



# Good Teacher Area Faith Community St. Edward & St. Eloi Catholic Church



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**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Monday, April 15**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Presider's Intention)

**Tuesday, April 16**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Earl & Lorene Spelt)

3:00 pm Mass at Madison Ave. (Bernie Moore)

6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting

7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday, April 17**

10:30 am Mass at St. Edward Gr. 5 & 6 (Jane Hennen)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Mike, Bert, & Gary DeCramer)

5:30 pm RE Grades 1 – 5

6:30 pm RE Grades 6 – 11

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Opening Your Heart

6:30 pm Adoration at St. Edward

8:00 – 9:00 pm High School Youth Bible Study at Knights' Hall

**Thursday, April 18**

7:00 am Mass at St. Edward (Gloria Novotny)

• 6:30 am Confession before Mass

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Vic Monnet)

5:00 – 7:00 pm Adoration at St. Edward

**Friday, April 19 – No School**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Tony Toro)

**Saturday, April 20**

12:00 pm Convent Mass (Special Intention K)

5:30 pm Mass at St. Edward (Bernice Kloos)

• 4:45 pm Confession before Mass

**Sunday, April 21**

8:30 am Mass at St. Edward (Jon Guttormsson)

• 8:00 am Confession before Mass

10:30 am Mass at St. Eloi (Donald Maeyaert)

• 10:00 am Confession before Mass

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your prayers as many of us priests of the Diocese of New Ulm were on retreat. Only the Lord knows what good will come of the retreat. I am certain that the days of rest, wonderful input, and conversations will be truly restorative.

Our priest retreats are different than what most might imagine. Yes, there are prayers, Mass, confessions, and conferences, but the time in between is filled with conversation about life as a priest, our ministry (the good and the bad parts), and reconnecting with friends that too easily we fail to connect with in meaningful ways at other times – because we are too “busy,” and choose not to take the time to reconnect.

We share stories of our hero priests who have passed – the ones who inspired us, who served as we were young, who baptized and heard our first confessions, our first pastors as priests, our mentors, our friends. It is a beautiful thing. In fact, one of the most meaningful things we do is read the list of the deceased priests who have served our Diocese so well and offer Mass for them. In this way, we commend them to the Lord, and trust that we will be remembered and prayed for when our Lord calls us home, too.

With the First Communion children last week, I perhaps selfishly asked for their prayers as the priest who first gave them our Lord in the Eucharist. But to be transparent, I pray for Fr. Roehl, who baptized me, for Fr. McGowen who heard my first confession and gave me my First Communion, for Bishop Lucker who confirmed me (and who, though he did not ordain me, was my first Bishop as a priest) – I ask the Lord to give them rest.

I also pray for Bishop Campbell who ordained me, as well as the Bishops I have served in serving you. It's a simple prayer, but one that reminds me of those who have served the Lord so well. Perhaps, this day, you might take a moment to prayer for the priests who had a role in your reception of the sacraments, perhaps even by name.

In Christ,  
Fr. Todd

I will both lie down in peace,  
and sleep; For You alone, O  
LORD, make me dwell in safety.

*Psalm 4:7-8*

## ST. ELOI

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$500.00	\$2,110.00	(\$1,610.00)
Loose plate	\$111.00	\$146.00	(\$81.00)
Commodity			
Year-to-Date	\$96,090.00	\$91,586.00	\$4,504.00

### ST. ELOI LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, April 21 – 10:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Lila Schmidt

*Servers:* Leo Hennen, Tyler Welsh

*Lector:* Karla Engels

*Musicians:* John Rabaey

*Offertory Gifts:* Kris & Stacy Fier Family

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Dan Sik, Corissa Van Keulen

*Ushers:* Mike Monnet, Daren Van Keulen, Tim Van Keulen

## ST. EDWARD

	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	DIFFERENCE
Adult	\$3,919.00	\$4,830.00	(\$911.00)
Loose plate	\$373.00	\$154.00	\$219.00
Online Giving	\$890.00	<i>*Added to the adult envelope total</i>	
Easter	\$540.00		
Year-to-Date	\$221,528.00	\$214,067.00	\$7,461.00

