



### Principal's Message

Despite the varying opinions floating around out there of when the "right time" to put up Christmas lights and the tree is, at the very least we can agree that Christmas is fast approaching. And while it might be a time of joy, of blessings, of hope, and of celebration for some, it can be a time of stress - emotionally, physically, and financially - on others. This message, therefore, is not a "new" one but, rather, one that reminds us that as a Catholic faith community, we are called to extend God's compassion and mercy through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The Corporal Works of Mercy are the acts of kindness through which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs, while the Spiritual Works of Mercy are acts of compassion by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs. Of course, this applies to everyday, all throughout the year, but seems to be more prevalent at this time of year.

**THE WORKS OF MERCY**  
**CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL**

FEED THE HUNGRY	INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY	COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
SHELTER THE HOMELESS	ADMONISH SINNERS
CLOTHE THE NAKED	FORGIVE OFFENSES
VISIT THE SICK	COMFORT THE AFFLICTED
VISIT THE IMPRISONED	BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
BURY THE DEAD	PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

"A BIT OF MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST" (POPE FRANCIS)

As such, Catholic Central takes on an ENORMOUS endeavor - The Santa's Anonymous Christmas Hamper Project - which many of you are familiar with. However, you might not know the story and the legacy behind it. Having been exposed to a grand-scale operation "up north," a fresh and eager Mr. Wikenheiser pitched a smaller proposal of "let's start with 20-25 families" here with principal-at-the-time, Mr. Mombourquette, in 2000-2001. Mr. Wik and Mrs. Vill (short for Villeneuve) ran the project out of Trinity Learning Centre with the assistance of eight students. They learned a lot in the first few years of trying to get things right, like how to (not) run a toy donation drive (there is a humorous story behind this but you will have to ask Mr. Wik about it), but after only two years, they outgrew TLC and had to move the project to CCH Vasey Hall Gym. So, it really wasn't until 2003-2004 that the roots officially took and grew. This project has also had many iterations of staff

The best Christmas gift...  
**SPONSOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**



Students at Catholic Central High School are creating 50 hampers for families within our Holy Spirit district this Christmas season. Please sponsor a hamper (\$300) or donate any amount.

Please donate prior to  
**DECEMBER 12TH**

Visit: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/cch/>

- 1) Click on "Santa's Anonymous" icon in the bottom left corner
- 2) Under the Gift Information Heading, choose 'Catholic Central High School - Santa's Anonymous' from the drop down menu
- 3) Fill out the necessary information (tax receipts will be emailed immediately)
- 4) For those donors not able to use the online system, cheques made payable to "Holy Spirit Catholic Schools" are greatly appreciated, dropped off at CCH campus east.

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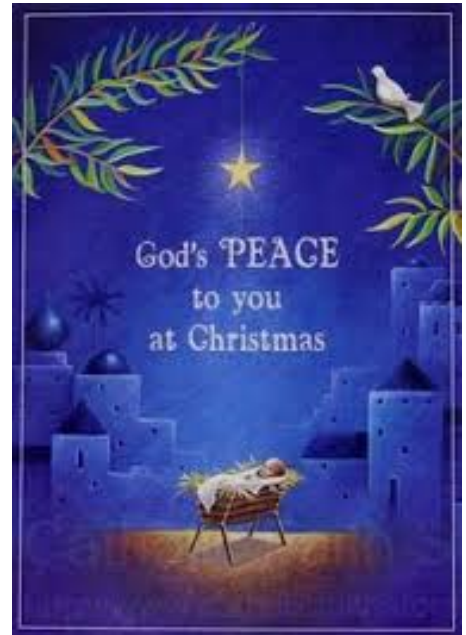
to lead it - Mr. Wik, Mrs. Vill, Ms. Perron, Mrs. Fetting, Mr. Spiess, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Skretting, and now Mr. New - and has relied on the generous support of donors over its over 20 year legacy! Today, there are multiple staff members who facilitate, upwards of forty students involved, and still many generous donors. We have also had many other schools in the Holy Spirit School Division run their own fundraisers to help support this project, which we are grateful for. I am told that if we "did the math," we are looking at around \$500,000 - \$ 600, 000 in kind, that has been raised over the years, to feed and bring Christmas joy to around 1,500 families. This year, Catholic Central is committed to supporting 50 families within the Holy Spirit School Division.

