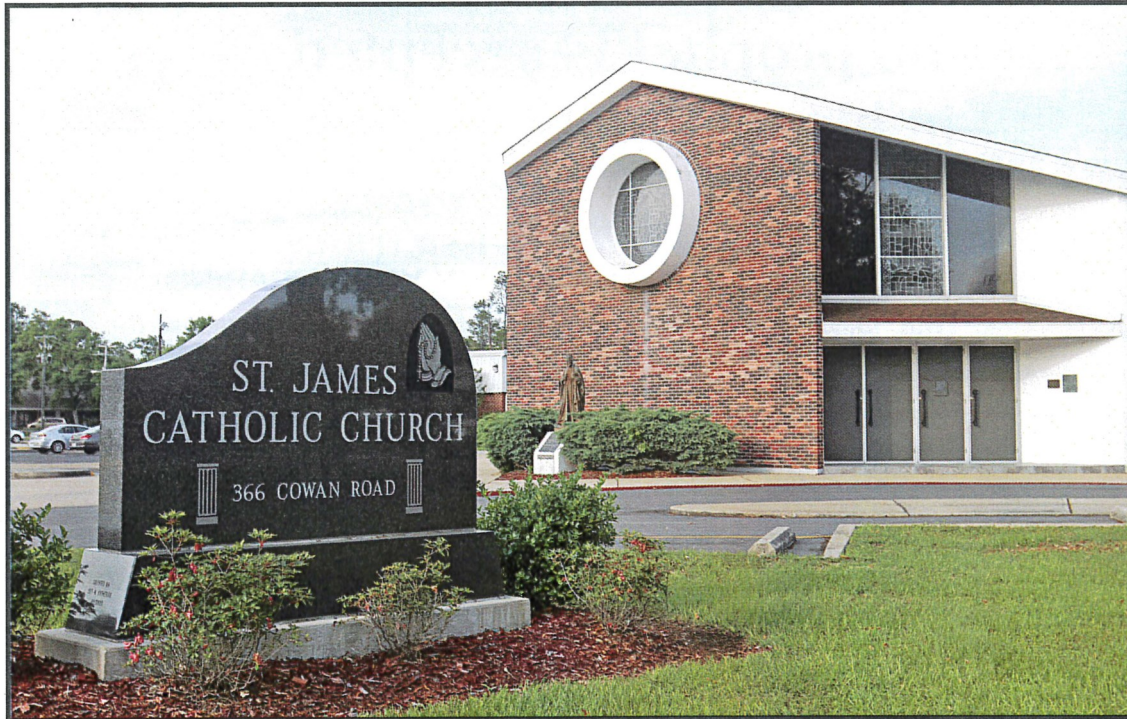


Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 7, 2023



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 9:00 & 11:00AM, 5:30PM
MONDAY: 7:00 & 8:30AM
TUESDAY: 6:00PM
7:00PM (XLT Praise & Worship)
8:30AM
WEDNESDAY: 8:30AM
THURSDAY: 7:00AM & 12:00PM (Noon)
FRIDAY: 8:30AM

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CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:00 PM

CONFESSION BEFORE & AFTER EACH
MASS OR BY APPOINTMENT

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If you or anyone in your family is ill, at home or in the hospital and would like us to visit, please contact the parish office @ 896-6059. If in the hospital, be sure to notate which hospital and provide a room number.

SAINT JAMES MINISTRIES

K.C.'S - 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:00PM

ST VINCENT de PAUL - Quarterly Meetings

RCIA - Wednesday 7:00PM, in the Church

LEGION OF MARY - Monday 9:30AM

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY - 1st Thursday
1:00PM

USHER SOCIETY - 4 times a year, plus meetings
two weeks before Easter & Christmas.

***If you are interested in any of the above, please
call the Parish Office for more detail**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR:
9:00AM Mass on Sundays
(Must attend rehearsal 8:30AM in Parish
Center)

ADULT CHOIR:
4:00PM Saturday (Practice at 3:00PM in Parish
Center)

11:00AM Sunday (Practice at 10:30AM in
Parish Center)

BULLETIN DEADLINE: All announcements for
the bulletin must be received in the Parish Office in
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Perpetual Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament
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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **“You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...”** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS: We are accepting donations for sanctuary flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in front of the altar for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact Linda Hartfield (228-697-3420). Donations start at \$75 and must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance.

