

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance
for the forgiveness of sins.

~Luke 3:3

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac,

This Wednesday December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is an important religious and cultural feast for the people of Mexico. In fact, Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico. But this is also an important feast for all of us as Pope John Paul II declared Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the patroness of all the Americas in 2002, on the same day he canonized Juan Diego, making him the first indigenous person to be declared a saint.

According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous man named Juan Diego on Dec. 9, 1531. The Virgin requested that a shrine be built in her honor on the spot where she appeared on Tepeyac Hill, outside Mexico City. Juan Diego reported the apparition and Our Lady's request to the bishop, but the bishop didn't believe him and demanded a sign before he would approve construction of the shrine.

On Dec. 12, the Blessed Mother appeared again to Juan Diego and instructed him to gather roses in his tilma (cloak). Juan brought the roses to the bishop and when he opened his cloak, dozens of roses fell to the floor, revealing the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe miraculously imprinted on the inside. The original tilma of Juan Diego with the image imprinted on it is on display to this day in the Basilica de Guadalupe in Mexico.

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to an indigenous man is said to be one of the forces behind creating the Mexico that we know today: a blend of Spanish and native blood. Her dark skin and the fact that the story of her apparition was told in the indigenous language of Nahuatl and in Spanish are said to have aided in the conversion of the indigenous people to Christianity. She is seen as having a blend of Aztec and Spanish heritage.

Her image has been used throughout Mexican history, not only as a religious icon but also as a symbol of patriotism. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe became a national holiday in Mexico in 1859. Thousands of people gather each year on December 12 at the Basilica & Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe outside Mexico City to celebrate the feast. Over 800,000 people gather together, bringing candles and offerings to honor the Virgin of Guadalupe and singing the famed "Las Mañanitas."

Here at Saint Cyril's we will celebrate this feast in a special way this year. We have received a generous donation of a beautiful framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the Mejia family, members of our parish. This image will be installed in the Blessed Mother Chapel in the church. We will bless and dedicate this image during the 7:30AM Morning Mass this Wednesday December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. At the end of Mass we will recite the Rosary and then head to the parish hall for a light reception. All are welcome to join us for this special celebration!

YOURS IN CHRIST,
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac



PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS! Advent Penance services will take place **Monday, December 10th at 7pm at Saint Frances De Sales and Monday, December 17th at 7pm here at Saint Cyril's.** Don't miss this opportunity to get your heart ready to receive the Christ child.



THE GIVING TREE, our annual tradition of spreading holiday cheer to the children of Saint Cecilia, **concludes today**, so we can deliver the gifts before they leave school for their Christmas vacation.

If you took one of the ornaments and have not yet placed your wrapped gift under the tree, it's not too late! Please bring the gift to the School or Parish office BEFORE THE END OF BUSINESS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.

If you have any questions or if you are available to help with loading and driving/delivering the gifts please contact the coordinator, **Gabriella Johanssen 818-818-8861.**

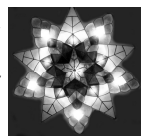
Thank you for your generosity. Your act of kindness will go a long way in bringing happiness on Christmas morning to less fortunate families!

BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT CYRIL'S Classes will meet on Tuesday, December 11th and 18th at 7 pm. Please meet in the Parish Bungalow. Call the Office of Religious Education for further information.



ADVENT CELEBRATIONS We have some wonderful celebrations planned at St. Cyril's this Advent. On **Wed. Dec. 12 our 7:30am Morning Mass will be a special celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** We will bless and dedicate an image of the Virgin of Guadalupe during Mass, pray the Rosary, and have a reception in the parish hall afterwards.

On **Wed. Dec. 19** we will have the traditional Filipino celebration of **Simbang Gabi** which prepares our hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas. **The celebration will begin at 6PM with Mass here in the church and a reception will follow in the parish hall.** All are welcome to participate in these celebrations!



