

Our Lady of Guadalupe Update 11/19/20



On behalf of Fr. Kevin and the Pastoral Council we extend to you an invitation to participate in one of the upcoming **"Fireside Chats"**. As we all know from our experience of the current COVID-19 pandemic, one of the greatest challenges has been to stay in touch with and connected to those we care about and to remain positive in the face of all the constraints, limitations and losses with which the pandemic has confronted us. In addition, while the current trends indicate increases ("surges") in the numbers of COVID-19 transmissions throughout our nation and our state, we all are still hoping and praying that a vaccine will be developed and made available, at least relatively near future, and that with continued efforts at containment, prevention and care, we can finally begin to make effective progress in overcoming the pandemic, and in restoring some increasing degree of normalcy to our lives, our families, our schools, our businesses and our parish. With this in mind we invite you to participate in one of our approaching Fireside Chats at OLG, so that we might check in with you as to how you are doing in the face of all the challenges confronting us, and to begin to dream, discuss and discern how we might continue helping one another to move forward at OLG in as positive and hopeful a manner as possible. How are people doing? What are the challenges and difficulties we are facing? What are the hopes and dreams you have for the near and longer-term future of OLG? What suggestions and ideas do you have for how we might effectively face and respond to all of this as a parish community of faith? [Sign up](#) now for one of the upcoming zoom sessions starting December 5th.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be live streamed at 10:00 am. Join with others as we gather that day to give thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives. Food donations for St. Vincent de Paul can be brought to the parish office anytime. The need is especially great this time of year.



Due to the pandemic, the **"Little Blue Advent Booklets"** are being mailed this year to everyone, along with a letter from Fr. Kevin about this year's Advent and Christmas Schedule of special events and masses. Even though this holy season will be different due to the pandemic, we can still celebrate it in a meaningful way as individuals and as a parish community. We hope you will join us as we prepare to celebrate not only the birth of Jesus 2000 years ago, but the many ways Jesus is born into our lives today. And if you would like to help the parish with the cost of the booklets and the postage to mail them, you can add to your online donation or mail or drop off your donation at the Parish Office. This will help us keep our budget on track.



"Gifts of the Season: An Advent Offering of Word & Song" Join us on Wednesday, December 2, 9, & 23, 7:00-7:30 pm for evenings of Advent reflections and songs focused on the gifts of the season: patience, hope, mercy and joy. In addition, on Wednesday, December 16, 7:00-7:45 pm, we will celebrate our **Advent Reconciliation Service**. More information can be found [here](#). And join us on Friday, December 4 as we celebrate the gift of light in our annual **"Light Up The Night"** event. All events will be live stream on our Vimeo and Facebook channels. We hope you set aside some time to gather with others for renewal of our hearts and minds as we prepare for Christmas! .

Change in Parish Office Hours November/December – as we continue to ensure the safety and mental health of all our amazing staff we have made some changes to our office hours for November and December. As a reminder the office is open by appointment only. Please use our mail slot to the left of the front door for donations or other paperwork. Food for the pantry can be left outside.

- **Thanksgiving week** - The office will be closed. Staff will be working from home or taking much needed time off. We will not be answering phones, but we will be checking voicemail.
- **Month of December** - We will be closed on Fridays during December.

Blessings to each of you!