### ST. EDWARD LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, April 20 – 5:30 pm**

*Sacristan:* Cindy Novotny

*Servers:* Elena, Sam, & Charlie Myhre

*Lector:* Nate Welsh

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Marlene DeSmet

*Ushers:* Mike Longtin, Bruce & Cindy Novotny, Chuck Vlaminc

**Sunday, April 21 – 8:30 am**

*Sacristan:* Terry Van Keulen

*Servers:* RJ & Reed Sorensen

*Lector:* Terry Van Keulen

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Shannon Evjen

*Ushers:* Rick Bot, John Sumerfelt, Mike Vlaminc

## ST. EDWARD SCHOOL NEWS

Principal: Jaci Garvey Secretary: Trudy Banks  
 jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com Office: 872.6391

Friday, April 19 – No School

Wednesday, May 1 – 1:00 pm Concert  
 6:30 pm Concert

### Sponsorship of St. Edward School

April 10 – In honor of the Tim & Alyssa Laleman Family

April 11 – In honor of Nora Thomsen

April 14 – In honor of Lyla Longtin

April 20 – In memory of Bernice Kloos

## SISTERS OF MARY MORNING STAR

St. Eloi Convent Masses at 12:00 pm (Noon)

Call 428.3919 to double-check Mass time.

*Vespers:* 5:45 pm (Monday – Friday) 6:00 pm (Sunday)

*Adoration:* 6:15 – 8:15 pm (Monday – Thursday)

6:15 – 7:30 pm (Friday) *Rosary:* 7:15 pm (Friday)

*Eucharistic Adoration:* 5:00 – 8:15 pm (Sunday)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ...

### PRAYER REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Please pray that God will restore the health and spirits of the following people. Ask God to draw near to them and let them feel His gracious presence.

★ Jeremy Koelar

★ Marilyn Pagel

★ Etien Laleman

★ Francis Rabaey

★ Bernie Moorse

★ Fr. Tony Stubeda

### THANK YOU – Easter Flower Donations

Thanks to the following for donating to the flower fund for Easter decorating.

St. Edward	
<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>By:</i>
Michael D. Anderson	Jill & Keith Anderson
Pat & Jerry Stoneberg Helen & Robert Boulton Arlene & Henry Jerzak	Deb & Mark Boulton
Jim DeCock & Other Family Members	Corky DeCock
DeCock & VanOverbeke Families	Jeanette DeCock
Johnny, Dorothy, & Joe Tillemans Lincoln Lessman Harold & Marie Tillemans Jim & Audrey Friedrichs Joyce Kopet	Carey Doyscher
Jules & Bets Gossen Mark & MaryAnn Full	Tim & Betty Gossen
Jon & Kevin Guttormsson Joe, Helene, & Allan Schreiber Ada, Ragnar, & Tom Guttormsson Damian Maertens	Barb Guttormsson
Mike & Ken Laleman Jules & Beth Gossen Daniel & Agnes Laleman	Dave & Janell Laleman
Jim DeCock, Riley Sorensen Henry & Lillian DeCock Johnny & Thora Myhre Phil & Cora Hirmer	Jim & Mary Myhre
Jennifer Ann Neyens Deceased Neyens & Boerboom Family	Curt & Jeanette Neyens
George, Bertha, Louis Veit Joe, Helene, & Allan Schreiber Kevin Guttormsson MaryLou Powell	David & Mary Schreiber
Parents of Tom & Madeline Swedzinski	Tom & Madeline Swedzinski
Dan Van Keulen	Terry Van Keulen
St. Eloi	
Deceased Family & Friends	Gene & Mary Jo Bossuyt
Tom & Lori Brewers	Beth Brewers
Walter, Delores & Paul Frank & Emma DeCock	Lyle DeCock
Deceased Family & Friends	Rita Engels
Jane Hennen Arnold & Emma Hennen Henry & Mary Verkinderen John A. Hennen	Ernest Hennen
Gary Nuytten	Sandy Nuytten
Deceased Thooft Family	Vin & Charlotte Thooft
Deceased Family	Cindy & Tom Welsh

### ST. EDWARD CCW MEETING

There will be a CCW meeting on Monday, April 15, at 6:00 pm in the Knights' Hall. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

This is a great way to meet women in our parish.

