



## Patron Saint of the Week: Juan Diego, Class 3C



St. Juan Diego (1474 - 1548) was a poor Mexican peasant who saw Mother Mary while on his way to Mass. Our Lady asked to have a church built where she stood. St. Juan quickly reported this to the Bishop who did not believe him. So,



St. Juan returned to our Lady and she gave him roses to show the Bishop. When he presented the flowers, the cape or 'tilma' that he was using to hold the flowers revealed a miraculous painting of Mary! The

Bishop and everyone fell to their knees and devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe spread quickly. The painting can still be seen today in Mexico! St. Juan Diego himself lived a humble and holy life. His feast day is on 9 December. We celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

*Dear Lord Jesus, Your love reaches out to all peoples. Give me a heart to love and respect everyone I meet. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego's cloak carried roses and your image to make sure your message would be believed. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Echo: Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.*

Next week's saint: St. Monica, Class 2E

**Stockings for Soldiers and Stockings for Kids will still be collected and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will fill the stockings TONIGHT, December 12!**



**"Bless the Baby Jesus":** All parents and parishioners are invited to a Prayer Service during regular Class time, Wednesday, December 19. Children are invited to bring a figurine of the baby Jesus, particularly from their family Nativity Crèche.

The blessing of Baby Jesus comes from a tradition that the Holy Father still carries out today. Every year, usually on the third Sunday of Advent, the pope celebrates "Bambinelli Sunday" and invites families to gather in St. Peter's Square, bringing the Baby Jesus figures from their nativity sets, and celebrating children, Christmas, and the Christ Child. Practice tonight For all participating 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Breath of Heaven by Amy Grant: song from Mary's perspective [https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-adk-adk\\_sbnt&hsimp=yhs-dk\\_sbnt&hspart=adk&p=breath+of+heaven#id=0&vid=1e0ae51195a02b0b410ef4eb7c26d14f&action=click](https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-adk-adk_sbnt&hsimp=yhs-dk_sbnt&hspart=adk&p=breath+of+heaven#id=0&vid=1e0ae51195a02b0b410ef4eb7c26d14f&action=click)



**Please remember to bring in forms ASAP for Direct Deposit of catechist stipends. They will be paid at year-end.**



## Third Sunday of Advent

***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."***

This is the time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation!

Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

**Epiphany Party Wednesday, December 28, 2019...Save the Date!** It's for all catechists, aides, and

volunteers at my house, everyone brings a dish, and spouses are invited. (Sign up in office or email

[psr@stpatpsch.org](mailto:psr@stpatpsch.org) or [pwebb.mw@gmail.com](mailto:pwebb.mw@gmail.com) or text 3146109813

**You will receive an email link for report cards data base next week. You will need to complete by Jan. 4 so that Report cards can be distributed on Jan. 16, 2019.** You will need to mark for Understanding of Material, Participation, Assignments, and Conduct using the grades of VG= Very Good, S = Satisfactory, NI = Needs Improving, and U = Unsatisfactory. You are encouraged to make comments. (Suggested comments are in your binder along with a sample report card.). Margo and I will complete the attendance portion. Let me know if you have any problems accessing the link. Or if you would prefer a paper copy..

Christmas Break: NO Class December 26 or January 2, 2019. PSR Classes resume January 9, 2019.

**The Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate evening has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019, 7PM.**

The required PSR Catechist Training "It's All About Jesus" has scheduled a "make-up" session for Thursday, January 17, 2019, 6:30-8:45 pm at Holy Spirit parish. If you did not attend the sessions in September, you are strongly encouraged to sign up for this event. Let me know if you are interested.

**share the Spirit**



***"Come Catch the Spirit!"***

***"Sip, Nibble, Learn and Converse!"***

On January 25, 2019, the Directors and Coordinators of Religious Education of St. Charles County will sponsor the 32nd Annual "Share the Spirit" Workshop for the parishes in the area. This event is for all PSR and full-time school teachers and any other members of your parish involved in religious education and formation, including RCIA teams. The location is Immaculate Conception Parish, 2089 Hanley Road, Dardenne, MO. The time is Friday, January 25, 6:30-8:30 pm.

This will be an evening "Open House" format so you can come for 25 minutes or the entire evening! There will be "Discussion Tables" with many different presentations. It's going to be an awesome workshop with many take home activities! It also includes Wine and Appetizers!