

### Our Lady of Grace

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12/18 Christmas Program 2nd/3rd Grade

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**EVENTS CALENDAR** 



Weekly Bulletin

December 12, 2019

### Get Involved with Athletics!!

Our Lady of Grace



#### \$40 includes:

7 nights of instruction, focusing on dribbling, passing and shooting team shirt
30 minute practice
30 minute game end of season award



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### Religious Education

#### The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we celebrate the great feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and it goes all the way back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story.

A poor Aztec Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized a Catholic and given the name Juan Diego. He was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning December 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.



The image of Our Lady on Juan's robe

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego as one of his own Indian people is a powerful reminder that Mary—and the God who sent her—embrace all peoples. In the context of the sometimes rude and cruel treatment of the Indians by the Spaniards, the apparition was a rebuke to the Spaniards and an event of vast significance for the native population. While a number of them had converted before this incident, they now came in droves.

According to a contemporary chronicler, nine million Indians became Catholic in a very short time. In these days when we hear so much about God's desire for us to help the poor, Our Lady of Guadalupe cries out to us that God's love for and identification with the poor is an age-old truth that stems from the Gospel itself.

One can still see Juan Diego's tilma with the picture of Mary today in the Basilica of Guadalupe at the foot of Tepeyac hill near Mexico City. Thousands of pilgrims flock their every year to get a glimpse of the tilma – a miracle God gave to a poor Indian so long ago.

Mark Friedman, CRE

## 40 FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR WINTER BREAK

- Build a snowman.
- 2. Decorate a gingerbread house.
- 3. Build a pillow fort cabin in the living room.
- 4. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry.
- 5. Give blood or volunteer at a blood drive.
- 6. Buy an Angel Tree prison ministry gift for a child.
- 7. Have a Christmas movie marathon.
- 8. Drive around to see the Christmas lights.
- Decorate cookies.
- 10. Plan the New Year's Eve menu (if staying in).
- 11. Try a new restaurant.
- 12. Have a game night.
- Do a science experiment.
- 14. Go to the movies or to a theater show/play.
- 15. Have breakfast for dinner.
- 16. Look at old photo albums.
- 17. Have dessert for dinner (or breakfast!).
- 18. Visit a museum.
- 19. Do an outdoor winter sport (ski, sled, ice skate, hike).
- 20. Go bowling.
- 21. Go to the library.
- 22. Paint a room.
- 23. Have a grocery store scavenger hunt (fun way to get groceries!).
- Tour your town (visit someplace you haven't yet).
- 25. Go to an arcade.
- 26. Attend a sporting event.
- 27. Read a book together.
- 28. Go roller skating.
- 29. Get a day pass at a gym and swim, work out, etc.
- 30. Go on a day trip.
- 31. Try a new recipe.
- 32. Do an art project or make a craft.
- 33. Make a bird feeder.
- 34. Have a scavenger hunt at home (inside or out!).
- 35. Rearrange the furniture in a room.
- 36. Declutter and organize one area (drawer, closet, room).
- 37. Take a class together (cooking, art, etc.).
- 38. Have an at-home spa day.
- 39. Go to an escape room.
- 40. Make a summer bucket list.

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## OLG PTO WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday December 12, 2019







#### **Upcoming Events**

Thanks to all who enjoyed the Chipotle Dine & Donate last week! We raised \$245.70!

#### Box Tops/Coke Rewards

We have collected \$585.90 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. We are over half way to our goal!!

If you haven't downloaded the new app, please do and start earning money for OLG! If you don't want to download the app, feel free to send in receipts with your qualified purchases on them, we will scan them for credit!

We are still collecting Coke Rewards as well so keep sending them in! If anyone would like to enter in the codes, please email PTO and we will get some caps to you!

#### **Open PTO Board Positions**

If you are interested in joining the PTO board, we have 2 positions opening for the 2020-2021 school year. President and Vice President are both becoming open next year. If you would like to run for these positions, please email pto@olgcs.org.

#### PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is **Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 630pm** in the Teacher's lounge.

We love seeing new faces! Please join us!



## Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Girls Volleyball~ This past Sunday we honored our 8th grade girls & their families as their two volleyball teams played together for the last time on our home court in back to back games. Both teams won their games against St. Ignatius, capping off a great afternoon!

We are thankful to have them as great role models and student athletes for our school. We wish them the best of luck during the rest of this season & their final year at OLG.



Our 7/8th grade B1 Girls Volleyball team coached by Ellen Hughes finished 3rd in the Lourdes Tournament over the Thanksgiving break!

Congratulations ladies on an amazing run!

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT SQUAREUP.COM/STORE/OLGAA



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OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

# NIGHT AT THE RACES

\$15 FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN \$10 SENIORS & VOLUNTEERS

01.18.20

ASSUMPTION PARISH CENTER DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM RACES START AT 7:40 PM