

## DECEMBER 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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Official Catholic accounts state that the Virgin Mary appeared four times before Juan Diego and one more before Juan Diego's uncle. According to these accounts, the first apparition occurred on the morning of December 9, 1531, when a native Mexican peasant named Juan Diego saw a vision of a maiden at a place called the Hill of Tepeyac, which would become part of Villa de Guadalupe, a suburb of Mexico City. Speaking to Juan Diego in his native Nahuatl language (the language of the Aztec empire), the maiden identified herself as the Virgin Mary, "mother of the very true deity" and asked for a church to be built at that site in her honor. At the fourth apparition, she caused an image of herself to appear on Juan Diego's *tilma* (cloak). Pope Pius XII accorded her the title "Patroness of the Americas" in 1946.

### INTROIT Sedulius

Salve, sancta Parens, enixa puérpera  
Regem: qui cælum terrámque regit in  
sæcula sæculórum. (Ps. 44: 2)  
Eructávit cor meum verbum bonum:  
dico ego ópera mea Regi. Glória Patri  
et Fílio et Spíritui Sancto, sicut erat in  
principio, et nunc, et semper, et in  
sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salve,  
sancta Parens, enixa puérpera Regem:  
qui cælum terrámque regit in sæcula  
sæculórum.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui sub beatissime Virginitatis  
Mariæ singulári patrocínio constitútos,  
perpétuis beneficiis nos cumulári  
voluisti: præsta supplicibus tuis: ut  
cujus hódie commemoratióne lætámur  
in terris, ejus conspéctu perfruámur in  
cælis. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti,  
Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### Commemoration of the Advent feria

Éxcita, Dómine, corda nostra ad  
præparandas Unigéniti tui vias: ut per  
ejus advéntum, purificáti tibi méntibus  
servire mereámur. Qui tecum vivit et  
regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus,  
per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### LESSON Ecclesiasticus 24: 23-31

Ego quasi vitis fructificávi suavitatem  
odóris: et flores mei, fructus honóris et  
honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ  
dilectiúnis, et timóris, et agnitiónis, et  
sanctæ spei. In me grátia omnis viæ et  
veritátis: in me omnis spes vitæ et  
virtútis. Transíte ad me omnes qui  
concupiscitis me, et a generatióibus  
meis implémini. Spíritus enim meus  
super mel dulcis, et heréditas mea  
super mel et favum. Memória mea in  
generatióibus sæculórum. Qui edunt  
me, adhuc esúrient: et qui bibunt me,  
adhuc sítient. Qui audit me, non  
confundétur: et qui operántur in me,  
non peccábunt. Qui elúcidant me, vitam  
æternam habébunt.

### GRADUAL Song of Solomon 6: 9

Quæ est ista, quæ progréditur quasi  
auróra consúrgens, pulchra ut luna,  
elécta ut sol? (Ecclus. 50: 8) Quasi  
arcus refúlgens inter nébulas glóriæ, et  
quasi flos rosárum in diébus vernis

### LESSER ALLELUIA

#### Song of Solomon 2: 12

Allelúja, allelúja. Flores apparuerunt in  
terra nostra, tempus putatiónis advénit.  
Allelúja.

### GOSPEL Luke 1: 39-47

In illo témpore: Exsúrgens Mariá ábiit in  
montána cum festinatióne in civitatem  
Juda: et intrávit in domum Zachariæ et  
salutávit Elísabeth. Et factum est, ut  
audivit salutatiónem Mariæ Elísabeth,  
exsultávit infans in útero ejus: et repléta  
est Spíritui Sancto Elísabeth: et  
exclamávit voce magna, et dixit:  
Benedícta tu inter muléres, et  
benedíctus fructus ventris tui. Et unde  
hoc mihi, ut véniat Mater Dómini mei ad  
me? Ecce enim, ut facta est vox  
salutatiónis tuæ in áuribus meis,  
exsultávit in gáudio infans in útero meo.  
Et beáta, quæ credidisti, quóniam  
perficiéntur ea, quæ dicta sunt tibi a  
Dómino. Et ait Mariá: Magnificat ánima  
mea Dóminum: et exsultávit spíritus  
meus in Deo, salutári meo.

### OFFERTORY 2 Chronicles 7: 16

Elégi, et sanctificávi locum istum, ut sit  
ibi nomen meum, et permáneant óculi  
mei, et cor meum ibi cunctis diébus.

### SECRET

Tua, Dómine, propitiatióne, et beátæ  
Mariæ semper Virginitatis intercessiόne,  
ad perpétuam atque præsentem hæc  
oblátio nobis próficiat prosperitatem et  
pacem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti,  
Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### Commemoration of the Advent feria

Placáre, quæsumus, Dómine, humi-  
litém nostræ préciibus et hóstiis: et  
ubi nulla súppetunt suffrágia meri-  
tórum, tuis nobis succúrre præsiidiis.  
Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum  
Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit  
et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti,  
Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### PREFACE OF THE BVM

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et  
salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubique  
grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater  
omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in  
Festivitate beátæ Mariæ semper  
Virginitatis collaudáre, benedicere et  
prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum  
Sancti Spíritus obumbratióne concépit:  
et virginitátis glória permanénte, lumen  
æternum mundo effúdit, Jesum  
Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem  
majestátem tuam laudant Ángeli,  
adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt  
Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes,  
ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exsultatióne  
voces te admitti júbeas, deprecámur,  
súpplíci confessiόne dicéntes:

### COMMUNION Psalms 147: 20

Non fecit táliter omni nátiōi: et júdicia  
sua non manifestávit eis.