MASSSES for the Week

MAY 06 - MAY 13

Sat.	4:00PM	✠Adriano Pineda
Sun.	9:00AM	✠Mary Johnson
	11:00AM	People of Saint James
	5:30PM	✠Christopher Bruni
Mon.	7:00AM	✠Bryan Monroe
	8:30AM	✠Mary Johnson
Tue.	6:00PM	✠Victor Cimenera
Wed.	8:30AM	✠Joseph Romano
Thur.	7:00AM	Ember Carpenter (Special Intention)
	12:00PM	✠Mary Frances Wilbur
Fri.	8:30AM	✠Maria Tran Thue & ✠Anton Buic Van
Sat.	4:00PM	✠Adrienne Conwill

LECTORS SCHEDULE

May 06/07

Sat.	4:00PM	Gaines Cleveland
Sun.	9:00AM	Meggan Gray Stolarski
	11:00AM	Arthur Jaramillo
	5:30PM	Yolanda Edwards



May 13/14

Sat.	4:00PM	Macky Dominguez
Sun.	9:00AM	Kory Hudson
	11:00AM	Matthew Schloegel
	5:30PM	Michelle Pisciotta

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE



May 06/07

Sat. 4:00PM	Mary Pecoul, Connie O'Neal, Linda Randolph and Beverly Moore
Sun. 9:00AM	Linda Joffrion, Bonnie Jacobs, Ann Edwards and Mary Ellen Edwards
Sun. 11:00AM	John Mozingo, III, John Mozingo, IV, Stephanie Guirola and Becky Graves
Sun. 5:30PM	Diana Holder, Butch Plitt, Kate Thriffley and Lauren Croal

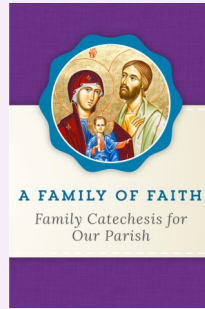
May 13/14

Sat. 4:00PM	Connie Pucheu, Josie Six, Debbie Bazzone and Barbara Levine
Sun. 9:00AM	Jennifer & Steve Broadus, Gretchen Ellis and Susanne Chandler
Sun. 11:00AM	Bridget & Russell Weatherly, Kirsten Owen and Julie & Alan Black
Sun. 5:30PM	Deanne Goulet, Debby Weeks, Isabella Cruthirds and Caroline Dellenger

FAITH FORMATION

Linda Hebert - lindahebert@saintjameschurchms.com

FAMILY GATHERING



Our end of the year Family Gathering will be announced soon.

SAINT J YOUTH GROUP GRADES 6-12

Sarah Rhodes & Bridgett Bermond
youthminister@saintjameschurchms.com

Weekly meetings of Saint J Youth have wrapped up for the year. Our summer schedule is coming soon!

ACH & ONLINE GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

There are two options for ACH Giving - **one** draft to be made on the Monday following the first Sunday of the month, or **two** drafts to be made on the Monday following the first and third Sunday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Venmo donations may be made at @St_James_GPT.



SECOND COLLECTION

- This weekend's second collection will be for the Tornado Relief in North Mississippi.
- Next weekend's second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul.



TREASURE

Apr. 29/30

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Sunday Offertory via mail/collection basket.....	\$8,803
Sunday Offertory via ACH/on-line giving.....	\$1,350
Weekly Total.....	\$10,153
Weekly Budget (amount needed).....	\$16,560
YTD Actual-Week #44	\$810,588
YTD Budget-Week #44	\$728,640
YTD % of Budget.....	111%
2nd Collection - Catholic Home Missions.....	\$992

PRAY FOR THE SICK

To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. Beginning May 28th, names will appear on the prayer list for six weeks at a time, but are renewable.

