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Gift Shop News!

The **December issue of the MAGNIFICAT** is in.

We have lots of new gifts and religious items, plus new DVD's and CD's, which make great gifts for Christmas. We also have Layaway for your purchasing convenience as well.

For your convenience the Gift Shop will be open on Wednesday, December 2nd from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please tell your friends and family so they can take advantage of this opportunity. We are open every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM as well as soon Sundays we are open until 2:00 PM for the Spanish mass. Hope to see you either on Wednesday or Sunday!

We are located in the hall behind the rectory. If you cannot make it after any of the weekend masses, call the rectory and we can make arrangements for you to come in during the week.

Blood Drive!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is hosting a United Blood Services blood drive scheduled for **Sunday December 13, 2009 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.** Please consider giving an hour of your time and a pint of your life saving blood. Please sign up in the back of church or to guarantee a specific time please sign up on line at www.Bloodhero.com, our sponsor code: perpetualhelp

WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: **"Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever"** (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

6:30 pm in English

7:00 pm (Family mass) OLPH in English

7:00 pm (Family mass) Capilla in Spanish

Midnight mass at OLPH in English

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day

6:30 am in English

9:00 am English at OLPH

10:30 am at OLPH in Spanish



St. Vincent de Paul

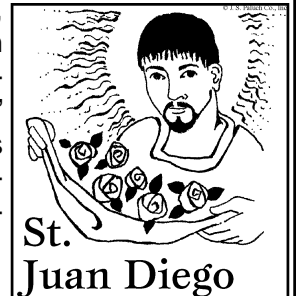
St Vincent de Paul only takes up a collection on months with 5 Sundays. The people we take care of are hungry everyday. For every \$10.00 you donate to St Vincent de Paul from now till December 6th, we will give you 3 chances to win our Victorian Doll House. **Please help us help others in need.**

SAINT JUAN DIEGO

(1474-1548) December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: **"God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly"** (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means **"One Who Speaks Like An Eagle,"** and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness. —Henry Ward Beecher

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Weekly Contribution Amounts
Sunday, November 29, 2009
 Sunday Collection



\$11,636.79

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Retirement Fund helps senior religious. ***“As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,”*** notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services.

Our Lady’s Guild

The Guild’s monthly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 pm** in the hall. Please bring gifts suitable for boys and girls from infant to 8th grade. Also remember to bring Mac & Cheese for the SVDP Pantry. Thanks to all the ladies for your generous hearts. Refreshments will be served. All ladies of the parish are invited and welcome. For more info call 623-915-0488.

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, December 7/Lunes, 7 de Diciembre, 2009		
5:30 pm	Children’s Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Youth Group	Hall
7:00 pm	Guadalupanas	Church
Tuesday, December 8/Martes, 8 de Diciembre		
9:30 am	World Apostolate of Fatima	Chapel
6:00 pm	Christian Formation, Spanish	Class Rms
7:00 pm	RCIA, Spanish	Confer. B
7:00 pm	RCIA, English	Confer. A
7:00 pm	Guadalupanas	Church
Wednesday, Dec. 9/Miercoles, 9 de Diciembre		
6:00 pm	Christian Formation, English	Class Rms
6:00 pm	Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Our Lady’s Guild meeting	Hall
7:00 pm	Guadalupanas	Church
7:00 pm	Bible Study	Chapel
7:00 pm	Neocatechumenal Way	Casa Maria
Thursday, December 10/Jueves, 10 de Diciembre		
6:00 pm	Spanish Choir Practice	Confer. Rm
7:00 pm	Guadalupanos	Church
Friday, December 11/Viernes, 11 de Diciembre		
7:00 pm	Guadalupanas	Church
Saturday, December 12/Sabado, 12 de Diciembre		
7:00 pm	Neocatechumenal Way	Confer. Rm
Sunday, December 13/Domingo, 13 de Diciembre		
9:00 am	United Blood Drive	West Parking Lot

