



THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY



*Seek the well-being of the city to which I have sent you. Pray for it to the Lord.
For in seeking its well-being, you shall find your own. Jeremiah 29:7*

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020

**WEEKDAY
PUBLIC WORSHIP**
7:00AM
NOON

**SUNDAY
LIVESTREAM**
9:30AM

**SUNDAY
PUBLIC WORSHIP**
11:30AM
4:30PM

ADVENT SEASON CELEBRATIONS

A regular highlight of my Advent season is our bilingual celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, whose feast day is December 12. Although more subdued and socially distant this year, we will have a bilingual celebration on Sunday, December 13, at 4:30pm Mass, in partnership with the Spanish speaking community at our sister parish, Church of the Ascension, on the near north side of Minneapolis. Ascension pastor (and former Basilica vicar) Fr. Dale Korogi will be the celebrant. You are invited to join us via livestream or in person.

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to an indigenous man, Saint Juan Diego (whose feast day is December 9), outside of Mexico City on a hill called Tepeyác in 1531. Our Lady had both indigenous Aztec and Spanish characteristics, and in his native language she told Juan Diego to ask the bishop to build a church in her honor. The bishop requested proof of her request, so Our Lady instructed Juan Diego to gather blooming roses in his tilma (cape). When he unfurled his cape before the bishop, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe miraculously appeared on the cape. The Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe was constructed on the hill in her honor. A beautiful mosaic of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, made at the Vatican Museums in Rome, is installed in the southwest corner of our Basilica.



Melissa Streit
*Director of Engagement
The Basilica of Saint Mary*

In other years, Aztec dancers, in beautiful feathered attire, would joyously dance on our front plaza and in the church. Guests wearing traditional attire would process with statues and banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and a festive celebration with customary foods would follow in our Teresa of Calcutta Hall.

Though more subdued this year, without dancers, processions, or delicious treats, the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe provides us inspiration during COVID-19. By choosing Juan Diego as her messenger in 1531, she often represents empowerment for the least powerful and marginalized. She has also been a source of comfort and strength for Latinos and others almost 500 years. During our global pandemic, may her example of patience, solidarity, and grace provide us all with comfort and inspiration.

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- Inspiring liturgies and sacred arts
- Transforming life-long learning opportunities
- Engaging service to one another and justice for all

MASS REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Pre-registration is required and opens 24 hours before each Mass.
- Register at mary.org or call the Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.
- Registration closes online one hour prior to Mass or if it has reached capacity.
- You may only register for one Mass at a time.
- Be sure to bring a face mask with you, which needs to be worn over your nose and mouth **at all times** inside The Basilica.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT HOME KIT 2020

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1, 14

Christmas will be very different this year. Many of our cherished traditions will not be able to happen. Nevertheless, we can and must make it meaningful and memorable, both in church and at home. Today, more than ever we need to be reminded of the profound message of Christmas that God is with us, always, even and especially in these difficult times.

We hope that the tools we are providing will be helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or suggestions.

Resources, ideas, and tools to help you celebrate at home at mary.org/adventhome.

SAFELY CELEBRATING MASS

The Basilica is our spiritual home—a place of welcome. We want each person who enters The Basilica to feel safe. The Basilica will follow all state health and safety guidelines.

You will see new practices and policies when you return. The policies will continue to change as we monitor the official guidelines. Pre-registration for Mass is required at mary.org or call our Director of Engagement at 612.317.3417.

Please review all of the protocols on the registration form. Your cooperation in these extraordinary times embodies our vision to seek the well-being of our community. Archbishop Hebda's dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass continues.

We will continue to livestream Mass Monday through Friday at Noon and Sunday at 9:30am at mary.org and Facebook live at facebook.com/BasilicaMpls.

Please note that check-in has moved indoors! Enter at the ground level doors off 17th Street and the circle driveway (except for the 7:00am weekday Mass).



WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

MONDAY-FRIDAY

7:00AM & NOON

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A PRAYER FOR OUR UNCERTAIN TIMES

All Mighty God,

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.

- Written by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

FUNERALS

Remembering and Celebrating the Lives of:

+Gary Brown, 10/15/20

+Thomas Popehn, 10/15/20

+Sharon Gallagher Walsh, 10/25/20

May our loved ones rest in peace.

