

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

**THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER**

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



## **The First Coming (part 1)**

A few weeks ago the focus of the Liturgical readings was on the Second Coming of Christ. For the next few weeks we avert our attention to the lessons we can learn from the First Coming of Christ. God could have redeemed mankind in any number of ways, but He chose to redeem man by becoming one of us. Our God is the God of mercy, of empathy, forgiveness, truth, and justice. Jesus also revealed that God is our Father, and as such He teaches us like a Father would his child. In this short bulletin article we can't expound upon very much but I hope to give you something to meditate upon and ultimately have a deeper love for our Infant King.

Every aspect and circumstance that is recorded in the Scriptures, is, as St. Paul tells us, 'meant for our instruction.' (Romans 15:4). Christ chose to be born of

of a virgin. A woman capable, (on a natural level) of bearing children, but from a woman who chose to offer her perpetual virginity to God. This is a gift that God not only received but was exceedingly pleased with. Did He choose an earthly queen or a princess? Did He choose someone with great power and influence in the world of men? God's ways are not our ways and God chose a undo the disobedience of the first Eve and the cataclysm that followed with the simple "*fiat*" of Mary. "Let it be done to me according to Thy word." These words should form the motto of our spiritual life. The order of grace is built upon this *fiat*. Our chance at heaven, the grace of redemption and the blessings we can receive from the sacraments began with that *fiat*. What is God teaching us with this lesson? All He needs from us is our willingness to love and serve Him. We also see the fruitfulness of Mary's chastity. Her act of self-denial gave us the joy of Christmas, the happiness of eternal beatitude.

We see in Mary the perfect herald of the coming of Christ and someone that we ought to imitate in every way we can.

Our Lady, Mother of God, Pray for us!

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 11 - 17

**SUNDAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

**MONDAY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**TUESDAY: ST. LUCY, VM**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**WEDNESDAY: EMBER WEDNESDAY**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**THURSDAY: FERIA OF ADVENT**  
7:45 AM LOW MASS

**FRIDAY: EMBER FRIDAY**  
  
5:00 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
6:00 PM LOW MASS

**SATURDAY: EMBER SATURDAY**  
  
8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
9:00 AM MASS

**CONFESSIONS**  
SUNDAY: 7:15 AM AND 9:30 AM  
MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM  
FRIDAY: 5:10 PM - 5:40 PM  
SATURDAY: 8:10 AM - 8:40 AM  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

## Announcements and Upcoming Events



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
From the Roman Breviary

In the year 1531, according to the religious tradition of Mexico, Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, appeared on Mt. Tepeyac to a recently baptized Christian, Juan Diego, and gave him a message for Bishop Juan de Zumarraga - a commission which she urgently repeated - that a church was to be built there in her honor. The bishop, however, asked for a sign. Two days later, the neophyte set out to get a priest to administer the Last Sacraments to his uncle, and he took a route that would not bring him near the place of the apparitions. But his loving Mother favored him with a third visit, assured him of his uncle's good health, and had him gather some roses which had sprung up out of season. These she arranged in his tilma or cloak, and she told him to take them to the bishop. As the roses cascaded to the floor of the bishop's audience chamber

### **Church Decorating Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, December 18th we are looking for a few young volunteers to help decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. Please see Miss Mary Bennett after the 10:15 am mass. Many hands make for less work. Thank you for always stepping up!

### **Welcome Our Newest Catholic!**

Saint Michael welcomes our newly baptized members: **Patrick Damien Gardner**  
Born: 12-3-2022 and baptized 12-8-2022

### **2023 Envelopes are Here!!!**

Please pick yours up in the vestibule and if there are any issues or you did not receive them please let us know so we can make it right.

### **Christmas, Sunday, Dec 25th**



12:00 am Midnight Mass

8:00 am Low Mass

10:15 am High Mass



### **Christmas Pageant and Party will follow the High Mass on Sunday, January 8th**

(so the story continues), the picture of Mary, miraculously imprinted on the tilma, was revealed to those present. The image was at first kept in the bishop's oratory, then moved to the hermitage that had been built on Mt. Tepeyac, and finally placed in the great basilica which became the goal of crowds of Mexican pilgrims, drawn there by their devotion to Mary and by the reports of frequent miracles. Having the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe as an ever-present protectress, the Mexican bishops, with the approval of all the people, chose her as the primary Patron of the Mexican Nation; and this choice was duly approved by the Apostolic Authority of Pope Benedict XIV. On Columbus Day, October 12, 1895, Pope Leo XIII acting through the Archbishop of Mexico, adorned the holy image with a golden crown. And St. Pius X declared Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all Latin America.

*"The Lord is near.  
Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:5-6



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**DECEMBER 11 - 17**

**Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM**

Pro Populo

Michael Gillenkirk

rb: Gillenkirk Family

**Monday: 7:45 AM**

Priest's Intention

rb:

**Tuesday: 7:45 am**

Children of Bobby & Alyssa Resio

rb: Bobby & Alyssa Resio

**Wednesday: 7:45 AM**

Puncer Family

rb: La Fata Family

**Thursday: 7:45 AM**

+Joli Joseph

rb: Nancy Noll

**Friday: 6:00 PM**

Mike & Maria Bonacore

rb: Bonacore Family

**Saturday: 9:00 AM**

+Nicole Howe

rb: Nancy Noll