Lewis Anerson, Rita Bailey, Hoshall Barrett, Faith Black, Jerry Boudreaux, Joan Boudreaux, Tina Bradshaw, Hope Broadus, Sonia Bucman, Isabel Bullard, Charlotte Jean Buras, Joan Burwell, Marysol Camarena, Paul Gavin Carter, Maren & Pete Casano, Dick & Martha Chapin, Theresa Charleton, Bernard Chevalier, Dannie Chevalier, Rhonda Clark, Andrew Cooper, Susan Cooper, Ashley Garrett Couture, Jason Creel, Fr. Joseph Dang, Mimi Davis, Dorothy Deschaine, Mary Ann Donald, Marie Donald, John Harrison Doucet, Kathy Dufrene, Shellie Ely, W.C. Fore, Reese Forrest, Gene Gaddy, Joseph Neil Gilly, Loretta Hahn, Dianne Harenski, Jessi Hebert, Louis Helwick, Shirley Henderson, Stephanie Hennessey, Whitney Henriquez, Tom Hicks, Tracy High, Addie Hitchcock, Sumner Holland, Taylor Hopwood, Robin Humphrey, Vivian James, Mary Jo Jenkins, Terry Joffrion, Gertrude Johnson, William Joyce, Allison Kane, Sheena Khalifeh, Doug Kirk, Fr. George Kitchin, Marvin Koury, Brenda Landrum, Roberta Lechner, Josie Lindsey, Chuck Loftis, Don Marsh, Lily McCabe, Carolyn McClellan, Tanya McClellan, Karen McCoy, Mary McCusker, Steve McDaniel, Msgr. James McGough, David McGuffee, Carolyn Messer, Braleigh Moak, Buddy Moore, Autumn Morgan, Rebecca Mowdy, Ethelyn Mozingo, Albert Necaize, Uyen Nguyen, Judy Northrop, Linda Olsen, Buich Oustalet, Linda Palmer, Debbie Postler, Etaw Robb, Marie Romano, Claudetta Rosetti, Barbara Russo, Gladys Salvador, Joan Sample, George Schloegel, Debbie Scairone, Kathy Schankweiler, Ralph Shankweiler, Dane Shepherd, Donnie Skinner, Evelyn Smutzer, Josh Sniffen, Declan Sowell, Jennifer Stolarski, Fr. Joseph Uko, Bob Usey, Ferdie Walker, Kim Casono Ware, Scott Webb, Jeanne Welsh, James Wetzel Sr., Wally White, Teresa Whiteside, Jack Williamson, Ronnie Williams, Mary Ann Young, and D.J. Ziegler.

✠ PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED ✠

Helen Bieda, Kathleen Hodgins, Donald Meyerchick, Jr., Richard Moran, Maria Varghese, James Warner and all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY ARMED FORCES

Protect all military at home and abroad, especially: Major Ryan Bridley, Lt. Ryan Capdepon, Pat Cook, Robert Bodisch Sr., Robert Bodisch Jr., Kenneth Bodisch, Michael Brooks, Thomas Buhner, Clarke Copponex, Calvin Daniels, Capt. Graham Ernst, Greg Hammontree, Nicholas Hansen, Peter Hansen, Eric Heitkamp, Morgan Jackson, Gean Johnson, Joel Johnson, Capt. Eddie Langford, Scott & Stephanie Lanier, Paul Polito, Marc Mallard, Col. Michael McCullough, Jennifer Ross, Edwin Andrew Smith, S/Sgt. Drew Spradley, Claude Shimer, Patrick Taylor, Katie Todaro, S/Sgt. Jeanne Rhoads, Mark Wright, Nicholas Williams, Chuck Wright, Mike Shepard, & Corporal Charles Winsor.

PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to Saint James Parish for being the grassroots and home base of this beautiful ministry. If you would like to support this ministry, please donate directly to Venmo @DioceseofBiloxiProLife or you may mail your checks to: Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, 1790 Popps Ferry Rd. Biloxi, MS 39532, and mark Pro-Life on the memo line.

Pro-Life Coordinator:
Rev. Mr. Gerald Norris
President, Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life:
Karen Rhodes
Founder:
Penny Sullivan



Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Time spent in prayer is never wasted, however urgent the duties that press upon us from every side."

ADORERS ARE NEEDED!
Wednesday 10:00AM - 11:00AM;
Friday 1:00PM - 2:00PM

Second Adorers needed for all hours. Second or Third Adorers are always needed in each hour for a substitute system. If you can help or substitute with any of these hours, please call or leave a message in the Parish Office at 228-896-6059 or with Ralph at 228-539-2434.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease." - Pope Saint John Paul II.
You have a special hour with the Lord waiting for you.

Please put my name down as an Adorer in the Adoration Chapel

I would like to commit to one hour per week _____
I would like to commit to alternate week _____
I would like to commit to substitute 1 hour per week _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone#: _____ **e-mail:** _____



HELP OUR ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONFERENCE

We challenge each family to bring at least one of the following non-perishable items to Mass every week, and to place it in the "Food Drop Box" at the back of the church. When you are shopping and select your items for the week, select an item for the poor and thank God for the ability to provide adequately for your own family, and take time to pray for those less fortunate. Choose from these items based on the first letter of your last name:



- A-E: BOXED DINNERS** - Hamburger, Chicken Helpers, Rice Dishes, instant potatoes (especially mashed potatoes).
- F-I: CANNED FOODS** - Ravioli, soups, tuna, Spam, fruit, vegetables, etc.
- J-N: HEALTH CARE ITEMS** - Shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, cotton balls, etc.
- O-S: PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY/ JUICE** - Any brand, or type of jelly/ peanut butter is appreciated.
- T-Z: BOXED CEREAL** - Instant oatmeal, grits, crackers, spaghetti rice, macaroni & cheese etc.
- BABY ITEMS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED** - Baby wipes, diapers, etc.
- MOST NEEDED ITEMS** - Fruit juice, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, cereal, and health care items.

TEXT SJCC

Keep up with our parish happenings
Stay updated on news and announcements
- text SJCC to 57838



"Say the Rosary ever day to bring peace to the world."
Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day - May 13



Save the Date June 11, 2023



**Following the 11:00AM Mass
on the Feast of Corpus Christi,
a Eucharistic Procession
will take place on our
church campus.**

More details coming soon.



May Crowning

Thank you to our First Communicants
who are helping to crown our
Blessed Mother at the 9:00AM Mass

Deceased Parishioners Wall Memorial

Ethel Sonnier Tirrell was recently added
to the Deceased Parishioners Wall
Memorial. May Ethel & all the souls of the
faithful departed, rest in peace.

*Call the Parish Office to inquire about adding a loved
one's name to the memorial.*

2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal



Our parish goal for this year's **Catholic Sharing Appeal** is **\$89,503.00**. Thus far, **131 families** have answered Bishop Kihneman's call and we have raised **\$70,305.00** (in pledges & one time gifts). Thank you for your response!

If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, please consider if you are able. Envelopes can be found in the back of the church or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org. Remember - all monies donated above our goal will be returned to the parish.

Mother's Day Novena

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available on the tables in the back of the church. Pick one up, fill it out and return it to the office, so that your loved one (living or deceased) can be remembered in the nine-day novena of Masses, which begins on May 14.

Easter Flowers

Easter flowers donated in honor/memory of a loved one are in the North-side rock gardens and may be picked up.



SAVE THE DATE

GRADUATE MASS

MAY 21, 2023 AT 5:30PM

ALL HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE SENIORS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023, ARE INVITED TO JOIN US. FOLLOWING MASS, COOKIES AND LEMONADE WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH CENTER.

Save the Date

Jennifer Broadus, Connie Favret

and Jennifer Kalil's

Farewell Celebration

May 21, 2023

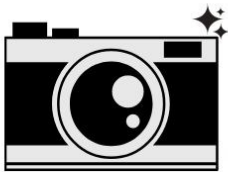
Following the 9:00AM Mass in the Saint James Parish Center Gym.



AMAZING GLAZE

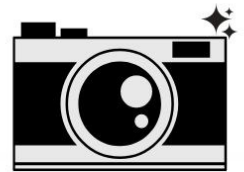
Sundays after the 9:00AM Mass in the Saint James Parish Center Gym

Come grab a doughnut and a cup of coffee or orange juice and share in fellowship with one another.



Confirmation Photos

**This is the link to our Confirmation photographs:
www.derekfountainphoto.com/stjandjconfirmation23
Login Password: confirmation23**



Remember to pray for our seminarians

VOCATION PRAYER

Loving Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ the High Priest, has told us that the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

We ask you now to send more laborers into your vineyard. Please touch with your Holy Spirit the hearts of all those you are calling to live a life of service in your Church as Priests, Deacons, Consecrated men and women, Dedicated Married couples and Committed Single persons.

Help us to follow Christ faithfully and to answer the call to holiness and discipleship.

We ask this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. AMEN

MOST REVEREND LOUIS F. KIHNEMAN, III BISHOP OF BILOXI



Parish Office/Parish Center Wish List

As an alternative to making a monetary donation, a Parish Office/Parish Center Wish List has been created to benefit the parish's needs. Please visit our website homepage and scroll down towards the bottom to access the link to our new wish list.

We understand that some may not wish to purchase from amazon.com. In that case, please select the exact same items from a different vendor and contact the Parish Office at 228-896-6059. Your gifts will be added to your listing of contributions.





The Month of Mary

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace, she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam, she is one with all those who are to be saved.

(Lumen Gentium, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

A Marian Glossary

ANNUNCIATION: The visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of the Savior. After giving her consent to God's word, Mary became the mother of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ASSUMPTION: The dogma which recognizes the Blessed Virgin Mary's singular participation in her Son's Resurrection by which she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when the course of her earthly life was finished.