### POSTCOMMUNION

Sumptis, Dómine, salutis nostræ  
subsídiis: da, quæsumus, beátæ  
Mariæ semper Virginitatis patrocíniis nos  
ubique prótegi; in cujus veneratióne  
hæc tuæ obtúlimus majestáti. Per  
Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum,  
Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in  
unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per  
ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

### Commemoration of the Advent feria

Repleti cibo spirituális alimóniæ,  
súpplíces te, Dómine, deprecámur: ut  
hujus participatióne mystérii, dóceas  
nos terréna despícere et amáre  
cælestia. Per Dóminum nostrum  
Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui  
tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus  
Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula  
sæculórum.

Hail, holy Mother, thou who didst bring  
forth the King who rules heaven and  
earth for ever and ever. (Ps. 44: 2) My  
heart hath uttered a good word: I  
speak my works to the King. Glory be  
to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
the Holy Spirit, as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hail, holy  
Mother, thou who didst bring forth the  
King who rules heaven and earth for  
ever and ever.

O God, Who hast willed that, placed as  
we are under the especial patronage  
of the most blessed Virgin Mary, we  
should receive an abundant measure of  
unceasing favors: grant to us, Thy  
suppliant people, whose joy  
it is this day to honor her upon earth,  
forevermore to be made happy by  
seeing her in heaven. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and  
reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare  
the way of Thine only-begotten Son:  
that through His coming we may attain  
to serve Thee with purified minds. Who  
lives and reigns with Thee in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and  
ever.

As the vine I have brought forth a  
pleasant odor, and my flowers are the  
fruit of honor and riches. I am the  
mother of fair love, and of fear, and of  
knowledge, and of holy hope. In me is  
all grace of the way and of the truth, in  
me is all hope of life and of virtue.  
Come over to me, all ye that desire  
me, and be filled with my fruits; for my  
spirit is sweet above honey, and my  
inheritance above honey and the  
honeycomb. My memory is unto  
everlasting generations. They that  
eat me, shall yet hunger; and they that  
drink me, shall yet thirst. He that  
hearkeneth to me, shall not be  
confounded, and they that work by me,  
shall not sin. They that explain  
me shall have life everlasting.

Who is she that cometh forth as the  
morning rising, fair as the moon, bright  
as the sun? (Ecclus. 50: 8) As the  
rainbow giving light in the bright clouds,  
and as the flower of roses in the days  
of spring.

Alleluia, alleluia. The flowers have  
appeared in our land, the time of  
pruning is come. Alleluia.

At that time Mary rising up, went into  
the hill country with haste into a city of  
Juda: and she entered into the house  
of Zachary, and saluted Elizabeth. And  
it came to pass, that when Elizabeth  
heard the salutation of Mary, the infant  
leaped in her womb: and Elizabeth  
was filled with the Holy Ghost: and she  
cried out with a loud voice, and said:  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.  
And whence is this to me, that the  
mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For behold as soon as the voice of thy  
salutation sounded in my ears, the  
infant in my womb leaped for joy. And  
blessed art thou that hast believed,  
because these things shall be  
accomplished that were spoken to thee  
by the Lord. And Mary said: My soul  
doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit  
hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

I have chosen, and have sanctified this  
place, that my name may be there,  
and my eyes and my heart may remain  
there for evermore.

By Thy gracious mercy, O Lord, and  
the intercession of blessed Mary ever  
Virgin, may this offering be of avail to  
us for welfare and peace now and for  
evermore. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns  
with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, O  
Lord, by the prayers and sacrifices of  
our humility: and where no pleadings of  
merit suffice, do Thou, by Thine aid,  
assist us. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee lives  
and reigns in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It is truly meet and just, right and for  
our salvation that we always and  
everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O  
holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting  
God: and that we should praise and  
bless, and proclaim Thee, in this feast  
of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin: Who  
also conceived Thine only-begotten  
Son by the overshadowing of the Holy  
Spirit, and the glory of her virginity still  
abiding, gave forth to the world the  
everlasting Light, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Through whom the Angels praise  
Thy Majesty, the Dominations adore it,  
the Powers tremble: the heavens and  
the hosts of heaven, and the blessed  
Seraphim, together celebrate in  
exultation. With whom, we pray Thee,  
command that our voices of  
supplication also be joined in  
acknowledging Thee saying:

He hath not done in like manner to  
every nation: and His judgments He  
hath not made manifest to them.

Having received, O Lord, these helps to  
our salvation, grant, we beseech Thee,  
that we may be ever protected by the  
patronage of blessed Mary ever Virgin,  
in whose veneration we have made  
these offerings to Thy majesty.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy  
Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever  
and ever.

Filled with the food of spiritual  
nourishment, we humbly entreat Thee,  
O Lord, that by our partaking of this  
mystery, Thou wouldst teach us to love  
those of heaven. Through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and  
reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, God, forever and ever.