LITURGY & SACRED ARTS

PRE-REGISTRATION ON MARY.ORG IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE LITURGIES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP WITH EXCEPTION OF THE 7:00AM WEEKDAY MASS.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, 3:00PM, BASILICA

Join us online or in-person. Music by members of The Basilica Schola Cantorum.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS OF ADVENT, 9:15AM

Please find the Zoom link at mary.org or Facebook.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00AM EUCHARIST, BASILICA (NOT LIVESTREAMED)

NOON: EUCHARIST, BASILICA

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, BI-LINGUAL MASS 4:30PM, BASILICA

Join us online or in-person. we will celebrate a bi-lingual Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

ADVENT TAIZÉ WITH RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5:30PM

Join us online or in-person for Advent Taizé Prayer. This service will be open to the public and will include General Absolution. As with our other liturgical services, pre-registration, check in, and masks are required. This service is characterized by mantra-like singing of simple, beautiful songs, following the Taizé community tradition of communal prayer focused on reconciliation and healing. Live on Facebook facebook.com/BasilicaMpls or mary.org.

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI AND HOME BLESSING KIT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 12:30PM

You are invited to a drive-by blessing of the Christ Child from your home nativity. At that time you will also receive a Home Blessing Kit to be used on Epiphany.

The blessing of the Babinelli will take place in-front of the parish office building on 17th Street. Fr. Bauer will bless the baby Jesus from your Nativity set while you remain in your car. We will also give you a home blessing kit so that you can bless your home at the beginning of the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Please help us beautify The Basilica this Christmas and livestream our Masses.

Envelopes will be available or you can give online at mary.org/donate. For names to be listed in the Christmas leaflet, submissions must be made by end of day, December 18.

ART THAT SURROUNDS US

Johan van Parys, Ph.D., Director of Liturgy and Sacred Arts, shares information each week about a piece from The Basilica of Saint Mary's art collection. Visit mary.org/artthatsurroundsus.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

EMMAUS LISTENING MINISTRY: COMPASSIONATE PRESENCE

"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares." -Henri Nouwen, Out of Solitude

This captures the power of the Emmaus Listening Ministry. Those wanting to talk will be met with respect, confidentiality, and without paperwork or cost. Contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org or 612.317.3474 to meet with a trained listening minister or to learn how to become one.

HENNEPIN CONNECTIONS: MENTORING, ACHIEVING, GROWING

Consider being part of the one-on-one mentoring ministry with students at Minneapolis College. The students we match are working hard to complete their education while they struggle with issues of homelessness and poverty. Partnering with a student experiencing homelessness and poverty invites us to bridge a cultural divide and transforms both the student and the mentor. This year, we are starting a mentor/student cohort for the spring semester of the school year. Making necessary adjustments required for living through a global pandemic, we seek to support the students as fully as possible. If you would like to learn more or discuss becoming a mentor for the spring semester, please contact Janice at 612.317.3477 or jandersen@mary.org.

PARTNERS IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS

"Did you know?" The Basilica is a member of Align Minneapolis, a group of 18 Minneapolis congregations working together to end homelessness in our community. One of the core programs of Align is emergency rental assistance to keep people housed before they could fall into homelessness; and, in October Align helped 13 local households with rent for a total of \$23,000—preventing homelessness before it starts! Keep the efforts of Align in your prayers as the work to end homelessness continues.

IMMIGRANT SUPPORT MINISTRY

The Basilica Immigrant Support Ministry assists refugees, asylum seekers and those facing deportation by partnering with community organizations, fostering long-term relationships, offering financial assistance and other support. It provides education and advocacy on behalf of those we serve. Consider joining teams to accompany families who are migrants in our community. If you would like to learn more or get involved, contact Betsy at eframsey@comcast.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VIRTUAL OUTREACH

In early September, we launched a virtual SVdP Outreach program to help folks pay for identification—driver's licenses, state IDs, and birth certificates; vital documents to have under normal circumstances, but especially during this difficult time when so many people are desperate for assistance with employment and housing, etc. The Basilica won't open for in-person SVdP Outreach in the near future due to COVID-19 health protocols, but our computer-generated process has been very successful to date. Since the beginning of September, we have issued over 130 vouchers to individuals in need of our services.

ZOOM: PRISONERS OR PATIENTS?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1:00PM, ZOOM

The Prisoners or Patients Task Force meets virtually each month for one hour. If you are interested in joining us and discussing how The Basilica can help people coming out of prison, please contact Janet at 612.317.3508 or jgrove@mary.org.

