



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The K of C's will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory All Knights, past Knights or men interested in becoming a Knight are encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will be December 21, 2023

7PM in the Rectory

Deceased Knights upcoming Masses

December 1—Leo Haw



Happy birthday to these Knights born in November! Miloslav Voboril Jr, Tim Delsman, Ned Ratterman, Dave Sherman, Leo Holthouse, Jr. Vela, Bert White, Charlie

Vaughan

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration

5:00 AM—Mañanitas

9:00 AM—Daily Mass

5:00 PM—Our Lady's Mass

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner in Hall.

Advent Wreaths



The first Sunday of Advent is December 3rd. If you need candles for your Advent wreath or need a

wreath please contact the office. We have metal wreaths for \$15.00 and candles for \$10.00.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped celebrate the Rachel Pregnancy Center's 30th Anniversary. We're so grateful for all your support and prayers through the years.

Thanks to you, we've been able to save and change lives!



Congratulations to Joan Rasmussen who was recognized for her outstanding volunteer time and commitment!

Important Notice

Parish Council Meeting will be held on November 28, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Rectory.

Finance Council meeting will be held on November 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM in the Rectory.

Religious Education

First Communion class will meet today all other classes are cancelled until the 3rd of December. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and travel safe.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 12th we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. With Mañanitas and Rosary at 5:00am and Mass at 6:00pm followed by dinner and a celebration.

In 1531 Our Lady appeared four times to Juan Diego, a Chichimec peasant and once to his uncle Juan Bernardino at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac. The first appearance was In December of 1531 as Juan was walking on his way to catechetical instruction, he heard a voice calling him and speaking to him in his native language. It

was a beautiful young woman clothed with a mantle of stars, wearing a black girdle, which indigenous women wore to signify that they are pregnant. She asked him to go to the bishop and tell him to build a church at this site, so that she could give her Son to all those who came there.

Diego went to the archbishop and relayed what had occurred but the bishop did not believe Juan Diego. Later that same day Diego saw the young woman again and she asked him to continue insisting.

The third time Our Lady appeared she requested Juan Diego again go to the bishop and tell him "You go in my name, and make known my wish in its entirety that he has to start the erection of a temple which I ask of him. And again, tell him that I, in person the ever-virgin holy Mary, Mother of God, sent you. The bishop once again did not believe him and told Diego that he wanted a sign.

The next time Our Lady appeared Diego told Our Lady what the bishop had to say. Our Lady told him, "My little dear, that I will reward your solicitude and effort and fatigue spent of my behalf. Lo! Go now. I will await you here tomorrow.

The following day Juan Diego's uncle fell ill and Juan Diego went to Tlatelolco in search of a Catholic priest to come and bless his uncle and did not meet Our Lady at the appointed time and place. Juan Diego then tried to avoid going his usual route as he was ashamed that he did not meet Our Lady at the appointed time and place. The Virgin intercepted him and assured him that his uncle was fine. ("Am I not here, I who am your mother?") She then instructed Juan Diego to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill, there he found Castilian roses blooming. The roses were not native to Mexico and it was winter and the hill was bare except for the roses. The Virgin arranged the roses in Juan Diego's tilmatli who then went to the bishop and when he opened the tilmatli the roses fell to the floor and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on the fabric of Juan Diego's tilmatli. The bishop understood that this humble Indian had really seen the Mother of God and Mother of all believers. By 1539 nine million had asked for baptism. This lady who spoke their language and fulfilled Aztec prophecies, was the Mother of the true God. The Archbishop kept Juan Diego's mantel and on December 26, 1531 it was installed in a small hastily erected chapel on Tepeyac Hill. Today a large basilica stands there visited by people from all over the world.

This man of humble existence and to most a man of little importance moved into a small hut near the chapel to care for the premises, instruct pilgrims and pray. He remained there until his death in 1548. On July 31, 2002 Pope John Paul canonized Juan Diego. He is the first indigenous American to be canonized a saint.