HAIL MARY: The prayer known in Latin as the Ave Maria. The first part of the prayer praises God for the gifts he gave to Mary as Mother of the Redeemer; the second part seeks her maternal intercession for the members of the Body of Christ, the Church, of which she is the Mother.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: The dogma proclaimed in Christian Tradition and defined in 1854, that from the first moment of her conception, Mary - by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ - was preserved immune from original sin.

MAGNIFICAT: The title commonly given to the Latin text and vernacular translation of the Canticle (or Song) of Mary that she recites at the time of the visitation. The canticle begins with "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

MARY: The mother of Jesus. Because she is the mother of Jesus - Son of God and second Person of the Blessed Trinity - according to the flesh, she is rightly called the Mother of God (Theotokos). Mary is also called "full of grace," and "Mother of the Church," and in Christian prayer and devotion, "Our Lady," the "Blessed Virgin Mary," and the "New Eve."

PRESENTATION: The presentation and dedication of Jesus to God by Mary and Joseph in the Temple (Lk 2:22-39), in accord with Mosaic Law concerning the first-born. At the Presentation, Simeon and Anna sum up the expectation of Israel for the long-awaited Messiah, the light of the nations and the glory of Israel, but also as a sign of contradiction.

ROSARY: A prayer in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which repeats the privileged Marian prayer, Ave Maria, or Hail Mary, in "decades" of ten prayers, each preceded by the Pater Noster ("Our Father") and concluded by the Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father), accompanied by meditation on the mysteries of Christ's life. The Rosary was developed by medieval piety in the Latin church as a popular substitute for the liturgical Prayer of the Hours.

VIRGIN BIRTH: The conception of Jesus in the womb of the Virgin Mary solely by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church's confession of faith in the virgin birth affirms that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit without human seed.

VIRGIN MARY: The mother of Jesus, who is honored as "ever-virgin" for her perpetual virginity.

VISITATION: At the annunciation, the angel Gabriel told Mary that she would be the mother of the savior. Gabriel also told Mary that her barren cousin, Elizabeth, had conceived a son in her old age. Mary went to visit her cousin and confirmed the truth of the angel's words. The time she spent with Elizabeth is referred to as "the visitation."

(<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/mary/index.cfm>)



The Vision of the Madonna in Guadalupe, Mexico and the Eucharist

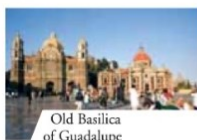
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MEXICO, 1531

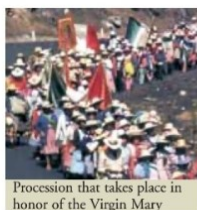
The indisputable history of the Eucharist and the Incarnation of the Son of God. “Flesh of Christ, flesh of Mary”, says Saint Augustine. The Church “contemplates Mary with joy in the purest image, that which she desires and hopes to be in her entirety” (SC, 103): tabernacle, womb, pyx. The Madonna appeared 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

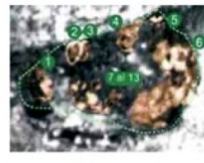


Image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. Like the Shroud of Turin, it is an image created not by the human hand as scientists J.B. Smith and P.S. Callahan have demonstrated through the analysis of the infrared x-rays. Their conclusion is as follows: “The results of the image of Guadalupe are inexplicable”.

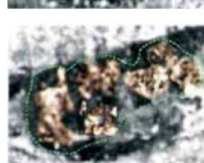


Image of the Virgin appeared on Juan Diego's cloak

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



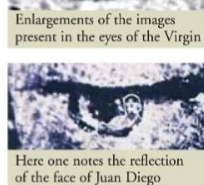
Enlargements of the images present in the eyes of the Virgin



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

At 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 ended up in front of a young woman, with 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 got gravely ill, so

much so that he needed his 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 bump into Our Lady, but she met up with 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 hills 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 was seen by the prelate. He showed him the tilma and when he spread it out the roses and other flowers fell and on them appeared a blazing image of the Madonna. The Bishop fell to his knees before this miracle marveled and repentant asking 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 left in grave condition. Juan Diego found his uncle completely stabilized 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.

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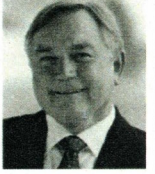
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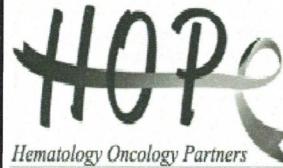


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