So, remember  
how I started  
with The  
Corporal Works

of Mercy? This is where YOU come in. We would be more than grateful, if you are in a position to donate, if you would consider either donating a hamper (\$300) or any \$ amount. If you cannot donate financially, we would love for you to spread the word to your family members, friends, and to the greater community. Conversely, if you would rather send food items with your students or drop them off at the school, please contact Mr. New for a list of what can be donated. It is moments like this that I am truly humbled by the big, giving hearts of our CCH community. Thank you.

And on that note, on behalf of all of us here at Catholic Central, I would like to wish each and every one of our students and all of our families a blessed Christmas and a joy-filled New Year! May peace be on your lips and in your hearts.

- Mrs. Polec



*Advent services will be held in  
classrooms on: November 28,  
December 5, 12 & 19*

*Advent mass will be held  
December 15, at 9:30 a.m. on  
Campus East*



# Dates to Remember

Nov 27	Advent Season Begins. Advent services will be held in class Mondays.
Nov. 28	First Advent service in classrooms
Nov 30	School Conference Manager opens up for conference bookings
Dec 5	Second Advent service in classrooms
Dec 8	Christmas Concert at Southminster Church
Dec 8	Midterm for Quarter 2
Dec 8-10	Cal O'Brien Classic Basketball Home Tournament on both campuses
Dec 12	Third Advent service in classrooms
Dec 12	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences 6-8 on CEast
Dec 15	Advent Mass on Campus East - 9:30 am
Dec 19	Fourth Advent service in classrooms
Dec 21	Division Board Meeting
Dec 24-Jan 8	Christmas Break
Jan 9	First day of classes after Christmas Break
Jan 10	Blessing of the Classrooms
Jan 12	English 30 Part A diploma
Jan 13	Social 30 Part A diploma
Jan 18	Last Day of Q2 classes
Jan 19	Math 30 diploma
Jan 20	English 30 Part B diploma
Jan 23	Social 30 Part B diploma
Jan 24	Biology 30 diploma
Jan 24	School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library on Campus East
Jan 25	Chemistry 30 diploma
Jan 25	Division Board Meeting
Jan 26	Physics 30 diploma
Jan 27	Science 30 diploma - CCH Staff PD Day
Jan 30	First Day of Quarter 3 classes

## School F E E S

Just a reminder that this year's school fees are now due. Kindly remit as soon as possible. Fees may be paid using School Cash On-line, or at the school office by cash or cheque only! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Tamara Wilson

### Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

**December 12 from 6 – 8 p.m.  
on Campus East**

Future dates for conferences:  
Q3 – March 9  
Q4 – May 18

## Blast from the Past

The 2022-23 yearbook is going retro! Thanks go out to our students & staff for their fountain of great ideas! We are very excited to highlight "blasts from the past" as we move forward with this year's theme. Remember to pre-order yours through school cash online. Delivery of this year's book will be in early September.



# CATHOLIC CENTRAL COUGAR ATHLETICS



## A Message from our Athletic Director . . .

With both the football and volleyball seasons officially over this might be an excellent time to thank the players, parents and most of all the coaches for a fantastic COVID free season. Many memories and friendships were forged throughout this fall season that will stay with these incredible individuals for years to come.

The football team fought valiantly throughout the season and finished the season a lot better than the last. Coach Dyck made it very apparent that he looks forward to next season already as he sees the team developing even more than they had this year. The entirety of the coaching staff will return and continue to drive forward with a persevering attitude.

Both Junior volleyball teams placed extremely high in the year end league championships. The JV Girls' eventually won the entire tournament and took claims over the Championship trophy. The Varsity Volleyball teams finished on high notes as they were granted host spots in the 2022 4A ASAA Volleyball Championships. With both teams starting in the third power pool but finishing in the second power pool, they showed the Provincial opponents that they were still powerhouses in the Alberta Volleyball landscape.

A huge thank you goes out to all of those parents, Knights of Columbus, JV players, sports leadership students and teachers who helped make the Provincial Championships the huge success that it was. All the teams who participated in the event shared their gratitude towards our efforts and were grateful for the opportunity to be involved with such an incredible event. Our Catholic Community should be proud of 'the show' that we put on as it most definitely exemplifies what we are all about as a faith based and caring community.

- Mr. Myndio



**'TIS THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Enjoy some pizza at your holiday activities and meetings!

**30% OFF** REGULAR MENU PRICE PIZZAS

Use promo code: **HOLIDAYSCH**

Enter promo code at **PAPAJOHNS.CA** at the start of each pizza.