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Masses for the Week

- Monday, December 7 — St. Ambrose**
 6:15 am –† Betty Jane Baran
 8:30 am - † Jack Whalen
 7:00 pm - † Beatrice Saenz
 - Tuesday, December 8 –Immaculate Conception**
 6:15 am– † Concepción Gacia
 8:30 am † Jack Whalen
 7:00 pm - † Ralph Bowman
 - Wednesday, December 9**
 6:15 am –Virgen de Guadalupe
 8:30 am † Jack Whalen
 - Thursday, December 10**
 6:15am- † Jim Peterson
 8:30 am - † Betty Jane Baran
 - Friday, December 11**
 6:15 am - San Antonio
 8:30 am –† Betty Ertz
 7:00 pm - † Victoria Espinoza
 - Saturday, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 8:30 am - † Agapita López
 5:00 pm - † Oliva Chemello
 7:00 pm - † Hector Navarro
 - Sunday, December 13**
 6:30 am –† King & Ricketts families
 8:30 am † Jamie Soto
 10:00 am † For the People
 10:30 am † Ernesto Perez Armenta
 12:30 pm †Jose & Maria Lomeli
- Remember in prayer all who are sick in our community, and those who have asked for your prayers:** Veronica Bustos, Concha Aguilar, John Dykes, Ramona Rodriguez, Maria Rojo, Alicia Macias, Sonny Knotts, Arturo Muñoz, Rod Bagnall, Jose Dorame, Lucy Santa Cruz, Christine Lopez, Angie Fass, Natalia Batista, Rod Bagnall, Jason Abril, Mary Fedro, Anne Fogus, Delfina Noriega, Jenny Dunston, Frances Bowers, Maria Carpenter, Cindy Gentry, Michael Manners, Rose Ann Carpenter, John Boland, and Marjorie A. Weise. **Pray for deployed members of the military:** Lance Corp. Juan Torres and Michael George Alvarez **Pray for all who have died:** Concha Aguilar and Amelia Hernandez

CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro tendrá una campaña de donación de Sangre el **13 de Diciembre de 2009 de 9:00 am a 2:30 pm**. Por favor considera donar una hora de su tiempo y una pinta de su sangre, para salvar vidas. Inscríbese por favor en la entrada de la Iglesia o para garantizar una hora específica favor de inscribirse en línea en www.Bloodhero.com, nuestro código de patrocinador: **perpetualhelp**.

Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

El Fondo para la Jubilación ayuda a los religiosos ancianos. **“Debido a que los gastos continúan aumentando y las dificultades económicas aprietan nuestro ingreso, agradecemos más y más la ayuda del Fondo para la Jubilación”**, observa una religiosa. Su donación deducible de impuestos sirve para la atención de religiosos ancianos y frágiles, y ayuda a proporcionar necesidades básicas tales como recetas médicas y servicios de salud. Sea generoso en su donativo a la colecta de la semana próxima para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Www.retiredreligious.org

ENVUELTOS EN ESPLENDOR

Las lecturas de hoy comienzan con el anuncio del profeta Baruc: **“Jerusalén, despójate de tus vestidos de luto y aflicción, y vístete para siempre con el esplendor de la gloria que Dios te da”** (5:1). Esta lectura bíblica nos invita a cubrirnos de esplendor. Durante este tiempo del año en que compramos papel de regalo con el que envolvemos nuestros regalitos navideños, la Iglesia nos pide que observemos aquello que “nos ha envuelto”. **¿Son la paz y la justicia, marcas del esplendor de Dios, la envoltura que otros observan en nosotros al mirarnos?** San Pablo nos recuerda que esta “envoltura” debería mostrar que el amor que nos tenemos aumenta día tras día. Al esperar la venida de Aquél que fue envuelto en pañales al nacer, pedimos ser envueltos en el esplendor del Dios.

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Horario de Navidad

Jueves, 24 de Diciembre, Vigilia de Navidad

6:30 am en Ingles

7:00 pm (Misa de Familiar) OLPH en Ingles

7:00 pm (Misa de Familiar) Capilla en Español

Misa de Medianoche a OLPH en Ingles

Viernes, 25 de Diciembre, Navidad

6:30 am en Ingles

9:00 am en Ingles a OLPH

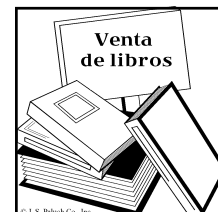
10:30 am en Español a OLPH



El 40avo. Aniversario de la Diócesis

La Diócesis de Phoenix ha publicado un libro empastado, hermosamente ilustrado e informativo que describe los pasados de 40 años en la Diócesis de Phoenix.

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SAN JUAN DIEGO

(1474-1548) 9 de diciembre

Cuauhtlatotzin (el que habla como las águilas) fue un indígena mexicano de raza chichimeca nacido en Cuautitlán a quien Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se le apareció por vez primera el 9 de diciembre de 1531 mientras iba a participar en la celebración eucarística que tenía lugar en Tlatelolco. La virgen le habló por su nombre indígena, en diminutivo, enalteciendo a Juan Diego y le pidió que fuera al palacio del arzobispo Fray Juan de Zumárraga y le pidiera que le edificara un templo, ahí en el lugar de las apariciones, en el Tepeyac. Juan Diego cumplió la misión, pero no le creyeron. Volvió a donde la Señora en dos ocasiones hasta que en la tercera, le pidió una prueba requerida por el arzobispo. Por mandato de la virgen corta rosas de castilla (de un lugar pedregoso y en temporada de invierno) y las lleva en su manto al arzobispo. Al descubrir el ayate ante Fray Juan, la Virgen de Guadalupe plasmó su imagen en la tilma de Juan Diego. Era el 12 de diciembre de 1531.

—Miguel Arias, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

PERDÓN

Dios perdona como la madre que besa la ofensa en un perdón sin fin.

—Henry Ward Beecher