



WELCOME
TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH!
 We are part of the family of the
 Roman Catholic Diocese of Laredo

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:30 PM (Collective Intentions Permitted)

- † Javier Pedraza
- † Leonor Pimentel Hernandez
- † Bernabe & Marianita Ramirez
- † Ricardo Rodriguez
- † Esperanza Quintanilla (5 Ann.)

SUNDAY, December 20, 2020

9:00 AM

- † Delfina Castillo
- † Maria Flores
- † Cosme Garcia Casas
- † Roberto Medina

Accion de gracias por cumpleaños de Raymundo Paez

11:30 AM (Collective Intentions Permitted)

- † Elia Cardenas
- † Agustin Cardenas
- † Eduardo N. Buyo
- † Ricardo Baez
- Andrea Ortiz (BD)
- Felix & Gloria Rocha (49 Ann.)

5:30 PM—Pro Populo (Por La Comunidad)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, December 21, 2020

5:30 PM

Communion Service

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

5:30 PM

† Leo L. & Tomasita Fierros

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

5:30 PM

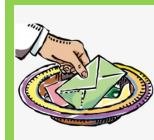
- † Ricardo Rodriguez
- Maria Cynthia Garcia (BD)
- Manuel Cerda, Jr. (BD)

Thursday, December 24, 2020

6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020

- 12:00 AM** Misa De Gallo
- 9:00 AM** Misa de Navidad
- 11:30 PM** Christmas Mass



SACRIFICIAL GIVING / NUESTRA OFRENDA
 Sunday Collection—\$ 2,717.43
 Thank you for your generosity!
 Gracias por su generosidad!

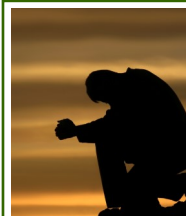


THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).
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PRAY BEFORE YOU SPEAK

Have you ever been told to "think before you speak"? Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. But later that night the God gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God

would make David's house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever. That can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger (or selfishness, fear, any strong feeling) that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if you take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen for what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let's take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance.
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NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.
 —St. Peter Canisius



SANCTUARY LAMP (CHURCH)
 is burning for Special Intentions & Blessings
 Received Rosario J. Martinez
SANCTUARY LAMP (CHAPEL)
 is burning this week
 For Melida Casas (Birthday)



LAS POSADAS
 Sugerencias de la Diócesis de Laredo para celebrar las Posadas en este año:

"Este año se suspenderá la tradición de pedir posadas con piñatas y comida compartida. Alternativamente, las parroquias pueden optar por invitar a los feligreses a sentarse en las bancas de la Iglesia y ser guiados en el canto, pidiendo posada con una imagen de María y José ante ellos."

Las Posadas (o Novenario antes de la Navidad) celebramos todos los días al final de la Misa diaria. Acompañenos!



VOLVER A MIRAR

San Lucas dice que María "estaba muy preocupada por lo que se le dijo y se preguntaba que tipo de saludo podría ser ese". Ella preguntó: "¿cómo puede ser esto posible?" Estas preguntas no concuerdan como Fra Angelico puso a Gabriel y María. En las ilustraciones de Vivas, el ángel Gabriel sentado con las alas maltratadas, cabeza calva, está tomando una taza de café con María mientras los dos juntos tratan de resolverlo. El texto es el mismo, pero el mensaje transmitido es diferente. Hay un grado diferente de comodidad y familiaridad en estas ilustraciones.

Este "tomando café" es algo que tenemos que aprender a hacer con las Escrituras y con nuestras vidas. Después de este evento, María embarazada viajó a las colinas para estar con Isabel, una mentora sabia y anciana, la figura de una madre. Ella pasó tres meses ahí reflexionando y preparándose para el nacimiento de su hijo. En esta última semana de Adviento, dedica unos momentos para encontrar un momento Gabriel y María o momento Elizabeth y María y lee las lecturas de Navidad de nuevo para ver lo que podrías haber pasado por alto, y para encontrar una nueva forma de que Cristo habite en ti.
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ADVENT CONFESSIONS
 at Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 22, 2020
6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Make plans to attend!

Sugerencias de la Diócesis de Laredo para los Servicios Penitenciales

"Las prácticas de distanciamiento social, limpieza y desinfección, el uso de cubrebocas deben seguir practicándose. Confesiones deben realizarse en el interior de la Iglesia o algún salón, en un área bien ventilada con una tela entre el penitente y el sacerdote confesor.

LA NAVIDAD EN EL CORAZÓN

¡Navidad! Es la estación para encender el fuego de la hospitalidad en la sala, y el fuego y de la simpatía en el corazón.
 —Washington Irving

OREMOS POR LA SALUD DE LOS ENFERMOS



Santiago Juarez, Belia Marie Juarez, Sylvia Grund, Cosme D. Casas II, Cosme D. Casas, Melida Casas, Christine Rodriguez, Bernabe Valdez, Christy Garcia, Araceli Tijerina, Manuel Cerda, Sofia Mata, Maria del Carmen Lawson, Lydia Escobedo, Irasema

Martinez
 Santa Maria, Salud de los enfermos ruega por ellos!

LIVE STREAMING CELEBRATIONS

from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

<https://www.facebook.com/officialourladyofguadalupeparish/>

11:30 AM— SUNDAY MASS

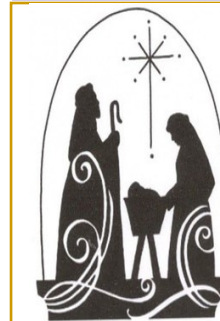


FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP
 Dioceses of Laredo

Dear brothers,
 There have been several inquiries made about the potential for Christmas Midnight Mass in light of the curfew currently in effect in the City of Laredo. The emergency ordinance went into effect on Friday, December 4 and imposes a curfew from 10:00pm to 5:00am "for all social activities." Bishop Tamayo has reached out to Mayor Pete Saenz on this topic. The Mayor has assured us that the curfew does not impede the possibility of Mass after 10pm. Instead, the purpose of this curfew is to minimize social gatherings of multiple households in homes.

Those desiring to offer a Christmas Midnight Mass are free to do so provided all safety protocols are followed. Priests should inform their parishioners that while the curfew does not impede the celebration of Mass, parishioners should not visit in each other's homes afterwards as this would, in fact, violate the curfew.

Christian charity dictates we do all in our power to help curb the rates of infection. Our simplified celebrations and strict adherence to safety measures are not aimed at lessening our devotion but at saving lives.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24, 2020
6:00 PM—Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday, December 25, 2020
12:00 AM—Midnight Mass / Misa de Gallo
9:00 AM—Misa de Navidad
11:30 AM—Christmas Mass



Dear Parishioners,
 May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the Angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
 Fr. Leszek Waclawik