

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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December 12, 2010

*Third Sunday of  
Advent*

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Be patient, brothers and sisters,  
until the coming of the Lord. See how  
the farmer waits for the precious fruit  
of the earth, being patient with it  
until it receives the early and the late  
rains. You too must be patient.  
Make your hearts firm, because the  
coming of the Lord is at hand.

~James 5:7-8

Excerpts  
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Lectionary  
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## Worship Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

### Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

### Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

## Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

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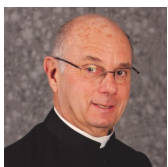
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## Note from the Pastor



Today in our Liturgical Calendar there is a convergence of two wonderful days. Today is *Gaudete Sunday*. It is the day we get to wear the rose colored vestments (if we had them) and “Rejoice”. It is the day of joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. God bless the Catholic Church always willing to party even in the midst of a penitential season. Today, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. While we will celebrate the Advent Masses during our regular Mass schedule, we will remember our Lady in a very special way.

With Parishes named Visitation, Immaculate Conception and Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst is a very Marian town. I honestly believe that devotion to and the honoring of the Mother of Jesus, *Theotokos*, the Mother of God, is the great Orthodox and Catholic gift to the rest of Christianity. While we have been falsely accused in some fundamentalist circles of worshiping Mary, we make no apologies for honoring her, seeking her, and praising her. For to honor the Mother, is to honor the Son.

Throughout our history, there have been many apparitions of Mary. The genuine ones seem to come at a time of distress or danger. The ones of over active imaginations (weeping Madonnas under viaducts, a face in a tortilla) get discounted rapidly. The true ones have the power to transform lives and cultures. Our Lady of Guadalupe is a true one.

In 1521, the Spanish Conquistadores came to conquer the New World. And conquer they did. With superior arms, military strength and a quest for gold and domination, they quickly subdued the native population. Coming along with them were Franciscan missionaries preaching the Christianity to all. Almost no one was converted. Don't tell us about a God of love when all we experience is assault and violence and plunder. If your God is behind all of this, we want nothing to do with Him.

For ten years the Franciscan Friars labored in the fields of faith to almost no avail. There were a few peasant converts but the vast majority stayed far away. Until 1531.

On a little hill outside of what today is Mexico City in an area called Tepeyac, a little campesino named Juan Diego was passing by when he saw a vision. He beheld a beautiful indigenous woman pregnant with child beckoning him. Most of us know the story of how she told him to ask the local bishop to build a church in her honor in that place, how the bishop refused to believe without a sign, how she told him to gather roses in the midst of December to bring

as proof of her existence and then, as the little peasant opened his Tilma or scapular, imbedded was an image of the Lady, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Ah, the power of the image. News of this miracle spread throughout all of the region and within ten years the majority of the population was converted to Catholicism. What happened? They saw an image they could trust, the wonderful feminine image that proclaimed to Juan Diego and to all the peoples *Yo soy tu madre*, I am your Mother. A harsh warrior of God cannot be trusted, but a feminine pregnant woman begging us into communion with her is not only to be trusted, but embraced. And it has been embraced from that day to this.

In 1989 at the age of 46, (way too old to learn a new language) I attended UNAM, the University of Mexico, in order to learn the language and culture of the people I was to serve. Eight hours a day for six months I immersed myself in the language, culture and most of all, the native spirituality of the people. There was something intangible about their faith, something I didn't have that was so incredibly attractive and made me spiritually jealous. What they had was an inseparable identity between themselves and their faith. They were their faith. And this trust, devotion and belief was incarnated in the Virgin.

Every two weeks I would board the metro for the Villa where tens of thousands of pilgrims would daily come to the great Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There enshrined (now behind air tight bullet proof glass) is this magnificent image that seems to be miraculously one with the cloth of Juan Diego's scapular, the Tilma. A never ending procession goes by on the moving sidewalk. All eyes are fixed on her with a gaze that speaks a union and communion divine.

For the six months I lived in Mexico, I almost never missed a fortnight trip. I must confess I went mainly to watch the people. Many of them would approach the steps of the Basilica on their knees. And to my chagrin, most of them were able to see something I could not. When they gazed upon the image, they were transfixed, transformed and carried into another world I could not enter. I am a creedal Catholic. I ascend to my faith. While I trust my experiences of the Divine, they have been life changing and formative for me, I still ascend to my faith. I choose to believe. They, on the other hand, *are* their faith. There doesn't seem to be any intermediary between them and the reflection of the Divine. If how you see is what you see, they are seeing something I am not yet capable of seeing. But I trust that they are seeing it.

