

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ and a Happy Gaudete Sunday! This week, there is indeed cause for much rejoicing as we arrive at this mid-point of Advent. I share three reasons to rejoice this week:

This Evening, we will have our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting with our children re-enacting the Scenes of Christmas. I do encourage you to come back to Church this afternoon, Sunday, at 4PM to be part of this prayerful witness. My thanks to our Knights of Columbus for providing not only the tree but the hospitality that will be shared. Job well done!

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of the Americas. Today marks the Feast of the greatest miracle to take place in the new world: the anniversary of Our Blessed Mother leaving her very image on the tilma of Juan Diego. This event produced the largest number of converts that the Church has ever seen: 9 million became Catholic within 7 years of the apparitions. That's bigger than Pentecost and it's an event that continues. Almost 500 years later, the miraculous nature of the image remains to this day and continues to baffle science. A replica hangs in the back of Church: make a visit and read a bit about Our Lady of Guadalupe!

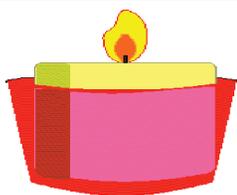
Finally, the Area Advent Penance Services begin this week. See the schedule and review the Examen of Conscience Flyer which can assist you to make a good confession. If it's been a while, don't let that hold you back. Tell the priest how long and entrust your sins to God's great mercy. There is no better way to be ready for Christmas than to welcome the Gift of Divine Mercy into your soul. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they can become white as snow." (Isaiah 1:18). We know how that happens, through an honest, sincere Sacramental Confession.

So there you have it, 3 reasons to rejoice. I close here with the words of Our Lady of Guadalupe spoke to Juan Diego. Have a happy and joy-filled Third Week of Advent.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

Know for certain, littlest of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through Whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth. I wish and intensely desire that in this place my sanctuary be erected. Here I will demonstrate and exhibit and give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful Mother. The merciful Mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy, and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes. Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, that the thing that frightens you, the thing that afflicts you, is nothing: do not let it disturb you...Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need something more? Let nothing else worry you or disturb you.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
the week of December 12, 2021
for Mary Plumley
Requested by Marge & Barbara

Bishop Shanahan High School is pleased to announce that the following students have achieved Academic Honors for the First Quarter of the 2021-2022 school year.

Natalie Davidson

Abigail McConn

Kendall Fertig

Christopher Michalowski

Renee Jonsson

Marisa London