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and health-care costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members. Please support the upcoming Retirement Fund for Religious collection next weekend. Learn more at retiredreligious.org. *This is your chance to give to those who have given a lifetime.*

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

PRACTICE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS AS PART OF YOUR HOLIDAY TRAVEL PLANS



At Christmastime, families come together to spend this blessed season surrounded by their loved ones, and for many families, this involves some travel. Parents with young children who are hitting the roads or the airways should be practicing situational awareness to ensure their children's safety. Situational awareness means staying alert and knowing what's going on around you. Keep an eye out for suspicious activity, and know where your family members are at all times. Don't allow yourself to become distracted by your phone or other electronics—it only takes a minute for a child to disappear from your eyesight. For more holiday travel tips, visit <http://www.catholic.org/travel/>

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FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGS), our 'little church' program for ages 4-7, will meet during the 10 am Mass **December 16th**. There will be **no FROGS** on **December 23rd or 30th**. Please watch the bulletin for dates in the new year.

If your child enjoys FROGS, why not becomes a volunteer? No experience is necessary, all lessons and materials are provided and you always teach as part of a team. Parents of children in Saint Cyril's School can earn their service hours! If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP will meet **Monday, December 10th & 17th at 7pm** in front of the Blessed Mother's altar on the west side of the church. Come and begin to prepare your heart for the joyful season of Christmas. We will not meet on December 24th or December 30th. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, January 7th 2019. For more information, please call the Parish office.

CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 2018

TOTAL= 60 GIFTS

PARISH GOAL	\$ 1,000,000	100% OF GOAL
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 834,000	83% OF GOAL
AMOUNT UNDER GOAL	(\$-166,000)	- 16.6% OF GOAL

THANKS TO ALL WHO FILLED OUT A CARD IN LAST WEEK'S IN PEW APPEAL. THOSE PLEDGES WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEK'S CAMPAIGN TOTALS..



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

4:00 pm - Lois Condon, *RIP*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

10:00 am - Soledad "Sally" Padilla, *RIP*

12:00 pm - Margie De La Rosa, *RIP*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

7:30 am - Ron Crawford, *SPEC. INT.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

7:30 am - Gertrude Czarnecke, *SPEC. INT.*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

7:30 am - Adam Lutz, *RIP*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

7:30 am - Zina Forges, *RIP*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

7:30 pm - Tim Viole, *RIP*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

12:00 pm - Ron Crawford, *SPEC. INT.*

ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 2nd 2018

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Envelopes (Egive incl.)	\$ 11,359
Loose cash	\$ 730
Total	\$ 12,089

Our weekly Collection goal is \$13,000

Thank You

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our Stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTO FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Pray For



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| Frank Ivancie | Bob Farina |
| Regina Hagan | Sheldon Payne |
| Anne Galli | Jose Ramirez |
| Tio Galli | Christopher Browne |
| Mickey Pappas | Antonio Almonte |
| Barbara Bick | Dolores Genova |
| Mary Shartzter | DeNardis |
| Sandra Osorio | Maria Rooney |
| Dorothy Montanio | Dan Stoppole |
| Shelia Hartman | Dolores Cardelucci |
| Fr. Verne Boutilier | Ali Rich |
| | Giovanna Cortese |
| | Mary Rubino |

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

WEDDINGS

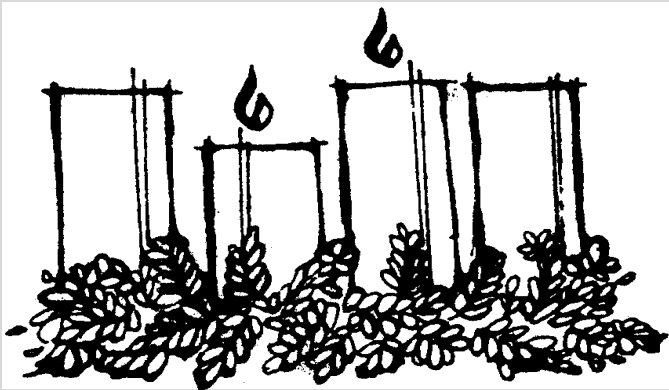
Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of each Month after the 7:30 AM Mass



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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12



“Know for certain that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God... here I will show and offer all my compassion, my help and protection to the people.

I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping and their sorrows, their necessities and their misfortunes.

Listen...and let it penetrate you heart... Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief.

***Am I not here who am your Mother?
Are you not under my shadow
and my protection?
Are you not in the folds of my mantel?
Is there anything else you need?”***

- From the words of the Blessed Virgin to Saint Juan Diego, December 9th & 12th, 1531