



# Family Times at OLG



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC PARISH

December 2021

*"A Parish with open arms and caring hearts!"*

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 26, 2021



This is a wonderful story and one that resonates with every family. Children and teenagers can relate to sometimes being lost, physically or spiritually, and parents can relate to feeling anxiety and concern for their children. This story is also about the example that parents give to their children about their worship of God and about a child's realization that God's work can be done even by the very young. In the end, it is about the need for all of us to advance in wisdom, age, and grace with the help of God, no matter how old we are. The bible does not tell us about Jesus' childhood, except that he grew in "wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

### For family discussion:

As a family, discuss why it is important to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family?

How are Jesus, Mary, and Joseph models for our family life?

What new prayer experience can you share together as a family?

Share with us your thoughts, questions, and your experiences as family.

## Family Activity Corner

**Family Faith Sunday** is a multi-generational program where parents/guardians and their children (K-8<sup>th</sup>) gather to pray, play, and share their faith in community with other families in a fun way!



### December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas Day

#### Prayer:

*Loving God, today we remember the generous spirit of St. Nicholas. He loved God and shared his devotion to God by helping people in need and putting other before himself. Dear God, we ask you to help us learn from the example of St. Nicholas. He helped us to share kind words, and our possessions with those around us. We offer you this prayer with generous and loving hearts. Amen*

**A favorite tradition on St. Nicholas Day is to have family members leave one shoe outside the front door. The next day, you may find a special treat!**



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Read them at [Pflaum.org](http://Pflaum.org) [Here](#)  
or listen to them at [daily readings](#)



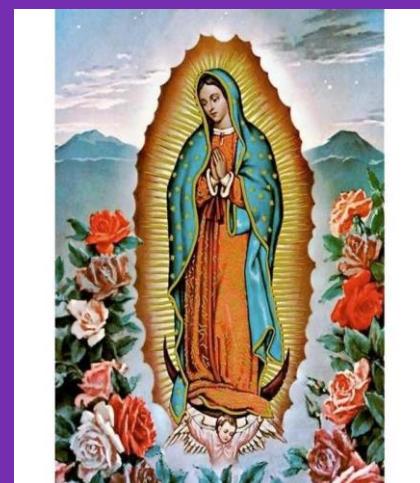
Live-stream daily mass at 8:30 am [HERE](#)

## *Our Lady of Guadalupe: North America, South America*

According to tradition, Mary appeared to Juan Diego, who was an Aztec, convert to Christianity. On December 9<sup>th</sup> and again on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1531. During her first apparition, she requested that a shrine to her be built on the spot where she appeared, on Tepeyac Hill. The bishop demanded a sign before he would approve construction of a church, however, Mary then appeared a second time to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses. In a second audience with the bishop, Juan Diego opened his tilma, letting dozens of roses fall to the floor to reveal, the image of Mary imprinted on the inside of his tilma. This image of Mary is now venerated in the Basilica of Guadalupe.



*Feast Day:  
December 12th*



*Pray for us!*

## December 25 – Christmas Day

***“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men and women with whom he is pleased!”***



### Christmas Prayer:

*Dear Lord,*

*As we gather as a family with friends and loved ones on this happy day, we remember the gift of the baby Jesus born 2000 years ago in Bethlehem. We are thankful, for families and friends who have come together with love and joy to celebrate the gift of Jesus. Be with us today and help us keep the love and joy we feel today, in our hearts with us all year long. In Jesus' name we pray.*

*Amen*



Looking for a Baptism Preparation class for parents/guardians and godparents?

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## *December 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents*

Following the birth of Jesus, King Herod was very threatened by the Possibility that a new king had been born. He ordered all baby boys under the age of 2 years old to be killed. The church has referred to these babies as the first martyrs of Christ and hence the observation of this day. While this is not a story that you would share with young children, you can take this opportunity to celebrate human life!

### Family Activity:

As a family, discuss how you might be able to help babies in your community. Westside Baby meets the basic needs of children, to promote safety, security, and healthy development. You could start a diaper drive or collect donations in your neighborhood to donate to this wonderful organization.



**WestSide Baby**  
*basics for children in need*

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Amen

Mary

Catholic

Rosary

Crucifix

Sacraments

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## 10 December Activities for Catholic Families

### Go see Christmas Lights.

Take time to talk about Jesus, the Light of the World, bringing light into the darkness.

### Go Christmas caroling at a nursing home.

### Celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Explain the [concept of the Immaculate Conception](#) and [work on a coloring page](#).

### Bake a braided sweet bread ring or cinnamon rolls for St. Lucy's Feast Day (Dec 13)

### Use an Advent Wreath at home.

### Watch your favorite Christmas themed movie as a family.

Bonus: Bundle up in blankets, eating hot buttered toast (or popcorn) and [drinking hot chocolate](#).

### Make and Deliver Treats to Neighbors



### Surprise The Children with Small Gifts in their Shoes on St. Nicholas' Feast Day (Dec 6)

### Attend Mass on Christmas

### Have a traditional Mexican feast (or a simple taco dinner) on Dec 12 for the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe