

## 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, eníxa 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 princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Salve, sancta Parens, eníxa puérpera Regem: qui cælum terrámque regit in sæcula sæculórum.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui sub beatíssime Vírginis Mariæ singulári patrocínio constitútos, perpétuis beneficiis nos cumulári voluísti: præsta supplicibus tuis: ut cujus hódie commemoratióne lætámur in terris, ejus conspéctu nostruámur 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 Feria

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

### LESSON Ecclesiasticus 24: 23-31

Ego quasi vitis fructificávi suavitátem odóris: et flores mei, fructus honóris et honestátis. Ego mater pulchræ dilectiónis, 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 generatiónes 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 ætérnam 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 apparuérunt in terra nostra, tempus putatiónis advénit. Allelúja.

### GOSPEL Luke 1: 39-47

In illo témpore: Exsúrgens Mariá ábiit in montána cum festinatióne in civitátem Juda: et intrávit in domum Zachariæ et salutávit Elísabeth. Et factum est, ut audívit salutatiónem Mariæ Elísabeth, exsultávit infans in útero ejus: et repléta est Spíritu Sancto Elísabeth: et exclamávit voce magna, et dixit: Benedícta tu inter muléres, et benedícta 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 credidísti, quóniam perficióntur 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 Vírginis intercessióne, ad perpétuam atque præsentem hæc oblátio nobis proficiat prosperitátem 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 Feria

Placáre, quæsumus, Dómine, humilitátis nostræ précibus et hóstiis: et ubi nulla súppetunt suffrágia meritórum, tuis nobis succúrre præsídiis. 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 ubíque grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in Festivitate beátæ Mariæ semper Vírginis collaudáre, benedícere et prædicáre. Quæ et Unigénitum tuum Sancti Spíritus obumbratióne concépit: et virginitátis glória permanénte, lumen ætérnum mundo effúdit, Jesum Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem maiestátem tuam laudant Ángeli, adórant Dóminos, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælorúmque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicéntes:

### COMMUNION Psalms 147: 20

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

### POSTCOMMUNION

Sumptis, Dómine, salutis nostræ subsidiis: da, quæsumus, beátæ Mariæ semper Vírginis patrocíniis nos ubíque 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 Feria

Repleti cibo spirituális alimóniæ, súpplices 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 not 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.

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### 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 despise the things of earth, and 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.