## **ST. ELOI SOUP & CHILI FEED AND SILENT AUCTION**

**Sunday, April 14 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

Serving chicken wild rice soup and chili with crackers, bread stick, and bars. Silent auction bidding will close at 12:30 pm. Free bingo with small prizes awarded starting at noon. Please join us for great food, fun, and fellowship.

Matching funds provided by the Catholic Order of Foresters with proceeds to assist our parish student's Catholic education.

## **COOKIES AND FELLOWSHIP – St. Eloi**

Our cookie and fellowship tradition in our gathering space continues with your help. Would you be willing to bring 6 dozen cookies for a Sunday or two?

If you could bring cookies, please contact Sandy Nuytten at 829.9690 (or email her at [snytten@frontiernet.net](mailto:snytten@frontiernet.net)).

## **SAN LUCAS MISSION – Second Collection**

There will be a second collection for the San Lucas Mission on the weekend of April 27 & 28.

The donations will go to help the elderly of San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala. If you are not able to give it at that time you may also drop an envelope in the collection basket labeled San Lucas Mission.

Thank you for your generous donation for the people of San Lucas. They are so very grateful!

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – St. Edward School**

For the **2024-25 school year**, we are looking for a part-time music teacher, a part-time PE/Health teacher, and a full-time Montessori Guide. For the right candidate(s), the PE/Health or Music position could be combined with other open possibilities to create a full-time position, opening the candidate up to a benefits package including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, paid time off, meals and more.

### **Montessori Guide, PreK-K, Full time**

Qualifications: Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education and Six months related experience or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or equivalent or Montessori Certification

Applicants must be willing to be educated in the Montessori philosophy and methodology and have the ability and dedication to put the key concepts into practice.

### **PE/Health Teacher, PreK-8, Part-time**

Qualifications: Minimum: Bachelor's Degree  
Preferred: Bachelor's Degree in PE/Health Education with Minnesota Licensure.

### **Music Teacher, PreK-8, Part-time**

The holder of this position is responsible for our annual Christmas Pageant/Concert and a Spring Concert and weekly liturgical music planning.

Qualifications: Minimum: Bachelor's Degree

Preferred: Bachelor's Degree in Music Education with Minnesota Licensure.

Interested candidates should include letter of interest, resume, and two references by mail or email to Jaci Garvey, Principal; St. Edward School, 210 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.; Minneota, MN 56264 or [jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com](mailto:jgarvey@stedscatholicschool.com).

## **TOTUS TUUS OPPORTUNITY THIS SUMMER**

Totus Tuus will be held at St. Edward, Minneota, from July 6-12. This is a perfect opportunity for the Confirmation Retreat requirement for the 2024-2025 RE class.

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – St. Edward School**

For summer care, we are looking for a few new staff members to work as assistants. These employees need to be at least 15 years old, responsible and love to work with children.

## **SUMMER CARE – Summer, 2024**

St. Edward School will again be offering summer care from 7:15 am – 6:00 pm for children ages 5-12. It will begin Tuesday, May 28, and end on Friday, August 12.

Contact the school to register.

## **YEAR OF WINNING**

Week 21 – Congratulations! The winner is ... Randy Hoffmann



## **AREA HAPPENINGS**

### **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL**

For the role of women ~

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

<https://www.daily-prayers.org/popos-monthly-intentions/pope-francis-2024-monthly-intentions/>

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Minneota High School on Thursday, April 18, from 12:30 – 6:30 pm.

Save a life – give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1.800.733.2767 to schedule an appointment.

### **HOLY REDEEMER CCW INVITES YOU...men & women**

...to our general gathering on Monday, April 22.

The evening includes a 5:30 pm Mass followed by a light meal & the speaker, Gavin Van Moer.

Gavin is a local author and speaker. His most recent book, *Shine Through the Darkness: Reignite Christ's Light in Your Life* will be the topic.

This was rescheduled due to weather.

### **NEW ULM DIOCESAN CCW CONVENTION**

The 63rd Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, MN.