**PAPAJOHNS**  
Better Ingredients. Better Pizza.

Offer valid Dec 5 - 30, 2022. Offer is exclusive to schools and must be redeemed on papajohns.ca. Valid at participating Papa Johns locations. Cannot be combined with other offers. Minimum order for delivery may apply. Taxes and delivery fee extra.





## Grad 2023 - Save the Date!

When we return from Christmas Break, we will dive right into Grad 2023 preparations!

**WHO:** All grade 12 students who meet the following requirements - attained or will attain 90 credits by the end of quarter 3 (April 6, 2023), have completed or will complete RE 35 with the 40 hours of Faith In Action, and are in good standing to attain 100 credits by the end of June.

**WHEN:** Grad Mass is Friday, May 12; Convocation is Saturday, May 13; Grand March and Grad Dance is Saturday, May 13.

**WHERE:** All events will be held at the Enmax Centre.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW RIGHT NOW:**

- Save the dates listed above!
- Mr. Collier and Mrs. Hoveling are currently in the midst of grad checks wherein they are having conversations with those “at risk” of not meeting graduation requirements. A “first draft” of the Grad List will be posted in both campus offices and at Trinity Learning Centre by the beginning of quarter 3.
- Parents/ guardians will receive a letter in the mail, outlining information items in January.
- Mrs. Polec will be visiting grade 12 classes in January to speak to graduates and relay information.
- There will be a Grad Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria on Campus East. Please plan to attend!
- Booking for grad photos will be over Reading Week in February and throughout March - specific dates and times will be listed in the letter that will be sent out in January.
- Grad Fees will be \$150 (not including banquet tickets) and will be set up on SchoolCash Online in January (which will also be outlined in the letter).
- More information to come as we head into January!

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### **WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBERS!**



I would like to thank the Holy Spirit School Division for the opportunity that they have given me to be a part of the CCHS family as head caretaker on campus west. I'm looking forward to meeting the students, teachers and staff that are a part of the Catholic Central family once I begin working!

**Ardee Aguilar**



Hi Everyone! My name is **Gil Balmes**. I have accepted the position of head caretaker on campus east. I previously enjoyed working at Children of St. Martha Elementary School and am now happy to be part of the community at Catholic Central. I am married to Maricel Balmes, and we have three children - Gio Mari, Jomari, and Marivic Balmes.



*The Catholic Central Music Department  
proudly presents*

# **CHRISTMAS CHEER CONCERT**

**Featuring**  
**Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble,  
Concert Choir and Show Choir**

**Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**7:00pm**

**Doors open at 6:45pm**

**Admission: \$8.00**

**Southminster United Church**

**1011 4 Ave S, Lethbridge AB**

**Tickets Available**

Starting December 1<sup>st</sup> through School Cash Online on the CCH website  
or at the door the night of the concert

Proceeds will go to the purchase of music and equipment for the Music Department



# OFF-CAMPUS NEWS



## Dual Credit

Courses being offered for the Winter Session are:

**Lethbridge College: January 30 to May 9, 2023**

Agriculture Finance  
Wellness and Health Issues  
Anatomy and Physiology 1  
Botany  
Ecology  
Introduction to Aquaponic Principles  
Entrepreneurship  
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System  
The Principles of Animation  
Interpersonal Relationships and Communication  
Public Safety Communications  
Marketing Fundamentals for Media  
Health, Nutrition and Safety  
Introduction to Early Childhood Education  
Foundations of Education Assistance  
Composition  
Writing for the Workplace  
Physical Geology  
Family Systems and Development  
Introduction to Indigenous Studies  
Introduction to Coaching  
Introduction to Psychology  
**Deadline to apply is November 30, 2022**



**Olds College: February 27 to May 19, 2023**

Accounting Principles  
Veterinary Practice: The Team Connection  
Agriculture Electronics and Control Systems  
Applied Ecology  
Accommodation Management  
Producing Horticulture Crops  
Training for Performance  
**Deadline to apply is February 10, 2023**



For more information about these courses or the Dual Credit program Contact Mr. Boschee or Mrs. Gurr.

## Upcoming Career Transitions Virtual Career Exploration Sessions

Tuesday, Nov 29 @ 4:30pm—Environmental Scientist

Thursday, Dec 1 @ 4:30pm—Ironworker

Tuesday, Dec 13 4:30pm—Entomologist

Wednesday, Dec 14 @ 4:30pm—Architect

To register or to watch numerous recorded past career sessions go to : [careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/](https://careersteps.ca/exploration-sessions/)



## University of Lethbridge Early Admission

Submit your application for U of L admission before December 15 and you will automatically be considered for the Board of Governor's Admission Scholarship. You could earn up to \$1,000. For more information go to:

<https://www.ulethbridge.ca/future-student/board-governors-admission-award>



## Young Women In Trades & Technologies Youth & Parent Information Night

**December 1 @ 7:00pm** at the Lethbridge College



Come to Lethbridge College to learn more about high school internships in the trades for young women. Try the welding stimulator, interactive plumbing and wind turbine stimulator and have a tour of the trades building.

