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**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 7, 2025**

Pastor

Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa

Secretary

Maryanne Ladensack

Maintenance

Lynn Cournyer and Nick Lashley

Weekly Mass Schedule

Sunday—Rosary 8:25am

Mass 9:00 am

Tues, Thurs, Fri—Rosary 8:25 am

Mass 9:00 am followed by

*Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays*

Wednesday—Rosary 4:25 pm

Mass 5:00 pm

Saturday—Rosary 3:25 pm

4:00 pm Mass

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am—3:30 pm

Faith Formation

Sundays after Mass

Sacraments

Preparation classes with Pastor

Marriage

6 months prior to setting date

Reconciliation By appointment or:

Weds: 4:00—4:25 pm

Saturday: 3:00—3:25 pm

Sunday: 8:00—8:25 am

Bulletin Deadline: Monday



**Knights of Columbus**  
Council 7329

**MADONNA HALL**

Rosary at 7:30 pm  
3rd Degree meetings  
1st Monday of month 8:00 pm



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—December 7 Vigil Mass  
3:25 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Mass  
*All Those with Cancer (Jim & Lanna Lemerand)*

Monday—December 8 Immaculate Conception  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
*+Deceased Members of the Boris Family (Connie Boris)*

Tuesday—December 9  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
*Needs of our Parish Family (Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)*

Wednesday—December 10  
**NO BIBLE STUDY, RECONCILIATION OR MASS—FR. SAN WILL BE TAKING HIS MONDAY OFF THIS DAY DUE TO THE HOLY DAY**

Thursday—December 11  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
*Sarwad Yousif (The Family)*

Friday—December 12  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
*+August Ladensack (The Wallace Family)*

Saturday—December 13 Guadalupe Event  
**3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation**  
3:25 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Mass  
*Intentions of our Shrine Restoration Supporters*

Sunday—December 14  
**8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation**  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
*+Ron Nickerson (The Nickerson Family & Friends)*

Stewardship Report		
Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	19,000.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	2,681.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$	56.00
Candles	\$	4.00
Mass Intentions	\$	150.00
Online Giving for November	\$	1,859.82
November Income to Date	\$	17,794.18

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

- **Christmas Choir members desired....** practice is Saturday at 10am in the Church. Check with Michele Horger (586) 665-0442 or any choir member for details—kids welcome!
- **Servers needed** for the upcoming holidays—see the sign-up sheet on the board outside the sacristy. January and February schedules are in the sacristy.

**Giving Tree** tags are on the tree in the narthex. Take a tag, buy a gift, wrap, tape tag to it, and put under the tree.

**Cleaning Needs Drive** is also being held. Bring any type of cleaning products and place by the Christmas tree to go along with the gifts. *Note: We do not have the bags as in past years—just bring items in grocery bags.*



**Christmas concert** will be Sunday, 12/21/25 at 3:00 pm right before the combination **Parish and K of C Christmas Party Potluck** at 4:00 pm.

*Meats will be donated by the K of C. Sign-up sheets for the potluck are in the narthex.*

**CCW Christmas Flower Collection Starts Now**

Please place monetary donations in the jar in the narthex and help us to buy beautiful poinsettias!



PRAYER LIST

NAMES STAY ON FOR UP TO ONE YEAR AND ARE THEN MOVED TO THE CHURCH PRAYER BOOK  
Brian Urbanski, Sue Dawes, Kerri Pennington, Greg Pennington, Holly Vandethorn, Wally Cox, Cynthia Vanvleck, Rich Valley, Jude Brammel, Marianne Roddy, Jim, Sharon LeBlanc, Marilyn Hood, Alan Osterling, Marty Landman, Natalie Davidson, Donna Nicolay, Robert Stevens, Pete Freel, Chris Horger, Joe Regnier, Bob Beale, Chris DeMoines, Sophia Camaj, Irene Bryske, Connie Cook, Gary Babcock, Marcia Botkin, Buck Bradley

Sun: Rev. Christopher Jarvis  
Mon: Deceased Priests Tues: Rev. Liby Joy  
Wed: Rev. John Ladd Thurs: Rev. Scott Lawler  
Fri: Rev. Basil Lek Sat: Most Reverend Bishop Walsh

**Holy Day of Obligation  
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Sunday, 12/07/25**  
**9:00 am Mass on Monday, 12/08/25**

*Note that the regular Sunday Mass does not count for the Holy Day—you must attend two separate Masses to fulfill your Sunday obligation and once again to fulfill your Holy Day obligation.*

**NO ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE THIS YEAR—However, on Wednesday, 12/17 & Saturday, 12/20 there will be Confession both before and after Mass.**

**HOLIDAY MATCH FOR SHRINE RESTORATION**

Thanks to two generous donors, beginning December 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026, all donations for the Shrine Restoration will be matched—up to \$7,000!!

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

**Saturday, 12/13/25**  
**4:00 pm Mass with Litany**  
**Taco Bar Dinner to follow**

Please let us know if you will be staying for the dinner.....sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Gift Shop open before and after Sunday Mass throughout Advent.**

**CANCELLED:**  
**WEDNESDAY, 12/10/25**  
**BIBLE STUDY, CONFESSION, MASS**

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT. CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. MARY PARISH.**

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—[olwshrine.org](http://olwshrine.org)—and click on “Our Parish.” You can also access it at: [dioceseofgaylord.org](http://dioceseofgaylord.org), ‘Find a Parish’, then find us on the map or list—click on our website.

**SHRINE CORNER**  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12<sup>th</sup> is the feast day for Our Lady of Guadalupe and our parish is celebrating this feast day on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mass will be at 4 pm followed by a Taco bar dinner. Here is a little history on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She appeared to Juan Diego and his uncle, Juan Bernadino, in December 1531 at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac—later known as the Village of Guadalupe. The woman appearing to Juan Diego stated that she was Mary “*Mother of the Very True Deity*” and told Juan to have a church built at this location in honor of her. He was then to inform the Archbishop of Mexico City of what had transpired.

Juan wanted no part of this command but did as he was instructed. The bishop’s attendants dismissed him and he was happy about this. However, upon returning, Our Lady of Guadalupe indicated that he was the chosen and needed to return to the bishop. He returned and waited several hours before the bishop received him. He instructed Juan to ask for a sign from this lady of who she was.

Juan Diego was told by Our Lady of Guadalupe to pick some flowers in the freezing winter weather. Finding castellan roses, he gathered them up in his tilma (poncho cape made of burlap), and took them back to the bishop who made him wait again. Upon opening his tilma before the bishop and his attendants, an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was imprinted on the tilma. The bishop and his attendants immediately fell to their knees upon seeing this beautiful and sacred image.

A small shrine was built at this location. This apparition resulted in the conversion of almost the entire population of Mexico which was 10 million at this time. Juan Diego was canonized a saint on July 31, 2002.

Peace be with you.  
Monte Mariani, Shrine Director



**We have \$163,237.06 of our final goal of \$210,000.00.**