



*Welcome!*  
**Immaculate Conception Church**  
*gives a hearty welcome to our*  
*visitors and new parishioners.*



SECOND SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday- Wednesday:  
 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
 Thursday & Friday:  
 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

**ICC Gift Shop:**

open during office hours.

**HORAS DE OFICINA:**

Lunes- Miércoles:  
 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.  
 Cerrado 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
 Jueves- Viernes:  
 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

**ICC Gift Shop (La Tiendita):**

abierta durante horas de oficina.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:**

Monday-Friday: Mass at 8:00 a.m.  
 Saturday: Confessions at 3:00 p.m.  
 and Mass at 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: Masses 8:00 a.m. (Spanish)  
 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (English)

**HORARIO LITÚRGICO:**

Lunes- Viernes Misa 8:00 a.m.  
 Sábado Confesiones 3:00 p.m.  
 Misa 4:00 p.m.  
 Misas de Domingo  
 8:00 a.m. (Español)  
 10:30 a.m. y 12:00 p.m. (Inglés)

**ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Thursday 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO:**

Jueves 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

First Friday of the month after Mass

**UNIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:**

Primer Viernes del mes  
 después de Misa.

**HOLY ROSARY:**

Weekdays after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

**SANTO ROSARIO:**

Entre semana después de Misa

**SACRAMENTS:**

Call or email the office for information about Sacraments and XV Años, as well as for requests of Holy Communion for the homebound.

**SACRAMENTOS:**

Solicite información detallada en la oficina, ya sea por teléfono o por correo electrónico acerca de Sacramentos, de XV Años o para solicitar Comunión para enfermos confinados.

**PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS:**

Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish hall. All paperwork must be received prior to attending this class.

**CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL:**

Segundo martes de cada mes 7:00 p.m. en el salón parroquial. Documentación completa es requerida para poder asistir.

**Mass Intentions For The Week**



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**Saturday, Dec. 9, Advent Weekday**

**St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzintzin**

4:00 p.m.- Gavin Teran (Health & well-being) by Family

**Sunday, Dec. 10, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 a.m.- †Joyce Carmichael (12th. Anniv. of her death)

†Rogelia Holguin (1st. Anniv. of her death) by Son Ricky

†Dee Holguin by Son Ricky

**10:30 a.m.-**

†Rogelia & Dee Holguin by Eva Holguin & Fam.

**12:00 p.m.-** For the Dominguez & Norris Families

**Monday, Dec. 11, Advent Weekday St. Damasus I, Pope**

8:00 a.m.- For the poor souls in purgatory

**Tuesday, Dec. 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

8:00 a.m.- Mary Lou Gomez (Health & well-being) by Family

†Randy Ogas (In Memory of Wedding Anniversary) by His wife

**Wednesday, Dec. 13, St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

8:00 a.m.- For all women in peril

**Thursday, Dec. 14,**

**St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church**

8:00 a.m.- For our clergy

**Friday, Dec. 15, Advent Weekday**

8:00 a.m.- †Randy Ogas by Graciela Ogas

*Special Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candles can be ordered by phone or in person at the office.*

*There is a \$10 stipend.*

*To be included in the next bulletin, submissions must be made by Monday noon.*

Intenciones especiales para Misa y Cirio del Santuario se pueden ordenar por teléfono o en persona en la oficina. El estipendio es de \$10. La fecha límite para poder incluirlas en el boletín del domingo es el Lunes al mediodía.

**Special Intentions for the month of December:**

**For persons with disabilities**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus caminos;  
llegara la salvación de Dios y todo mortal la contemplará.

### Mass Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** – Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: Summary: God promises comfort and forgiveness to Jerusalem, declaring an end to her trials. A path is made for the Lord's glory, as He comes with power and tenderness, like a caring shepherd.

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 85: I listen for God's words, for He promises peace to His people and salvation to the reverent. In our land, kindness and truth, justice and peace, shall unite under His blessings.

**Second Reading** – 2 Peter 3:8-14: God's time differs from ours; He's patient, desiring all to repent. The Day of the Lord will bring transformation, urging us to live in holiness, awaiting a new righteous world.

**Gospel** – Mark 1:1-8: Isaiah prophesied a messenger, John the Baptist, who emerged in the wilderness calling for repentance and baptism for sin forgiveness. He foretold of one greater than himself, unworthy even to untie His sandals, who would baptize with the Holy Spirit, not just water.

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Advent tell us of John the Baptist and his call to repentance. The first reading foretells the coming of John the Baptist. The psalm reminds us that the Lord is kind and just. The second reading encourages us to grow in holiness. And in the gospel, John the Baptist is baptizing people in preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ.

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—accept all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the indigenous population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves. According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's preferential option for the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.



### The Sanctuary Candle

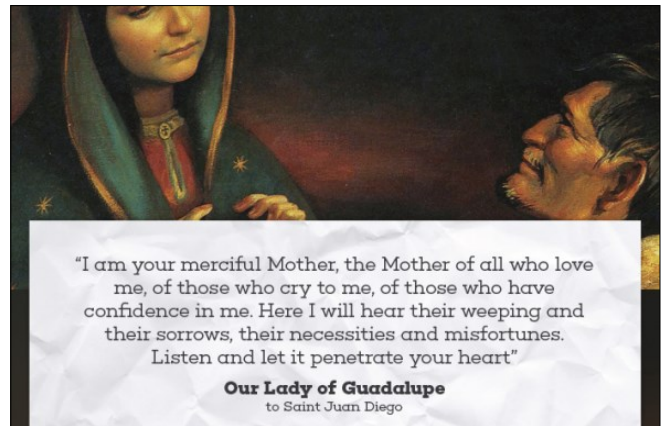
Burns to honor the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

