

Gaudete!



"Rejoice" Sunday

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022 "Gaudete" (Rejoice) Sunday

Mon., Dec. 12 th	-----	No Mass on Monday (<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>)
Tues., Dec. 13 th	9:00 am	Feastday Mass of St. Lucia
	6:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session (<i>in Rectory Meeting Room</i>)
Wed., Dec. 14 th	9:00 am	Feastday Mass of St. John of the Cross
	7:00 pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE (with General Absolution)
Thurs., Dec. 15 th	9:00 am	Advent Weekday Mass
Fri., Dec. 16 th	9:00 am	Advent Weekday
Sat., Dec. 17 th	5:00 pm	Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun., Dec. 18 th		Sunday Masses



BISHOP'S SCHEDULE
DEC. 24: 8 PM & 11 PM
CATHEDRAL MASSES

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our next Advent Penitential Service with General Absolution will be celebrated this coming Wednesday:

December 14th at 7 pm.

For those who prefer: Individual Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

Our new 2023 Calendars have now arrived and can be purchased from the Parish Office, during regular Office hours. Cost is \$5.



A NEW PRIEST FOR OUR DIOCESE

Our Parish joyfully announces the upcoming Ordination to the Priesthood of our parishioner, Rev. Doug McClure, at his request and with the special permission of Pope Francis, which our Diocese recently received from the Vatican. This week, Bishop Colli officially accepted Doug's petition to be ordained a Catholic Priest and announced the date for his Ordination to the Diaconate on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00 pm and his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, January 28th at 2:00 pm. in our Cathedral.

As many know, Doug is a former Anglican priest who became a full member of the Catholic Church with his wife, Lesley in 2016. Since then he has been in training for the Catholic Priesthood and actively ministering in our Parish. In his announcement to the Priests and Deacons of the Diocese, Bishop Colli expressed his appreciation to Pope Francis for granting Doug permission to be ordained and his elation in welcoming a new priest to our diocese. We congratulate Doug, Lesley and their family.

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE: Saturday, December 24th
5:00 pm; 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: Sunday, December 25th
10:30 am ONLY

Feast of St. Stephen: Mon., December 26th
Mass at 12:10 pm (*Office is closed*)



"ST. PAT'S HAT" DONATIONS THIS WEEK

Special Anonymous Pledge	\$ 10, 000.00
Special Anonymous Donation.....	2, 000.00
Monthly Renovations Collection...	1, 950.00
On Line Donations	770.00
Free-will Pledges/Donations.....	1, 375.00
In Memory of Ron Glena	200.00
In Memory of Evelyn Marcon	150.00
In Memory of Joyce Lacko.....	175.00
Pledged /collected this week	\$ 16, 620.00

LAST WEEKEND'S PARISH DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 5,060.80
Online Donations (<i>last week</i>).....	250.00
Missal Sales	95.00
Votive Candles	116.00
St. Anthony's Poor Fund	14.80

TOTAL PLEDGED & COLLECTED TO DATE



*** \$ 376,361.65 ***

Donations & 50/50 Draw: on-line at:

www.stpatshat.ca



Q. When did the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe take place and when was she named the Patroness of the Americas? My Filipino friends have also told me that she is honoured in their country as well as their national Patroness. Is this true?

A. Yes, it is true. In fact, besides being venerated in the Philippines, she has also been honoured as the Patroness of Mexico since 1859, of Latin America and of the 'unborn'. It was in 1945, that Pope Pius XII



named her the "Patroness of all the Americas". Then, in 2002, St. John Paul II canonized the visionary, Juan Diego. His feastday is celebrated on December 9th, three days before the annual celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.

The Apparition

In 1531, while passing Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City, an Indigenous convert to Christianity named Juan Diego saw a bright light and a beautiful lady with child, standing there. She announced that she was the 'Virgin Mary, the Mother of God'.



She requested that Juan ask his Bishop to erect a church on the site so that the place could become a centre of love, compassion and of her protection. Understandably

skeptical of Juan Diego's story, the Bishop asked him to bring him a sign to prove the authenticity of the alleged apparition. When Juan returned to the Hill for this sign, the Lady appeared to him again. This

time she asked him to gather the flowers that were blooming on the wintery barren hill-top and to place them in his *tilma* or cloak. He was then instructed to carry the flowers to the Bishop and to open his *tilma* during their meeting. When he did so, the flowers fell to the floor and a symbol-rich image of the

Virgin was left on his *tilma*. The astonished Bishop commissioned the building of the original shrine to Our Lady on the site. At that same

place today, stands a modern Basilica in which the original *tilma* still hangs over the main altar. The shrine is the most visited Catholic site in the world. We have a copy of the image in our Cathedral, too!



Catholic Women's League

1. VIRTUAL RETREAT

Our Diocesan CWL invites you to this retreat on Mondays, Nov 28th, Dec 5th, 12th & 19th: 7:30 pm to 9 pm, hosted by Colleen Martin.

2. LEAGUE SCARVES

These are still available for purchase. Please call:

Pam Brusadin: 475-4377.



Knights of Columbus



COLUMBUS CENTRE EVENTS

Christmas Lunch
Buffet Special
Friday, Dec 16th

Our new 2023 Missals are still available at the Church's main entrance or from the Parish Office. The Cost is \$5.

BULLETIN ADS FOR 2023

Our new bulletin covers for 2023 will soon be printed for distribution throughout the year. If you are interested in purchasing a year-long ad on the back cover, please call the Office at 622-5389

SETS OF SUNDAY ENVELOPES FOR 2023

1. If you no longer wish to use them, OR
2. If you would like to have a first set for 2023, please call the Office at 622-5389.