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*Note from the Pastor (cont.)*

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. When the disciples of Jesus asked Him, "Where do you stay?" (Where do you dwell?), Jesus invited them to, "Come and See." Today, we too, are invited to come and gaze upon the reflection of the Divine. A wonderful feminine reflection, one that is inviting and can be trusted, one that is pregnant with life, one that says to us, it's all ok, *Yo soy tu madre*, I am your Mother.

In Jesus, the Son of the Mother

*Fr. Tony*

**Parish News**



Due to the Christmas Holiday, articles for bulletins for the month of December will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, December 19	Friday, December 10
Sunday, December 26	Wednesday, December 15
Sunday, January 2	Wednesday, December 22
Sunday, January 9	Friday, December 31

Also, starting with the bulletin of January 9, 2010, the bulletin deadline will be moved to Fridays at noon.

Thank you for your cooperation.



*Christmas Schedule*

**Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24

- 4:00 PM Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 PM Family Mass
- 10:30 PM Choir Music
- 11:00 PM Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day**

Saturday, December 25

- 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass
- (No Saturday evening Mass)

**Feast of Holy Family**

Sunday, December 26 - 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**Mary Mother of God**

Friday, December 31 - 4:30 PM  
Saturday, January 1 - 10:30 AM

**Mass of Epiphany**

Saturday, January 1 - 4:30 AM



**DROP IN YOGA CLASSES**

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Dec. 14, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20

Meet us in Barrett Hall - with a yoga mat  
Call Debbie 941-7224 to be put on her email list for automatic Yoga invites or any questions at all.

## Parish News



### CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Collection will take place this weekend. We are in need of canned fruit, soup, vegetables, cranberries, stuffing, cereal, baking items, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, prepared meals, goodies, paper goods such as paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish soap, etc.

The Giving Tree is located in the rear of Church. Please return the wrapped gift with the ornament and place it under the tree this weekend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila at 630-833-6657.



### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Once again this year, we will be having our annual Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be held Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm. Our Lady of

Guadalupe is also the patroness of the Philippines and of all the Americas!! Please come join us to celebrate this feast day of rich tradition. Thank you!

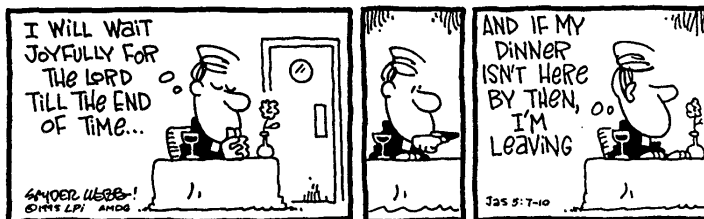
## Christian Worship Commission



Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

- Kristen Jacobsen Elkins
- Jorge I. Gómez
- Patricia Haagen
- Carmen Hernández
- Alfred Martin
- Mark Poedtke

OR SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 19

#### Sunday, December 12, 2010

- 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rooms 13, 4-5, 11-12
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- Christmas Food Drive
- Return Christmas Tree gifts
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Church
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children Christmas group (Dancers) in Social Hall

#### Monday, December 13, 2010

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

#### Tuesday, December 14, 2010

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
- 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Yoga KEP in Barrett Hall
- 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Christmas Food Drive Sorting in Church
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Social Hall
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Conference Room
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Baptism Class in Church

#### Wednesday, December 15, 2010

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool Road to Bethlehem in Church
- 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School

#### Thursday, December 16, 2010

- 8:30 AM Communion Service in Church

#### Friday, December 17, 2010

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Pickup Christmas Food Baskets in Church

#### Saturday, December 18, 2010

- 3:30 PM Confessions in Church
- 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children Christmas group (Dance and Tableaux) in Church/Barrett Hall

#### Sunday, December 19, 2010

- 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rooms 13, 4-5, 11-12
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Destiny Brunch in Barrett Hall
- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Children Christmas group (Dance & Tableaux) in Barrett Hall
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
- 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM Children Christmas group (Dance & Tableaux) in Church



## Parish News

### FR. TONY'S HOMILIES FOR 2010 AVAILABLE ON DISK

We are now taking advance orders for a 7-DVD set of Fr. Tony's homilies from 2010. The set includes 40 homilies from 2010 and they will be available in early January. The set is available as DVDs you can play on your TV or computers, or as audio CDs (9 CDs) you can play in your car or on any CD player. The cost of the set is \$25 if you pick it up at the parish office. If you would like the disks shipped to you, please add \$5 for postage and packaging. To place an order, contact the parish office at 630-279-5700. Please contact Fr. Tony if help is needed with the cost.

