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*One Life  
One Rose*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Silver Rose Program*

# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## *The Events of Guadalupe*

**E**arly on a cold Saturday morning (December 9, 1531), Juan Diego, baptized into the faith as an adult in 1523, was on his way to assist at Mass about two and a half miles from Tlatleloco, where there was a church and where the Spaniards had concluded their conquest of Mexico ten years earlier. Suddenly he heard beautiful music and a woman's voice calling to him from the top of Tepeyac Hill, which he was then passing. At the top he saw a beautiful woman who revealed that she was the Blessed Virgin. She instructed him to visit the bishop to tell him that a temple should be built in her honor at the base of the hill.

Juan Diego went immediately to Bishop Juan de Zumarraga who received him kindly but was reluctant to believe the story. Juan Diego returned to the hill to report his failure and the Lady told him to return to the bishop repeating the request.

On Sunday (December 10) Juan Diego returned to the bishop who, after many questions, said he wanted some kind of sign before believing that it was really Our Lady who appeared. Juan Diego relayed the message to the Lady who told him to go back on the next day when she would fulfill his request.

On Monday (December 11), however, the uncle of Juan Diego became gravely ill so he was unable to return to Tepeyac. After a day of fruitlessly searching for someone to help his uncle, Juan Diego told him that he would bring a priest the next morning so that he could then make his confession and die.

Very early Tuesday morning (December 12), rushing toward Tlatleloco to find a priest, he had to pass Tepeyac Hill. Thinking it better not to let the Lady interrupt his errand of mercy, he decided to pass by, going around the other side of the hill. But the Lady came down the hill to meet him. After listening to his explanation for not keeping the appointment, she told him that his uncle would not die of the sickness and that he was healthy. (That same morning, the Lady appeared

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# *One Life, One Rose*

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

### **Silver Rose Program**

#### **Introduction**

**(stand)**

#### **Processional Hymn**

Leader: O God, come to my assistance.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help me.**

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Leader: As Catholics, we are called to be a people of life and a people for life. The challenge before us is to teach the world that the life of each human being, unique and unrepeatable, begins at the moment of conception and ends by natural death. To accomplish this we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, through whom the Word was made flesh. Through Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, we seek the grace and strength to bear witness to the reality that every human life is sacred, a gift from God. We take this opportunity to commend ourselves to our Mother, seeking the strength to proclaim the gospel of life, in season and out of season, until respect for the sanctity of human life is restored throughout the world.

## Part One: The Holy Rosary

**All:** **In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Leader: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**All:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**All:** **Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**All:** **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**  
*(repeat the Hail Mary two more times)*

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**All:** as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **The Glorious Mysteries**

Leader: The First Glorious Mystery:  
The Resurrection of Our Lord from the Dead

**All:** Let us bless the fruit of Mary's womb,  
Jesus raised from the dead.

Let us praise his life of loving obedience  
to the Father.

Let us praise his promise to be with us  
always.

**Our Father** (*as above*)

**Hail Mary** (*as above, ten times*)

**Glory be** (*as above*)

Leader: The Second Glorious Mystery:  
The Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven

**All:** Let us bless the fruit of Mary's womb,  
Jesus ascended into heaven.

Let us bless his name "above every other  
name."

Let us acclaim his kingship: "Jesus Christ  
is Lord!"

**Our Father** (*as above*)  
**Hail Mary** (*as above, ten times*)  
**Glory be** (*as above*)

Leader: The Third Glorious Mystery:  
The Descent of the Holy Spirit

**All:** **Let us bless the fruit of Mary's womb,  
Jesus, who with the Father sent the Holy  
Spirit to the Church.**

**Let us bless the Holy Spirit who animates  
and guides the Church as he animated and  
guided Mary.**

**Let us bless the same Spirit communicating  
divine life to all of us.**

**Our Father** (*as above*)  
**Hail Mary** (*as above, ten times*)  
**Glory be** (*as above*)

Leader: The Fourth Glorious Mystery:  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary into Heaven

**All:** **Let us bless the fruit of Mary's womb,  
Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit assumed her into heaven.**

**Let us bless Mary at the close of her saintly  
life.**

**Let us bless Mary with Elizabeth's words:  
"Blessed are you among women."**

**Our Father** (*as above*)  
**Hail Mary** (*as above, ten times*)  
**Glory be** (*as above*)

Leader: The Fifth Glorious Mystery:  
The Coronation of Mary as Queen

**All:** Let us bless the fruit of Mary's womb,  
Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy  
Spirit crowned her Queen.

Let us bless Mary acclaimed by all  
the angels and saints.

Let us bless Mary in union with all  
the generations that call her blessed.

**Our Father** (*as above*)  
**Hail Mary** (*as above, ten times*)  
**Glory be** (*as above*)

**All:** Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our  
sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor  
banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our  
sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears!  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of  
mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto  
us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement,  
O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Leader: Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.  
**All:** That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader:

Let us pray:

All:

**O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his Life, Death and Resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that we who meditate on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Part Two: Liturgy of the Word** (sit)

*(note: In the interests of time, part two may be omitted.)*

### **New Testament Reading**

(1 Cor 9:24-27)

Reader:

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Do you not know that runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win. Every athlete exercises discipline in every way. They do it to win a perishable crown, but we an imperishable one. Thus I do not run aimlessly; I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing. No, I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.

The word of the Lord.

All:

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9)

Reader: R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, whom I seek:  
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts.

**All: R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Reader: Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary  
to see your power and your glory,  
for your kindness is a greater good than life;  
my lips shall glorify you.

