

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUSTIN, TEXAS

DECEMBER 20TH, 2009

From the Pastor

The Word became flesh

In the beginning of His gospel, John the evangelist says:

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son full of grace and truth”.

The Word became flesh, what does it mean? First of all it means that we need to listen to that Word, who is Jesus Christ; and then, to allow that Word to become flesh in our lives.

Sometimes it seems to me that people believe that a true Christian is who has the best arguments about Jesus, a powerful or a touching idea about Christ. Some people are very proud of themselves because they know the gospels very well, and the whole Bible (which is good itself).

Saint John the evangelist tells us that a Christian is who has seen the glory of Christ and who opens his/her life to let Christ dwell among them.

Come to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Community to see the glory of Jesus. You would see His glory in our Christmas mass, in our Children’s Christmas play, and when you wish a Merry Christmas to every body in the Church.

~Friar Francisco Munoz

Parish Holiday Schedule

The parish will close in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays on Thursday, December 24, 2009. The office will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2010. The campus is closed with the exception of Liturgy; no room reservations will be assigned.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY 12/19

6:00PM
+ASCENSION AND +LUCY HERNANDEZ

SUNDAY 12/20

7:45AM
SOCIEDAD—VELA PERPETUA
YOLANDA GONZALEZ

9:45AM
+ORALIA SEDILLO

11:30AM
+MARIA G. MARTINEZ

6:00PM
+FATIMA NICOLEC ERVANTES

MONDAY 12/21
5:30PM
LAS ANIMAS



Please Pray for our military personnel who are serving our Country, especially those in Iraq or overseas: SFC Michael E. Serna, Master Srgt. Janie Jimenez, LTC Michael Goains; SSgt. Paul Nanez; Staff Sgt; Melissa de la Torre Jeff Cox (Navy)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

Budget Amount	\$ 9,800.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,380.39
Candles	\$ 332.00
Sunday Kitchen	\$ 6,24.36
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 2,685.88
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	\$ 684.37

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Social Ministry News

This is the last Sunday of Advent and Christmas is almost here. Take time to pray with your family for the safety of our troops overseas and for peace. For a time when all of our troops around the world are able to come home and be with their families. Please pray the prayer below for peace written by Pope John Paul II. Take some time during Christmas dinner and list every peaceful act and every act of kindness you have seen in the past week. Support our troops by remembering those who have been wounded in action. Together as a family, write one more Christmas card this year and send it to this address. A Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

Peace Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen

*This prayer was written by Pope John Paul II.

Thank you!

Thank you to all those who brought in their gifts from the angel tree. All of the toys and personal items will be going to the patients at the Austin State Hospital. The Austin State Hospital helps over 4,000 adults and children who have a mental illness every year, and we were able to donate much needed toys and gifts for their Christmas program. Thank you!!

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Saint Peter Canisius, priest, doctor
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Saint John of Kanty, priest
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday:
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89;
Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Saint Stephen, first martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michael Bourgeois	Mary R Guerra
Edna and David Smith	Linda Martinez
Adele Camacho	Maria Martinez
Vicente Sandoval Sr.	Roland Vela
Catherine H Sanchez	Linda Badal
Narciso Saucedo	James Crum
Louise Kuhn	Mary Hernandez
Julian Hernandez	Frank Hernandez
Alice Chambers	Anna T Vasquez
Tara Penton	Gregorio Villalobos
Mary Vera	Julian Castro
Amanda Barrientez	Sue Fowler
Gloria Gomez	Martha Patricia
Sanchez Paredes	Rose Perez