Also, the order form for other Mary Queen events is available at [www.maryqueen.org](http://www.maryqueen.org)

## Diocesan News

### HISPANIC MINISTRY NEWS

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to fill a position of Secretary for Hispanic Ministry. The secretary maintains all files and correspondence for the office and represents the office when the Director is not available. (See job description at [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org)). Qualifications: Must have previous secretarial office experience along with excellent computer and typing skills. Must possess good telephone and communication skills, and must be bi-lingual and have excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Spanish, and be able to translate from English to Spanish in verbal and written form. This is a full-time position with benefits. Qualified and interested applicants send resume, cover letter and salary requirement to [nsiemers@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:nsiemers@dioceseofjoliet.org), Office of Human Resources, Nancy Siemers, Director, St. Charles Pastoral Center, 101 W. Airport Road, Romeoville, IL 60446.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVES NEEDY FAMILIES

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, hopes to make Christmas a little brighter for low income families in DuPage County. Catholic Charities is still in great need of monetary donations to purchase gift cards for food and clothing for families who will ask for our help before and during the Christmas holidays. Your donation to purchase food and gift cards for these families and their children may be mailed to Catholic Charities' Holiday Outreach Program, 26 W. St. Charles Road, Lombard, IL 60148. If you prefer, you may donate small denomination (\$10, \$25 and \$50) gift cards for area grocery stores and department stores (example: Target, Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Kohl's).

## Christian Education News



### RE tuition is due.

If you have not as yet paid your RE tuition and fees for this school year, please do so.

If you are having financial problems, please let us know and we will work something out.

### Advent Service Projects:

Our toy collection for new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** ended last Wednesday. Thanks to all for being so very, very generous. This year we have collected more toys than ever before. There will be many smiling faces on Christmas morning because of you.



Our children continue to go to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country. The RE children come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. This Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day for them to cast their ballot.



**Please mark your calendars:  
There is no RE on the following Wednesdays  
because of the Christmas break:  
December 22, 29 and January 5.**

**Classes will resume at the normal times on  
Wednesday, January 12, 2011.**

**For more information on any of the above, please  
contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO,  
(630) 832-8962 or email at  
[mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net).**


## HELP IN HARD TIMES

The speed and severity of the financial and economic recession is threatening many people in the country, including some in our community and parish. In an attempt to provide one source of assistance, the MQH Peace and Justice Committee has developed a list of organizations that provide a wide variety of help to those in need. Copies of the list are available for use not only for parishioners, but also for passing on to those you know who are facing difficulties. Please do not hesitate to avail yourself of these sources of assistance.

<b>Access DuPage</b>	(630) 510-8720
Free medical & psychological services	
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> (Elmhurst)	(630) 833-7897
<b>AllKids</b>	(630) 682-7979 ext. 7676
Free health insurance for children & families	
<b>Bridge Communities</b> (housing)	(630) 545-0610
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	(630) 495-8008
Housing, general assistance, parenting classes & counseling	
<b>Community Clinic</b>	(630) 682-0639
Free medical and dental care in Wheaton & Villa Park	
<b>Consumer Credit Counseling</b>	1(800) 388-2227
<b>Cornerstone Family Health</b> (Hinsdale)	(630) 734-0580
Basic medical, dental insurance discounts for kids on Public aid	
<b>DuPage County Community Services</b>	(630) 407-6500
Human, Psychological and Senior services. Family Center	
<b>DuPage County Health Dept.</b>	(630) 620-3350
<b>DuPage County Info &amp; Referrals</b>	1(800) 942-9412
For all needs	
York Township	(630) 620-2400
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161
Addison Switchboard	(630) 628-2698
Proviso Township	(630) 344-7432
(Cook Co.)	
<b>DuPage Home Ownership Program</b>	(630) 260-2500
Programs for buying a home on a low income or to Avoid foreclosure	
<b>Elmhurst Clothing Closets</b>	
St. Peter's Methodist Church	(630) 530-6000
	(630) 834-2440
<b>Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry</b>	(630) 782-6006
Emergency Assistance for residents or church members in Elmhurst	
<b>Family Shelter Service</b>	(630) 469-5650
Domestic abuse	
<b>Hamdard Center</b>	(866) 305-3933
Domestic violence/abuse of women & children	

