



Blessed Trinity

Weekend Magazine

Over 60 YEARS COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

December 11, 2022 ▪ The Third Sunday of Advent

How Our Lady of Guadalupe first appeared to a herdsman in Spain

By Philip Kosloski

200 years before her appearance in Mexico, Our Lady appeared on Mount Guadalupe in Spain.

A little-known fact in the English-speaking world is that the Marian title of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** predates the apparition to Juan Diego in Mexico and finds its origin in Spain. The story begins in the 7th century, when the Holy Father gave a statue of Our Lady to the bishop of Seville.

During the 8th century a battle was fought in the region where the statue was kept and a few local inhabitants sought to protect the precious statue of Our Lady, taking it out of harm's way. They took it as far as **Mount Guadalupe** in Extremadura, Spain and hid it in a cave located at its base. Afterwards no one knew of its location and it stayed in the cave for nearly six centuries.

Then in 1326 a herdsman named Gil went in search of a lost cow near Mount Guadalupe. Unfortunately he found the cow, dead, and was about to use his knife to begin taking the hide off when the cow suddenly rose and was restored to health. Then Gil turned and saw a beautiful Lady. She spoke to him and revealed to him the location of the missing statue.

I am the Mother of the Redeemer, and it was I who restored life to the dead animal. Go to the priest and the people, and tell them that it is my wish that they should come and remove the stones that obstruct this cave, where they will find my image. Tell them to have a chapel erected on this spot, and in time to come I shall make the shrine a center of my heavenly power and protection.



Gil went to tell others about what happened, but discovered that his son had died. He was grieved over his loss, but he had hope that Our Lady would intercede for him and raise his son to life. She did so during the funeral and all who were present were astonished.

Shortly thereafter they went to the cave and found the statue where Our Lady had instructed them. A chapel was built at the location and eventually a large shrine to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** was established.

Interestingly enough, many of the Spanish explorers who journeyed to the New World had a devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and placed their journeys under her protection.

Later she would appear again, this time to Juan Diego in Mexico and her miraculous image would become one of the most famous images in the world.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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Confessions will be held
Saturdays 2:45-3:45

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December Events at Blessed Trinity

Sunday, December 4

Lynn Bartolotta Memorial Benefit Concert 5:00pm Parish Hall

Thursday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation
Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 7:00pm Church

Thursday, December 15

Advent Penance Service
7:00pm – 8:00pm Church

Sunday, December 18

Pancake Breakfast
After 8:00am Mass Parish Hall

Breakfast with Santa

After 9:30 Mass Parish Hall

Children's Christmas Matinee

12 Noon Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 21

Gathering of Women's Christmas Party
2:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Hall

Saturday, December 24

Morning Mass of Advent
8:00am Church

Children's Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00pm Church

Christmas Mass of the Night

9:00pm Church

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Masses
8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Church

Saturday, December 31

Vigil Mass – Holy Mary Mother of God
4:00pm Church



*"The Lord
God keeps
faith forever."*

(Ps 146: 6)

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today many of us light a rose Advent candle as we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice," and today's readings hint at the joy of Christ's coming. Who among us can't relate to the concrete examples from the prophet Isaiah that give us many reasons for hope and joy as we anticipate Christ's birth. Those of us who have experienced fear or doubt find reassurance: "Be strong, fear not!" During the holidays when many will grieve those who have died this past year, we hear that "sorrow and mourning will flee." In today's Gospel, John the Baptist points us to the source of our joy in the person of Jesus Christ. As we continue to prepare for his coming, we can take comfort knowing that God is with us now and for eternity. As we hear in today's Psalm, "The Lord God keeps faith forever."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I am not a patient person. Waiting in the slow grocery line raises my heart rate, and I have to use cruise control in 35 mph zones (it works!). Despite my impatience, I've grown to love planting a vegetable garden in the spring and never cease to be amazed at the rich harvest of tomatoes in July or August. As St. James reminds us, we can learn from the farmer who patiently waits for the rains. "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Whether we have patient personalities or not, we can rest assured that the Lord is with us for the long game. Just as the rains help our tomatoes to come in – a miracle that still surprises me each summer – our faithfulness, prayer and good works can nurture our hearts and our souls. They also remind us of the true joy of the season: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has taken on our humanity for our salvation. "Lord, come and save us."

ACTION Need something to brighten your living area during the deep of winter? You can find amaryllis "bulbs in a box" online. They bloom inside and can be moved outside when spring comes, serving as a visible reminder that patience pays off. This can also be a nice gift for a friend or perhaps an elderly relative who does not have access to a garden.



Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the pre-baptism class before scheduling a baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10, Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

4:00 p.m. Kristin Boss (Dec)

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Bernie and Joe Young renew vows

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Maria & Francisco Barbosa (Dec)

Monday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. Viola Romani (Dec)

Tuesday, December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Zachary Harrison (Liv)

Wednesday, December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

Thursday, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Lyliane Corvington (Dec)

Friday, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Saturday, December 17, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. The Young & King Families (Dec)

4:00 p.m. Lucy Beddoe (Dec)

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Claude & Leda Dutilly (Dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (Dec)

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

12/11 • Rev. Joshua Hare

12/12 • Rev. Daniel R. Kayajan

12/13 • Caleb Malec, Seminarian

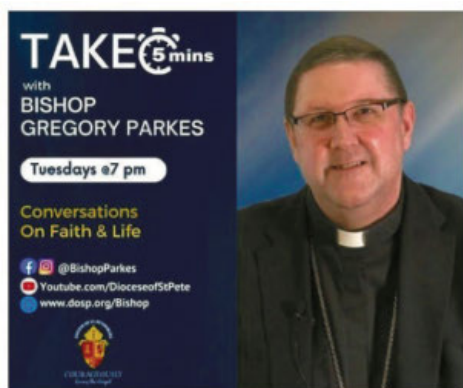
12/14 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

12/15 • Rev. Joel Kovanis

12/16 • Rev. Msgr. Michael Muhr

12/17 • Rev. Francis Mutesaastira

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Parish Finances

Included here is the cash basis financial summary for Blessed Trinity for the first quarter of fiscal 2023, the three months ended 09/31/2022, which reflects a net deficit of \$34,920. In this report, Operating Revenue - Other, includes items such as Building Fund donations, donations for masses, donations for flowers and interest income. Pastoral Leadership expense includes all clergy wages, stipends and benefits as well as expenses of the rectory. Worship and Music expense includes wages and stipends for music and worship, as well as worship supplies and material, flowers and environment and music supplies and services. Administration includes employee benefits, administration wages, office expense, professional services, dues and subscriptions, telephone and technology expense. Facilities Maintenance includes building and grounds repairs and maintenance, maintenance wages, utilities and property and liability insurance.

Financial Report for the 3 months ended 09/30/2022

	Income	Expense
Operating Revenue - Offertory	\$ 103,119	
Operating Revenue - Other	11,085	
Operating Expense:		
Pastoral Leadership		\$ 28,294
Worship and Music		15,351
Faith Formation		350
Charity and Outreach		385
Diocesan Support		1,425
School support		2,137
Administration		43,459
Facilities Maintenance		58,561
Subtotal	\$ 114,204	\$ 149,962
Operating Income less Operating Expense		\$ (35,758)
Supplemental Income	Income	Expense
Gift shop	1,494	1,366
Rental Income	710	
Subtotal Supplemental Income	\$ 2,204	\$ 1,366
Supplemental Income net of expense	\$ 838	
Total income less expense		\$ (34,920)

Are you 59 ½ or more in 2021?

Under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for cash charitable contributions. This means individuals over 59½ years old can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to a qualified charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100% of their AGI for the tax year.

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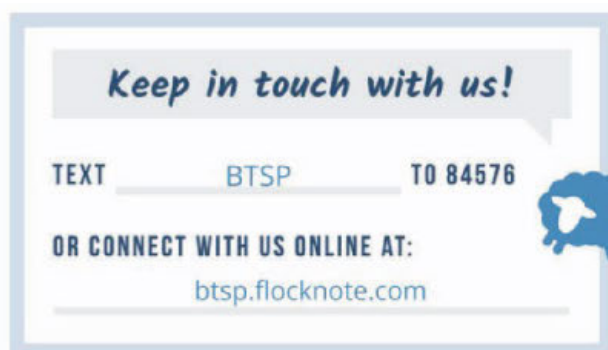
Our Lady's Chapel,
Cathedral of St. Jude
5815 - 5th Avenue N.

December 18, 2022 at 4:00pm

Please come to pray and sing in
ITALIANO

Celebrant:

Fr. Anthony M. Fortunato, OdeM.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

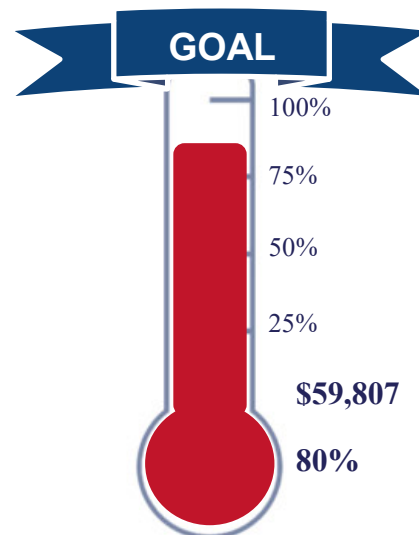
If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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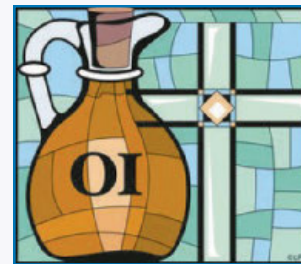
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