Space is limited so RSVP email or call:

[kvassell@nextgen.org](mailto:kvassell@nextgen.org) or 403-308-6823

**Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023 to all students, parents and staff at Catholic Central High School . Mr. Boschee and Mrs. Gurr**

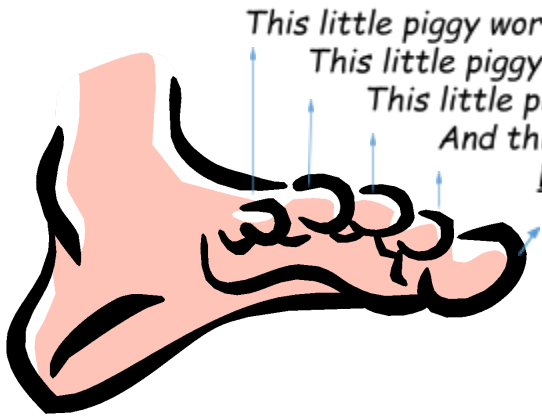
## Your Off-Campus Team

Mark Boschee - Off-Campus Coordinator Cell: 587-220-4258 or Email: [boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:boscheem@holyspirit.ab.ca)

Wendy Gurr - Career Practitioner - 403-327-4596 Ext 312 or Email: [gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:gurrw@holyspirit.ab.ca)







This little piggy wore Argyll,  
This little piggy wore tube socks,  
This little piggy wore woollies,  
And this little piggy dressed in style.  
But this little piggy . . . HAD NONE!

SOCK  
IT TO  
'EM

It's time for  
**22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL  
OPERATION:**

From November 1 to December 15, 2022

Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre, along with Support Staff in Lethbridge & Area schools are collecting **NEW SOCKS** to be donated to local charities and those less Fortunate for Christmas.

*Please* join them and make Someone's Christmas a little bit warmer!

To donate, contact any Office staff at your local school.

QUESTIONS?

Call Gail Petrie (403) 327-6520

Charlene Kocken (403) 329-3222

- Nord-Bridge Seniors Centre
- Lethbridge School District
- Holy Spirit School Division
- Palliser Regional School Division

# December

Arise!  
Pilgrims of  
Hope



“...to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord..”

Luke 2:11

## St. Juan Diego 1474-1548 (Feast Day: December 9)

A beautiful picture of Mary can be seen on a cloak above the main altar in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The cloak belonged to Juan Diego, an Aztec who lived more than 450 years ago. On December 9, 1531, when Juan was a 57-year-old widower, he was walking to Mass. A beautiful lady appeared. She told him she was the Immaculate Virgin Mary, and that she desired to have a shrine there at Tepeyac Hill. Mary asked Juan to tell the bishop of her desire.

The bishop didn't believe him, so Juan returned to the lady and suggested she send a better speaker. Mary told Juan that she chose him for this work and that she would bless him for helping her. Juan revisited the bishop. This time the bishop told him to ask his lady for a sign that she was the Mother of God. Mary then sent Juan to the top of the hill to gather the flowers growing there. Juan knew that nothing grew on that rocky hill, let alone in winter. However, Juan found gorgeous roses! He picked them and brought them to Mary, who arranged them in his cloak and told Juan to take them to the bishop. When the bishop saw Juan, he asked what he had in his tilma. Juan opened it, letting the roses fall. Imagine the bishop's surprise at seeing roses in winter! Yet he saw an even greater miracle: on Juan's cloak a beautiful, life-size image began to appear. Juan Diego remained poor, simple, humble, and devoted to the Eucharist. He spent the next 17 years traveling throughout central Mexico, bringing others to the faith and delivering Guadalupe's message that Mary loves us and wants to help us. Juan Diego was beatified in 1990 and canonized in 2002.

## Holy Moments In Our Schools

St. Patrick Fine Arts Arise Wall! Staff and students chose a word to describe a gift or talent God has given them that helps them serve the world in positive ways, and contributes to the Body of Christ.



## Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

We see many seasonal devotions during Advent, including the Advent wreath and nativity scenes. This year, Holy Spirit is also releasing a weekly Advent video for your use.

