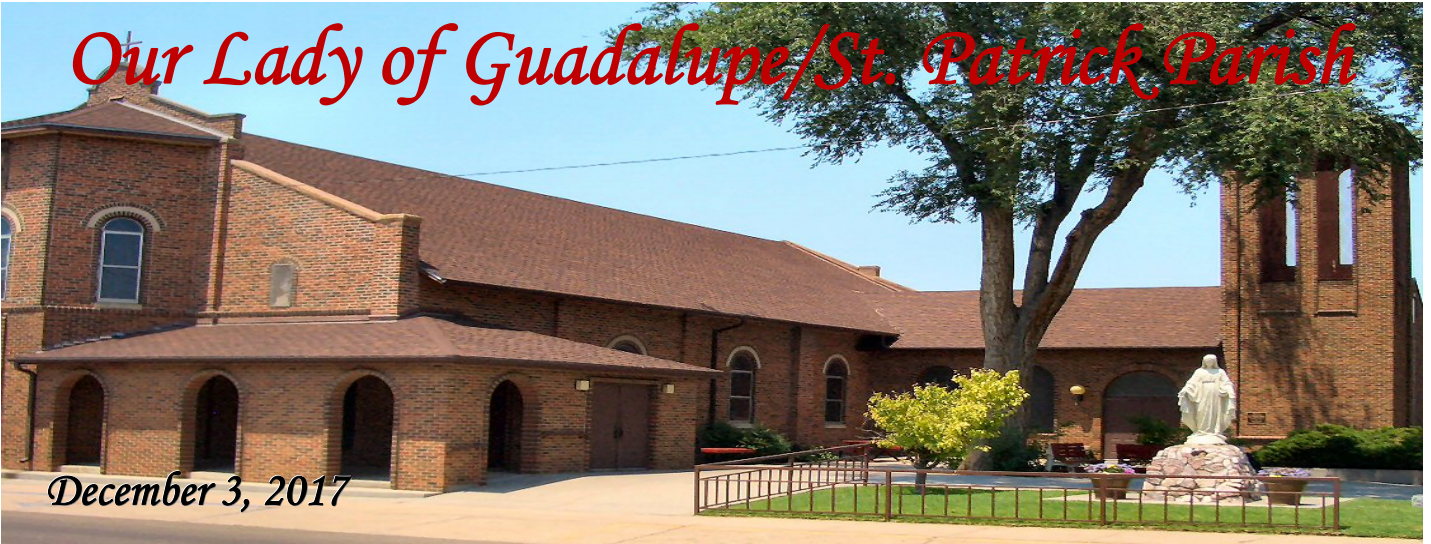


# Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick Parish



**MISSION:** "Helping each other FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST on the Road to Heaven!"

## Welcome to our Parish

### Mass Times

Sunday – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday – 6:00 p.m. Español (NEW!)

Monday – 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. Noon (NEW!)

Wednesday – 7:00 a.m.

Thursday – 4:30 p.m.

Friday – 7:00 a.m. Candlelight Mass (NEW!)

Saturday – 4:00 p.m.

Nursing Home Mass: 1st Friday of every month 2:00 p.m.

Evergreen Garden Mass: 3rd Friday of every month 2:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday after 7:00 a.m. Mass; Benediction at 4:30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Blue Army Rosary Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Healing Prayer Team (NEW) Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants: If you have a child under the age of 7 who has not yet been baptized, classes are available in Spanish and English. **GODPARENTS MUST BE CONFIRMED, ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.** Please call the office to pre-register, or if you have any questions.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Priest at least six months in advance.

Adult Sacraments of Initiation: If you have never been baptized and are over 7 years old, OR if you were baptized in another Christian church, OR if you were baptized as an infant in the Catholic Church, but didn't receive the other Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the office to learn more about how you can become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Adult Confirmation: Classes are held Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Contact the Office for information.

Pastor's Note: Anyone desiring to enter into sacramental preparation should begin attending Mass regularly and making a resolution to live the faith, showing readiness. If the person is in a union that is not a marriage in the Church, this situation will need to be reconciled with the Church prior to the reception of the Sacrament(s). If a previous marriage is involved, a petition for a declaration of invalidity will need to be prepared and sent to the Diocesan Tribunal. Please contact the Office information.

**Parish Finance Council Members:** Pat Luttrell, Barbara Leininger, Jim Wallace, Jim Russell, Pam Lucero, Toni Madrid, Mike Fazio

Office Hours: Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Faith Formation for students K-Confirmation is ongoing.  
Discipleship Day is December 3 after 10:30 Mass. Required for all  
First Communion Students!

Last chance to bring non-perishable food items for our Faith Formation  
Food Fight! *Winning class will have a party after Christmas!*

### Helping One Another Follow Jesus Christ on the Road to Heaven!

Adult Faith Formation meets Mondays at 5:30 PM.

Adult Confirmation meets Tuesdays at 6 PM.

**It's not too late to register!** Contact the Parish Office or see our  
website, [www.olgsplajunta.org](http://www.olgsplajunta.org).

#### UPCOMING HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday December 8 is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**. In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the **Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."**

This teaching of our Church is not to be confused with the Virgin Birth, which refers to the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb without then intervention of a human father. Rather, it means that **Mary**, whose conception was brought about the normal way, **was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.**

**Thank you to all who have donated to the Memorial Tree Campaign! We only have a few locations left!** Our Parish is offering a way to honor our loved ones, with our Memorial Tree Campaign. Your donation **of any amount** will go toward the purchase of a Memorial Tree, to be planted on our Parish Campus. **Groups, families or individuals donating \$200.00 or more will be able to choose the placement of their Memorial Tree.** Except on the island, where a matching Locust tree will be placed, sturdy evergreen trees will be planted to beautify our Parish Campus for years to come. See the display at both entrances for more information!

This Sunday, December 3 is the **First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of the Church's Liturgical Year. **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 also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas... Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.** *Advent includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.*

Let's challenge ourselves to make this season of Advent a time to truly prepare our hearts for Jesus!

#### ADVENT CHALLENGE!

Pray **THE ANGELUS PRAYER** at least once daily during Advent!

Designed to commemorate the mystery of the Incarnation and pay homage to Mary's role in salvation history, the Angelus has long been part of Catholic life. Around the world, three times every day, the faithful stop whatever they are doing and pray this simple yet beautiful prayer.

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*

*The Lord is with Thee;*

*Blessed art thou among women,*

*And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*Pray for us sinners,*

*Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.**

*Hail Mary, etc.*

**V. And the Word was made Flesh.**

**R. And dwelt among us.**

*Hail Mary, etc.*

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.**

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**LET US PRAY**

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Angelus is traditionally said at 6 am, noon and 6 pm  
(which is why our Parish courtyard bell rings at those times).

But we can pray it at anytime!

[www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-angelus.html](http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-angelus.html)



### Thank You

We would like to thank all who donated to our purchasing and setting of our Parish's new statue of the Holy Family.

A special thank you to Knights of Columbus, Circle 1, (Marion Coterie) Circle 3, (San Martin De Porres),

Mariachi y Coro Santa Maria, Catholic Daughters of America, and everyone who participated in this project.

May God Bless you all. Once again, thank you! Sincerely, Saint Theresa Circle 5