

A Feminine Face of God: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Since the Guadalupe story is multi-layered and multi-dimensional, I would like to share just one of the many interpretations that has allowed her to convert and heal for over four hundred years.

A young Mexican theologian told me that the Guadalupe story is a paradigm of the typical Mexican family.

Juan Diego is the archetypal Mexican self-image: small, unimportant, unworthy, conquered. Juan Zummaraga, the archbishop, is the classic father: macho, cold, unbelieving, disconnected from the real life of the family. And the Lady of Guadalupe is the eternal feminine, madrecita, the heart, hope and strength of all new life. In their interaction, every Mexican sees the pattern lived out again—but now with a healing and victorious ending.

The Mother believes in the little one, challenges him, yet makes him special and beloved in a converted love that he can understand. She empowers him to face again and again the distant father, finally revealing the inner and transcendent woman on his own chest—and the disbelieving father finally kneels at the boy's feet. The dream of family is at last complete. No logic is offered, nor theological subtleties; just December roses given and received. God knew all along what feminist theologians are saying only now: Sometimes God's face must be feminine. Maybe it is only "the Woman" who will be able to heal the wars, mistrust and status symbols that divide the children of God.

From Radical Grace, "Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Farewell

Fr. Fernando Couto will be leaving St. Mary's by the end of this month, due to his retirement. Next Sunday, June 21st, will be Fr. Fernando's last Sunday with us.

We thank Fr. Fernando for all his work and dedication to St. Mary's in the last eighteen years. He will be truly missed. May God bless him and guide him always.

Our new Pastor will be Fr. Carlos Macatangga.

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For the next three weeks a lot more traffic is expected around our church. Please, pay attention as you drive and walk along the sidewalks or cross the street.

Mass Schedule

Our Mass schedule remains the same and if someone is seated on your regular spot, please find another seat.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph (Associate Pastor)

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

English Choir

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

Portuguese Choir

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

Santo Cristo

Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

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Marco Lima (President) 416-818-5462

Santo Cristo Association

Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

Espirito Santo

Kevin & Christina Cordeiro 647-218-1601

Saint Vincent De Paul

416-247-8868

Volunteer Co-ordinator

Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

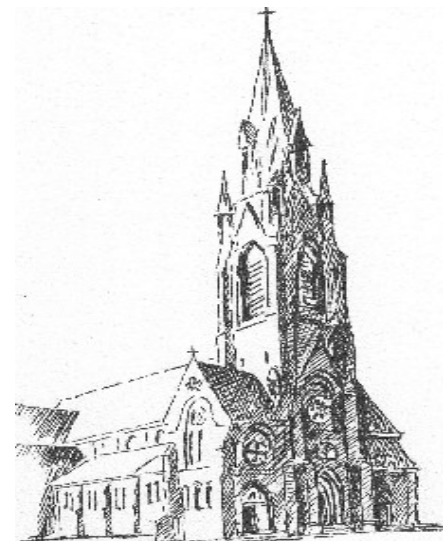
Confessions

Every day *before* Mass, except on Sunday

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.— Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



XI Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026

First Reading (Exodus 19.1-6a).

Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.

Second Reading (Romans 5.6-11).

Gospel (Matthew 9.36-10.8).

POPE FRANCIS

Weep not for what you lost,
fight for what you have.
Weep not for what is dead,
fight for what was born in you.
Weep not for the one who abandoned you,
fight for who is with you.
Weep not for your past,
fight for your present struggle.
Weep not for your suffering,
fight for your happiness.

With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward.

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

All That We Have

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day.

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk a hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing alleluia

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 13

5:00 pm. António Carneiro—Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus—Praise to St. Anthony

Sunday, June 14

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community — Maria Natália Sebastião—Horácio Amarelo—Marilene Fernandes de Castro & souls in purgatory — Arlindo da Silva—Gualter & Fátima de Sousa & family—Maria Medeiros—Francisco Ledo—Maria Serpa

11:30 am. Praise to Santo Cristo, Nossa Senhora e Santo António—António Di Martino

1:00 pm.

Monday, June 15

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 am. Maria Vitória Ferreira

6:00 pm. Palmira & Mike Pavão & souls in purgatory

Thursday, June 18

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Jason Flammini & Fr. Cole Powers

Friday, June 19

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

Saturday, June 20

5:00 pm. Odilia & Michael Correia, parents, siblings & family of Ernesto Correia—Mariano Machado—Angelo Aguiar