Additional Resource:  
[The Symbol of the Advent Wreath](#)



A beautiful picture of Mary can be seen on a cloak above the main altar in the [Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#) in Mexico City. The cloak belonged to Juan Diego, an Aztec who lived more than 450 years ago.

## The Fruit of the Spirit – Faithfulness

One song that you may hear during the Advent and Christmas season is 'O Come, All Ye Faithful', which is usually the final hymn sung at Midnight Mass at the Vatican. In the original Latin version of the text, the title is *Adeste Fideles*. Our word faithful derives from the Latin word *Fidei*, which also gives us the word fidelity. We might think here of reliability, obedience, loyalty, truthfulness, or constancy. As Catholics, we know of God's faithfulness towards us, his people, and how his promises to us come true (especially shown in this Advent season). We are called to be loyal and trusting in God, and when we do that, even in little ways, our faithfulness is increased by the Holy Spirit.

Paul, in Hebrews, says that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Heb 11:1). The church has described this gift of faith, brought by Jesus, as the Light of Faith (*Lumen Fidei*). This was also the name of a Papal encyclical given by Pope Francis in 2013, in which he said:

*In God's gift of faith, a supernatural infused virtue, we realize that a great love has been offered us, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope.*

As we near the manger at Christmas, may we see in the newborn Jesus the great love of God, and in our faithfulness may the Holy Spirit continue to transform our lives.



*“Let not your heart be disturbed... Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.” - Our Lady of Guadalupe*

# Reflecting on the life of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin...

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

One of the most well known titles of Mary is Our Lady of Guadalupe, as she revealed herself to St. Juan Diego in 1531. His tilma is now housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage sites in the world. The image, famous around the world in both Catholic and secular culture, shows a pregnant Mary, clothed in a star-covered mantle, eclipsing the sun and standing atop the moon, with a cherub carrying her train. There have been many studies on the tilma, including [detailed study of the locations of the stars and Our Lady's eyes](#), which reveal fascinating details. Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of Mexico and the continental Americas, as well as the namesake of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, the group engaged in [renewing and fostering relationships between the Catholic Church and Indigenous Peoples in Canada](#).

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



## St. Juan Diego Showed "Faithfulness"

"I am a nobody. I am a small rope, a tiny ladder, the tail end, leaf..." St. Juan Diego

With these words to Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego reveals to us his feeling of unworthiness after the bishop didn't believe him. Mary, of course, believes in him, and helps him to try again. Being told by the bishop to provide a sign, St. Juan Diego again returns to Mary and follows her instructions, in spite of the reasons not to. In each step, [St. Juan Diego](#) shows himself to be reliable, obedient, and trusting; the core of faithfulness. In each step, his faithfulness grows, and is rewarded in the end with the [miraculous tilma](#). His faithfulness becomes a model for not only the bishop, but all of the peoples of the Americas. When we find ourselves feeling small or tiny, or a nobody, we can recall the example of St. Juan Diego, whose faithfulness was multiplied exponentially and bore much fruit.

St. Juan Diego, pray for us!

Adapted from [Franciscanmedia.org](http://Franciscanmedia.org). [A Look at St. Juan Diego](#)

## Gospel Readings

December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday in Advent

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." — Matthew 3:3

John the Baptist cried out in the desert for repentance, for people to turn away from sin. He knew that true repentance would "make straight" the path for Jesus, who was coming to lead people back to God. By repenting, we make the mission of Jesus so much easier! He can reveal the truth to us, and lead us to live and act like he did when he was on earth - welcoming everyone, even those that others didn't like or approve of, teaching how to share so that everyone has enough, giving people a chance to start over when they admitted their mistakes and sins, and more. This Advent is an opportunity to admit our sins, go to confession, and "make straight" the path we are walking with Jesus so we can better live how he taught.

*Father in heaven, thank you for giving us your Son to lead us in our journey toward eternal life. Help us enter into a spirit of humility and repentance this Advent!*

**Are there other things we can do to make it easier for Jesus to show us the truth? What gets in the way of our spiritual journey?**

December 18, 2022 4th Sunday in Advent

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

"And they shall name him 'Emmanuel', which means 'God is with us.'" — Matthew 1:23

Do you know why your parents picked the name they did for you? Often parents pick a name because the name comes from an older relative, or from an important person they admire, or maybe because your parents really loved the sound of the name. Jesus got his name because the angel told Joseph what to name him. God chose the name "Jesus" which means "God Saves" for his son. The prophets knew also that Jesus would be called Emmanuel, or "God is with us." That was not going to be his given name, but it was going to be who he was! God came to us in the flesh, as a baby, and truly was "with us" then, and now is still truly with us. He will never leave us or abandon us!

