeks the Sunday collections have reached 70% of what they were before the start of the pandemic. All things considered, I would like to remind everyone of the "1<sup>st</sup> Hour" initiative that we launched in November 2019, which encourages each person to donate the equivalent of one hour of his or her salary to the weekly collection. Or, if a person is self-employed or a pensioner, he or she could decide on a specific amount each week. If we all resumed making this sacrifice together, we would be able to put the two parishes on much firmer ground financially. Finally, please remember the option to donate online at [www.guadalupe-stpatrick.com](http://www.guadalupe-stpatrick.com). United in faith and in dedication to the Church.

Yours truly, Fr. Tim Manatt, SJ, Pastor





## Christmas Season

### **Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24**

Mass in English at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass in Spanish at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's

### **Christmas Day. Nativity of the Lord. Friday, December 25**

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

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

### **Solemnity of the Virgin Mary. New Year's Day. Friday, January 1**

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

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

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### **Advent Message from Fr. Rick Abert, S.J.**

The response to Psalm 24 says, "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." To see another's face one needs to be at a close distance, though even being close in this pandemic's new world of masked presence and "safe-distancing" is not so easy. This time of Covid-19 challenges, in unspoken ways, our human longing to be in touch with each other, a people who walk together in peace. Christmas reminds us that our deepest longing as human beings is to be close enough to God to see God's face, to feel the beat of God's heart, to know the reality of God's embrace and our belonging to remain in that space of love. God knows the depth and sacredness of our longing because it is God's love for us that has created it. During Advent, and throughout the Christmas season with an always new celebration of the birth of Jesus, we celebrate the gift of God's deep longing to be with us as love unmasked and never distanced; as the child born to us and meant to be held heart to heart, face to face, love to love, "as the people who together long to see God's face."



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