The theme for the convention is *"Be an Instrument of Salvation."*

Our keynote speaker in the morning is Kelly Wahlquist. Kelly is the founder of the national women's ministry *WINE: Women In the New Evangelization* and the Director for the Catechetical Institute at The Saint Paul Seminary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The title of her talk is *"Being Women in the New Evangelization."*

In the afternoon Leonard and Yazmin Gutierrez will present on evangelization. Leonard is our Diocesan Director of Evangelization, and both served as FOCUS missionaries. Join other women of the Diocese for Mass and the presentation of the NUDCCW Woman of the Year, along with lunch, silent auction, and various exhibits and booth displays to fill the day.

All who attend are sure to be spiritually enriched.

Early bird registration deadline is April 15. Registration forms are available from your parish CCW president

Mary Myhre or on our New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women website at nudccw.org.

Grow in your faith and connect with other faith filled women from the diocese! All women 18 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **DIOCESE OF NEW ULM EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS to Bemidji, Lake Itasca, & Watkins – May 17-19, 2024**

The theme for this pilgrimage is *Grounded in Faith Together*. The featured speakers of this Congress are well-known Catholic theologians: Bishop Andrew Cozens, Bishop Daniel Felton, Bishop Robert Barron, Fr. Mike Schmitz, and Sr. Jude Andrew Link. This is an amazing opportunity right here in Minnesota!

Fr. Bob Mraz and Fr. Shawn Polman will provide spiritual guidance.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Lisa Hennen – 605.391.2748 or Roxanne Felder – 612.396.0727.

### **JOIN THE NINE MONTH NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke**

Our Lady has not forgotten her children: her care for us is as strong today as it was 500 years ago. There is real, miraculous, and transformative peace in the protection of Mary's Mantle. To this end, Cardinal Burke is calling upon all Catholics to join him in a significant Novena seeking Our Lady's intercession. Here is the link for more info. <https://novena.cardinalburke.com>

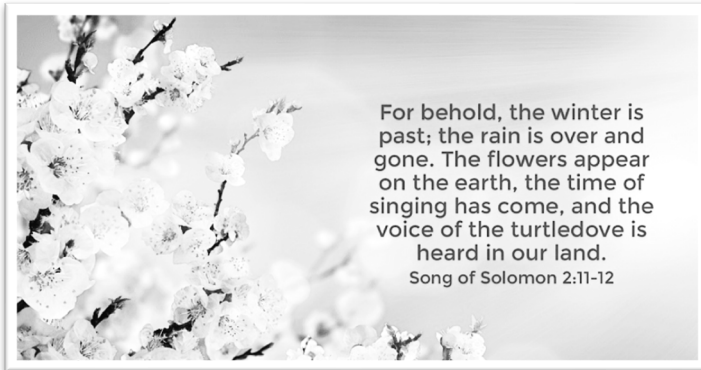
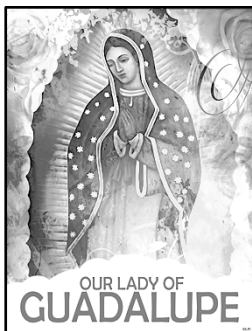
This began on March 12 and will continue until December 12, 2024. Please use the following prayer daily.

#### **Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.*

*Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.*

*Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.*



#### **SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

**Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Becoming Catholic** Call the church office: 507.872.6346

**Eucharist to Shut-ins:**

St. Eloi – Sandy Nuytten 507.829.9690

St. Edward – **April 20** Travis Welsh 507.829.0986

(\* Eucharist for the shut-ins will be every other week.)

**Baptism Prep:** To set up a baptism date, call Caren at the office. Check the church website for Godparent requirements.

**RCIA:** If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic church or learning more about the church, contact Deacon Bruce Bot – 507.828.7012

#### **Radio Rosary**

*Apr. 15:* In memory of Frances Matthys by Pat Timmerman

*Apr. 16:* In memory of Frances Matthys by Pat Louwagie & family

*Apr. 17:* In memory of Shawn Boerboom by Jack & Terry Hennen

*Apr. 18:* In memory of Dorothy & Al Lozinski by Diane Christopherson

*Apr. 19:* For the intentions of Diane Louwagie by the St. Clotilde Choir

*Apr. 20:* In memory of Vin & Judy Bot & Pam Haukom by their family

*Apr. 21:* In memory of Denise Timmerman by Pat Timmerman

To schedule a radio rosary, call Carol Louwagie at 507.532.6081

#### **PRAYER CALENDAR FOR VOCATIONS – PRIESTS, DEACONS, & SEMINARIANS**

##### **Monday, April 15**

Fr. John Nordick  
Fr. Brian Oestreich  
David Rabaey (Sem.)