*Dear Father, thank you for giving us your Son, in the flesh. Thank you, Jesus, for giving us yourself in the Eucharist. You are truly "with us" now and forever!*

**Does it ever feel like Jesus is not with you? When that happens, think of Jesus like the sun. The sun is always there, even when we can't see its light at night or when it is hidden behind the clouds. Jesus is always still with you, even if you can't feel him.**



# Gospel Readings

December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord

## Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

“ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news...” — Isaiah 52:7

What great joy this day brings to our hearts! We are surrounded by loved ones. We are sharing feasts and receiving presents. But are we seeking the newborn king as the shepherds did? Are we proclaiming the Savior's birth as the angels did? Isaiah reminds us today to bring the good news of Christ's birth to all we meet. We can do this through our actions, words, and even our thoughts. By doing this, we share the peace that is in our own hearts, and that can be one of the greatest gifts we give this year.



*Father in heaven, thank you for the greatest gift that was ever given by anyone, your son Jesus. We sing his praises along with the angels this day, saying Glory to the newborn King!*



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin



### Sources:

[Saint Juan Diego, 1474-1548](#)

[What Is Advent?](#)

[The Fruit Of The Holy Spirit: What Is Faithfulness?](#)

# December



Arise!  
**Pilgrims of Hope Journal**

## WEEK ONE

The second week of Advent is focused on Peace - what has brought you peace this week?



In God's gift of faith, a supernatural infused virtue, we realize that a great love has been offered us, a good word has been spoken to us, and that when we welcome that word, Jesus Christ the Word made flesh, the Holy Spirit transforms us, lights up our way to the future and enables us joyfully to advance along that way on wings of hope. - Lumen Fidei

# December


## WEEK TWO

The third week of Advent is focused on Joy - what little moment has brought you joy this week?



## WEEK THREE

The fourth week of Advent is focused on Love - when was a time this week that you felt God's love?



## WEEK FOUR

Read Luke 2: 1-20 today. How can you be like the shepherds who spread the news of Jesus' birth?



### *A Prayer to St. Juan Diego*

Beloved Juan Diego,  
show us the way that leads to the Virgin,  
that she may receive us in the depths of her heart,  
for she is the loving,  
compassionate Mother who guides us to the true God.  
Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose,  
make intercession for the Holy Church,  
protect the Sovereign Pontiff,

help all those who invoke thee in their necessities,  
and since thou art the ever Virgin Mary,  
and Mother of the True God,  
obtain for us from thy most holy Son  
the grace of keeping our faith,  
of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life,  
of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

St. Juan Diego, pray for us.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Amen.



## **Parish Advent, Christmas and New Year Mass Times**

### **All Saints Parish**

#### **Saturday, December 24**

6:00 p.m. at Assumption & St. Basil's  
9:00 p.m. at Assumption & St. Basil's  
Midnight at Assumption & St. Basil's

#### **Sunday, December 25**

9:00 a.m. at Assumption  
11:00 a.m. at St. Basil's

#### **Saturday, December 31**

5:00 p.m. at Assumption  
7:00 p.m. at St. Basil's

#### **Sunday, January 1**

7:30 a.m. at St. Basil's  
9:00 a.m. at Assumption  
11:00 p.m. at St. Basil's

There will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass on January 1

### **Ss Peter & Paul Parish**

#### **Saturday, December 24**

10:00 p.m. - Nativity Vigil & Divine Liturgy

#### **Sunday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. - Nativity Divine Liturgy

#### **Monday, December 26**

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

#### **Saturday, December 31**

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

#### **Sunday, January 1**

9:30 a.m. - K of C led Rosary  
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy  
11:00 a.m. - Fellowship

### **Children of St. Martha's**

#### **Saturday, December 24**

(No confession at 4pm)  
5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, December 25**

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**NO Masses** Dec. 26th - Dec. 30th

**NO Adoration** Fri. Dec. 30th

#### **December 31**

Confession: 3:00 p.m.  
Adoration: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Mass: 5:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, January 1**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God -  
9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.





“O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which you alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in your love,  
and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.”

- Pope John XXIII

*Wishing you and your  
family peace and joy this  
Christmas season and all  
through the new year!*

*From the teachers and staff  
of Catholic Central High  
School*