MARY LOU GOMEZ  
(Health & well-being)



Oh **San Juan Diego**, en las apariciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, tu, un humilde pastor, fuiste elegido como mensajero de Ella

Tu completa lealtad en esta tarea es aún evidente hoy en día, en la milagrosa imagen que la Virgen dejó en la tilma. Intercede por mí, te suplico, para que pueda tener tu confianza infantil en la Madre de Dios y para que mi corazón pueda responder a sus maternales inspiraciones. Por medio de una simple confianza, obediencia y amor, espero un día poder unirme a ti y compartir la felicidad que nunca se acaba, ahí donde nuestra celestial Madre reina en la gloria de su Hijo. Amén.



St. Juan Diego Coauhtlatocatzin  
Feast Day December 9

Thousands of people gathered in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe July 31, 2002, for the canonization of Juan Diego, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared in the 16th century. Pope John Paul II celebrated the ceremony at which the poor Indian peasant became the Church's first saint indigenous to the Americas.

The Holy Father called the new saint "a simple, humble Indian" who accepted Christianity without giving up his identity as an Indian. "In praising the Indian Juan Diego, I want to express to all of you the closeness of the Church and the pope, embracing you with love and encouraging you to overcome with hope the difficult times you are going through," John Paul said. Among the thousands present for the event were members of Mexico's 64 indigenous groups.

First called *Cuauhtlatohuac* ("The eagle who speaks"), Juan Diego's name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. After the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady, however, little more is said about Juan Diego.

In time he lived near the shrine constructed at Tepeyac, revered as a holy, unselfish, and compassionate catechist, who taught by word and especially by example.

During his 1990 pastoral visit to Mexico, Pope John Paul II confirmed the long-standing liturgical cult in honor of Juan Diego, beatifying him. Twelve years later the same pope proclaimed him a saint.

# What's Happening

- ~**FAMILY FORMATION**~ Catechism Classes for children K- 6th. Grade First Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. parents with their children at the Religious Ed. Bldg.
- ~**CONFIRMATION CLASSES**~ Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at the Religious Ed. Bldg.
- ~**RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)**~ Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. at the Religious Ed. Bldg.
- ~**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**~ Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Religious Ed. Bldg.
- ~**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**~ Meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at the Religious Ed. Bldg.
- ~**GRUPO DE ESTUDIO BÍBLICO Y ORACIÓN**~ Lunes a la 6:00 p.m. en el Edificio de Catecismo.
- ~**DAILY ROSARY**~ After the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- ~**CHOIRS**~ Choir practice for Mass in English Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. practice for Mass in Spanish, in the church bldg.
- ~**CHURCH ENVIRONMENT**~ Meets Fridays at 9:00 a.m. to clean the church.
- ~**MASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**~ Last Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
- ~**FOOD PANTRY**~ Located on 320 7th Street Open Tuesday, December 14 & 28  
from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- ~**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**~ Meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the  
K of C Hall (16 KC Rd.)

## DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Feast day "Mañanitas" 6:00 a.m.

Holy Mass 8:00 a.m.

Everyone's invited afterwards for a free menudo breakfast at the parish hall.



**DICIEMBRE 12,  
DÍA DE NUESTRA  
SEÑORA DE  
GUADALUPE**  
"Mañanitas"  
6:00 a.m.  
Santa Misa  
8:00 a.m.

*Todos estamos  
invitados después  
de Misa al salón  
parroquial a un  
desayuno de  
menudo gratis.*



## CHOIR

Contact ICC Office to schedule the choir for Special Occasions such as weddings, quinceañeras, etc., and to check the fee amount. Please give a minimum of two weeks' notice for these special events and for any other special Mass.

*Ministry of Comfort provides Music for funerals free of charge.*

**Tithes & Offerings** **December 3, 2023**  
**REGULAR COLLECTION** **\$3,720.15**

*This week's Second Collection goes to the Retirement Fund for Religious.  
Please be generous towards those who have given a lifetime.*

**Galas**  
**2023**  
*"Under the Stars"*

Sponsored  
by  
**Immaculate Conception Church**

December 30th, 2023  
Dinner/ Dessert: 6:00-8:00pm  
Dance: 8:00pm-12:00am

RC Hall  
16 RC Road  
Alamogordo, NM  
Music by Dj Ceze

Dinner/ Dessert/ Dance:      Contact Graciela  
\$35 for single/                      for Tickets:  
\$60 for couple                      575-437-3291 or  
Dance Only: \$15                      575--495-6800



**Sacred Heart Church**  
**is a Mission of Immaculate Conception Church**  
205 James Canyon Hwy  
Cloudcroft, NM 88317  
[www.sacredheartcatholiccloudcroft.org](http://www.sacredheartcatholiccloudcroft.org)  
Sunday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Confessions prior to Mass  
Wednesday Mass: 9:30 a.m. Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament and Rosary: Wednesday 9:00 a.m.  
Anointing of the sick: First Wednesday of the month

**Christmas**  
SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24  
Mass 8:00 a.m. (Español)  
10:30 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.  
\*VIGIL MASS 8:00 p.m.  
*representation of the Nativity scene before Mass by the Catechism students.*

Monday, Dec. 25  
Christmas Mass  
11:00 a.m. (Bilingual)



The office is now taking names of senior citizens for the Giving Tree.  
Call 437-3291 if you know of someone who may enjoy receiving a Christmas gift.