##### **Wednesday, April 17**

Fr. Todd Petersen  
Fr. John Pearson  
Dcn. Mark Kober  
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

##### **Friday, April 19**

Msgr. John Richter  
Fr. Brendan Rolling  
Dcn. Mike McKeown  
David Rabaey (Sem.)

##### **Sunday, April 21**

Fr. Phil Schotzko  
Fr. Paul Schumacher  
Dcn. Ken Noyes  
Noah U'Ren (Sem.)

##### **Tuesday, April 16**

Fr. Jerome Paulson  
Fr. Sam Perez  
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

##### **Thursday, April 18**

Fr. Zach Peterson  
Fr. Shawn Polman  
Fr. Germain Rademacher  
Matt Wood (Sem.)

##### **Saturday, April 20**

Fr. Keith Salisbury  
Fr. George Schmit  
Dcn. Jason Myhre  
Brent Sundve (Sem.)

*“Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15*



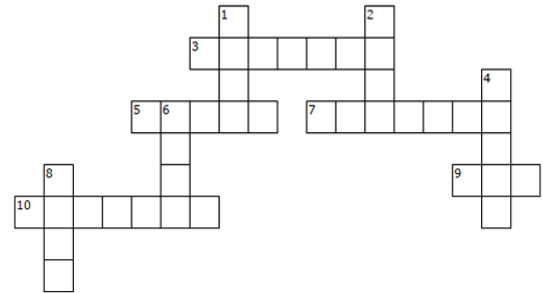
O God,  
 in Christ's humiliation,  
 you stooped down,  
 and raised up the fallen world  
 in the resurrection,  
 grant to your faithful people a holy joy,  
 so that those whom you have freed  
 may delight in you eternally;  
 through Jesus Christ who is alive with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT - EASTER 3

## On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.  
 Luke 24:31a (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)



### ACROSS

- 3. To put to death on a cross
- 5. The Old Testament man who received the Ten Commandments from God
- 7. A person who visits
- 9. A period of twenty four hours
- 10. Carrying on a conversation with someone

### DOWN

- 1. Not false
- 2. The organ which makes people able to see
- 4. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
- 6. Not closed
- 8. To travel on foot

OPEN	MOSES	DAY	WALK	VISITOR
TRUE	BREAD	EYES	TALKING	CRUCIFY

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W X Q T T I Z H E G H W Z O R  
 V O D H L I F G J S E C R O E  
 Q P E A Y N I Q I H Y Q T G U  
 C E P N A B J L X D E I A T X  
 T N Y K D R O I E E S L Y U H  
 J E I S E O Z K F I L C K G R  
 I D S V F A L L V I G R R J X  
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 D E R W W B R E A D N C U F I  
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 J M S M C V E Y K J S E R Z G  
 E M M A U S E T Y L E D P C O  
 J V K V I D K H J E S U S R Z

WALKED	JESUS	SUFFER	CRUCIFIED
MOSES	BREAD	BELIEVE	VISITOR
THANKS	FOOLISH	PROPHET	EYES
CLEOPAS	OPENED	VILLAGE	EMMAUS

## On the Road to Emmaus

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called \_\_\_\_\_, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, \_\_\_\_\_ himself came up and \_\_\_\_\_ along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the \_\_\_\_\_ with them, he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Luke 24:13-16, 28-31 (NIV)

bread	Emmaus	eyes	opened	thanks
day	evening	Jesus	table	walked

# GUADALUPE

MEXICO, 1531

The indisputable history of the Eucharist and the Incarnation of the Son of God, “Flesh of Christ, flesh of Mary”, says Saint Augustine. The Church “contemplates Mary with joy in the purest image - that which she desires and hopes to be in her entirety” (SC, 103): tabernacle, womb, pyx. The Madonna appeared in Guadalupe dressed in a gown fastened at the waist with a black belt, identical to that worn by the local women during pregnancy.