**All: R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Reader: Thus I will bless you as I live;  
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.  
As with the riches of the banquet shall my soul be satisfied,  
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**All: R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Reader: You are my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.  
My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

**All: R/. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

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**Gospel** (Luke 1: 26-38)  
(stand)

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

Reader: The angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,  
of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,  
    “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”  
But she was greatly troubled at what was said  
    and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.  
Then the angel said to her,  
    “Do not be afraid, Mary,  
    for you have found favor with God.  
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
    and you shall name him Jesus.  
He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,  
    and the Lord God will give him the throne of David  
    his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob  
    forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”  
But Mary said to the angel,  
    “How can this be,  
    since I have no relations with a man?”  
And the angel said to her in reply,  
    “The Holy Spirit will come upon you,  
    and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.  
Therefore the child to be born  
    will be called holy, the Son of God.  
And behold, Elizabeth, your relative,  
    has also conceived a son in her old age,  
    and this is the sixth month for her who was called  
    barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”  
Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me according to your word.”  
Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(if an ordained minister is present, he may preach a homily)*

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**Homily**

## Part Three: Act of Consecration (stand)

Leader: O Mary,  
bright dawn of the new world,  
Mother of the living,  
to you do we entrust the *cause of life*:

**All: Look down, O Mother,  
upon the vast numbers  
of babies not allowed to be born,  
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,  
of men and women  
who are victims of brutal violence,  
of the elderly and the sick killed  
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.  
Grant that all who believe in your Son  
may *proclaim the Gospel of Life*  
with honesty and love  
to the people of our time.  
Obtain for them the grace  
to *accept that Gospel*  
as a gift ever new,  
the joy of *celebrating* it with gratitude  
throughout their lives  
and the courage to *bear witness to it*  
resolutely, in order to build,  
together with all people of good will,  
the civilization of truth and love,  
to the praise and glory of God,  
the Creator and lover of life.**

*Evangelium Vitae*  
Pope John Paul II

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (stand or kneel)

Leader: Lord, have mercy on us.  
**All: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Leader: Christ, have mercy on us.  
**All: Christ, have mercy on us.**

Leader:	Christ, hear us.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Christ, graciously hear us.</b>
Leader:	God the Father of heaven.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
Leader:	God the Son, redeemer of the world.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
Leader:	God the Holy Spirit.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
Leader:	Holy Trinity, one God.
<b>All:</b>	<b>Have mercy on us.</b>
Leader:	Holy Mary. <b>R/. Pray for us.</b>
<b>All: R/</b>	Holy Mother of God. <b>R/.</b>
	Holy Virgin of virgins. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother of the Church. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother of divine grace. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother most pure. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother most chaste. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother inviolate. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother undefiled. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother immaculate. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother most amiable. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother most admirable. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother of good counsel. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother of our Creator. <b>R/.</b>
	Mother of our Savior. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most prudent. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most venerable. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most renowned. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most powerful. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most merciful. <b>R/.</b>
	Virgin most faithful. <b>R/.</b>
	Mirror of justice. <b>R/.</b>
	Seat of wisdom. <b>R/.</b>

Cause of our joy. **R/.**  
Spiritual vessel. **R/.**  
Vessel of honor. **R/.**  
Singular vessel of devotion. **R/.**  
Mystical rose. **R/.**  
Tower of David. **R/.**  
Tower of ivory. **R/.**  
House of gold. **R/.**  
Ark of the covenant. **R/.**  
Gate of heaven. **R/.**  
Morning star. **R/.**  
Health of the sick. **R/.**  
Refuge of sinners. **R/.**  
Comforter of the afflicted. **R/.**  
Help of Christians. **R/.**  
Queen of angels. **R/.**  
Queen of patriarchs. **R/.**  
Queen of prophets. **R/.**  
Queen of apostles. **R/.**  
Queen of martyrs. **R/.**  
Queen of confessors. **R/.**  
Queen of virgins. **R/.**  
Queen of all saints. **R/.**  
Queen conceived without original sin. **R/.**  
Queen assumed into Heaven. **R/.**  
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. **R/.**  
Queen of families. **R/.**  
Queen of peace. **R/.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**All: Spare us, O Lord.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**All: Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
**All: Have mercy on us.**

*(the service ends here unless a priest or bishop is presiding,  
in which case it concludes with the Final Blessing)*

### **Part Four: Final Blessing (stand)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.  
The son of God redeemed mankind. May he enrich  
you with his blessings.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: You have received the author of life through Mary.  
May you always rejoice in her loving care.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: You have come to pray that the sanctity of human  
life, from the moment of conception until natural  
death, will, once again reign in human hearts and  
enjoy the full protection of law. Through the interces-  
sion of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may you be granted  
the wisdom, strength and grace to persevere in this  
effort.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen.**

to his uncle and cured him.) Juan Diego was greatly relieved. The Lady told him to go to the top of the hill and gather the flowers he would find there.

On arriving at the top he found in the frozen earth a miraculous garden of roses not native to the area. He gathered some, and then brought them to the Lady who arranged them in his cloak, she told him to take them to the bishop as the sign he had requested.

When Juan Diego arrived to give them to the bishop, he opened his cloak and the roses fell to the floor. They both discovered something even more wondrous: a remarkable portrait of Our Lady was imprinted on the coarse fabric of the cloak. The image and the cloak are displayed for the veneration of the faithful to this day at the Cathedral of Mexico City.

Pope John Paul II beatified Juan Diego in 1990. On July 31, 2002, the late Holy Father visited Mexico City and declared sainthood of Blessed Juan Diego. The feast day of St. Juan Diego is December 9 and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12.

### **New Testament Reading**

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### **Responsorial Psalm and Gospel**

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