<b>Illinois Dept. of Public Aid</b>	(630) 530-1120
<b>Illinois Employment Training Ctr.</b>	(630) 495-4345
<b>Legal Aid</b>	(630) 653-6212
<b>L.I.H.E.A.P. &amp; Weatherization Assist.</b>	1(800) 942-9412
For utility assistance	
York Township	(630) 620-2400
Addison Township	(630) 530-8161
<b>Lombard, Villa Park Walk-In Ministry</b>	(630) 693-0185
<b>LOVE Christian Clearinghouse</b>	(630) 512-8665
General assistance if referred by church in DuPage Co.	
<b>Marion Park &amp; Assisi Homes</b>	(630) 665-9100
(Wheaton) Subsidized housing for low income persons, families and Seniors	
<b>Metropolitan Family Services</b>	(630) 682-1802
Counseling for individuals and families	
<b>P.A.D.S.</b>	(630) 682-3846
Emergency nightly shelter and day site	
<b>People's Resource Center</b>	(630) 682-5412
Food pantry, medical & dental clinic, literacy tutoring, Computer Training, rental assistance for PRC clients	
<b>Poised for Success</b>	(630) 691-1455
Women's work clothing and accessories	
<b>Prairie State Legal</b>	(630) 690-2130
<b>Salvation Army</b>	(630) 629-4948
<b>Serenity House</b>	(630) 620-6616
Treatment facility	
<b>Single Family Rehabilitation Program</b>	(630) 407-6500
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Society at Mary Queen of Heaven Church in Elmhurst</b>	(630) 279-5700
<b>State of Illinois</b>	<a href="http://www.illinois.gov">www.illinois.gov</a>
Official website for the State of Illinois. State links include: Living, Health & Wellness, Working, Learning, Business, Government and Help	
<b>Veteran's Assistance, DuPage Co.</b>	(630) 407-5655
Emergency assistance for Veterans only	
<b>W.I.C.</b>	(630) 682-7979
Nutritional education program, coupons for food for Women and children	
<b>West Suburban Job Seekers Club</b>	(630) 833-6664
<b>Woman's Choice Services</b>	(630) 261-9564
Pregnancy intervention and support. Post abortion Counseling And services	
<b>Work Net DuPage Career Center</b>	(630) 495-4345

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Lector</b>	A. Novar D. Novar	B. Nosek	B. Dunn
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. White (S) M. Zelinski (C) D. StaRosa K. Diggins L. Loesch S. Pingatore G. Los	J. Eichorst (S) J. Unger (C) K. Vicary M. McCall M. Grozik R. Styka D. Styka	T. Kevil (S) P. Le Tourneau (C) M. Japczyk P. Twardowski D. Justus J. Lindberg K. Gusloff K. Mueller
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. Nosek J. Nosek E. Zielinski	M. Piszczor J. Vosicky M. Bourke	J. Alonso D. Bolivar B. Dunn



## Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 12, 2010	
<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$8,616.49</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$3,166.16</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$41.28</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$11,823.93</b>

Thank you for your continued support!

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, December 12, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Joan Lewis
- 10:30 AM † Alejandro Villamil
- 1:00 PM † José Alonso de la Torre

### Monday, December 13, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Rose Reilly

### Tuesday, December 14, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Jean Gayle
- † Ralph (Jack) Gayle

### Wednesday, December 15, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Robert Lawlor, Jr.

### Thursday, December 16, 2010

- 8:30 AM Communion Service

### Friday, December 17, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Mary Queen's Faithful Departed

### Saturday, December 18, 2010

- 4:30 PM Leslie Otto Family

### Sunday, December 19, 2010

- 8:30 AM † Albert Allen
- 10:30 AM † Thomas Lavin

† indicates person is deceased

### Readings for the Week of December 12, 2010

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17  
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25  
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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For information please contact :  
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 E-mail: [mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org](mailto:mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org)