New Sanctuary of Guadalupe



Old Basilica of Guadalupe



Procession that takes place in honor of the Virgin Mary



Image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Like the Shroud of Turin, it is an image created not by the human hand, as scientists J.B. Smith and P.S. Callahan have demonstrated through the analysis of the infrared x-rays. Their conclusion is as follows: “The results of the image of Guadalupe are inexplicable”.

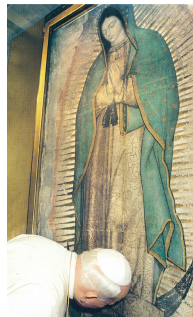
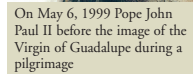
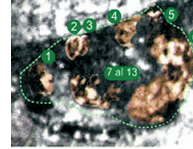


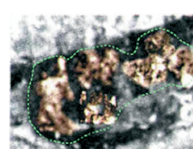
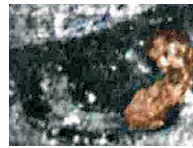
Image of the Virgin appeared on Juan Diego's cloak



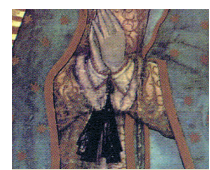
On May 6, 1999 Pope John Paul II before the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe during a pilgrimage



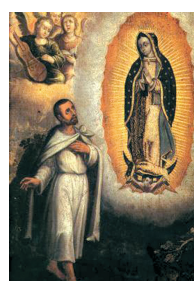
Carlos Saslina and the scientist Tönsmann analyzed and discovered imprints of the people present during the apparition of Juan Diego in the irises of the eyes of the Virgin of Guadalupe



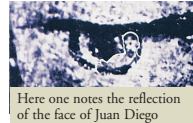
Enlargements of the images present in the eyes of the Virgin



The belt signifies the pregnancy of the Virgin. It is found above the navel. The shape of the belt, in the náhuatl world, represents the end of a cycle and the birth of a new era. In the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe it symbolizes that with Jesus Christ a new era will begin both for the old and new world.



Ancient paintings that depict Juan Diego and the Virgin



Here one notes the reflection of the face of Juan Diego

**A**t dawn on December 9, 1531, the young Indian, Juan Diego, went up the hills of Tepeyac, in the northern outskirts of the City of Mexico, heading towards Tlatelolco, for his usual catechism lesson. Suddenly he heard a soft song and turned towards the source of this sound. He came upon a young woman wearing a shiny dress, who revealed herself to be the Virgin Mary. The Madonna begged Juan Diego to ask the bishop of the capital city to build a temple in the place where she appeared so that all can come to honor her son Jesus. Juan Diego obeyed, but the Bishop Juan de Zumárraga did not believe him and asked him to ask Mary for a sign. When the Virgin appeared the third time to Juan Diego, she promised to give him a sign the following day. On Monday however he did not go to his appointment because his uncle fell gravely ill, so

much so that he needed to receive the Last Rites. The next day, Juan Diego went out very early directly to Tlatelolco, where he wanted to look for a priest for his uncle. He decided to avoid the hills of Tepeyac, so he would not encounter Our Lady, but she met him during his walk. He then confided in her about his pain and she asked him to have faith in her and announced the cure of his uncle. Then she asked him to go to the top of the hill and collect and bring her any flowers that he could find.

*Juan Diego went* to the place she told him and found it covered with marvelous roses and other flowers, unusual for the winter season and the arid nature of the land. He picked them and put them in his tilma, a typical apron worn by the Aztec farmers, and he took them to

the Virgin who told him to take the flowers to the bishop as proof of the apparition. The man did as he was asked and went to Mexico City where, after a long wait, he was seen by the prelate. He showed him the tilma and when he spread it out the roses and other flowers fell and on it appeared a blazing image of the Madonna. The Bishop fell to his knees before this miracle. He marveled, and repenting he asked the Virgin to forgive him for his defiance. Then he took the tilma and put it in a chapel. The next day Juan Diego returned home anxious to see his uncle, who he had left in grave condition. Juan Diego found his uncle completely recovered and he told him about the Madonna and how she appeared to him the day before presenting herself as the Holy Mary of Guadalupe, announcing he would be cured.