COMMON GOOD

ZOOM: CENTERING PRAYER

FRIDAYS, 10:00AM, ZOOM

In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be a pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer. Consider joining Basilica parishioners each week as they seek to grow in their relationship with God. For more information, contact Colleen at colleenmaiers@yahoo.com or go to mary.org.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Our parish community has given away over 1,200 prayer shawls as visible, tangible signs of love and support to those in need. Every person who receives one is prayed for by name each time we gather. If you would like to knit or crochet with us in this ministry, or request a shawl for yourself or a loved one, please contact Wendy in the Caring Ministries Office at 612.317.3474 or wcaduff@mary.org. Our ministers are knitting at home and meeting virtually on Zoom twice each month. Intertwine with us!

PRAYER LINE

Prayer is powerful. About 90 people pray each week for the intentions of others, on their own time. Names and intentions are emailed out weekly (or mailed through USPS upon request). If you have the gift of praying for the needs of others and want to join the prayer ministry, please contact Wendy at wcaduff@mary.org to be added to the ministry. You can also go to mary.org/prayerrequests to ask for prayer or call the reception desk at 612.333.1381.

ZOOM: BASILICA BOOK CLUB

Join us the first Thursday of each month at 10:00am via Zoom for thoughtful and courageous conversation. Contact Karen for further details at 612.872.7535.

Here's what's up:

January 7 Meeting to select books

February 4 *Unless*
by Carol Shields

March 4 *Say Nothing*
by Patrick Radden Keefe

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BASILICA YOUNG ADULTS

ZOOM: BYA BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, 17
6:45-8:15PM

Zoom log in 963 3171 2269,
passcode 305441

Join together virtually for our weekly Bible study. For December we are gathering on Zoom out of caution and at the Archbishop's request for parishes. It will be a great way to prepare for Advent liturgies!

BYA BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:00-11:00AM

LUNDS & BYERLYS WAYZATA

Sign up to help those in need this Advent with other young adults bell ringing for the Salvation Army. We can go in 30 minute shifts (or longer!) Email bya@mary.org for COVID-19 safety regulations and/or to take a shift. Bring a friend!

ZOOM: BYA VIRTUAL HOLIDAY COCKTAIL MAKING CLASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7,
5:30-7:00PM

Join us again for a safe, virtual cocktail making class for the upcoming holiday season! We will gather together with Keely and Nichelle Rubash and Anthony Dann from BYA to learn how to make a cocktail or two that will brighten your holidays. Grab your favorite beverage and plan to join us. Zoom login is 993 3244 0092, passcode is 207688.

LEARNING

ADULT LEARNING

ZOOM: RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

SUNDAYS, 11:00AM-12:00PM

We are meeting on Zoom on Sundays. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend these lectures. Meeting ID 977 3492 1922 Passcode 718045

December 6	Dr. Johan van Parys	Liturgical Year
December 13	Dr. Johan van Parys	Theology of Sacraments
January 10	Sr. Catherine Michaud, CSJ	Second Vatican Council

If you are considering Baptism or have questions about becoming Catholic, please contact Cathy cedwards@mary.org.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

God of hope and love,
we praise you for sending Jesus, your Son,
to save us from our sins
and to be the light in our darkness.
Bless us as we gather in his name,
and bless this wreath as a sign of your unending love
and of Jesus' presence among us.
Keep us watchful in prayer
as we await his return in glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
in eternal glory,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—*Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family*

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

ZOOM: BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 6:30-8:30PM

If you are expecting, or in the process of adopting a child, please attend one of our baptism preparation classes currently online. We offer classes approximately nine times a year for parents who are registered members of The Basilica and plan on having their child baptized here. Godparents are welcome too. For more information, call the Learning office at 612.317.3439. Please register online at mary.org.

JOIN US FOR CHILD FRIENDLY SERVICES!

Each week of Advent and Christmas, we will post a new prayer service for children on The Basilica website. Families will need a Bible and a reader to participate fully.

BASILICA YES (YOUTH ENGAGED IN SERVICE)

We will be meeting virtually this year. All youth in grades 11-12 who would like to join us are welcome. We focus on making the world a better place. We believe that small acts of kindness DO make a difference in our world. If you are interested in being part of this social and service group, please contact Christine Moore at cmoore@mary.org. Our group meets a few times a quarter on Sunday nights.

LANDMARK

THE BASILICA LANDMARK



The Basilica Landmark funds essential restoration projects that would be difficult for the parish to undertake from its own operating budget. This partnership empowers The Basilica's ability to serve its more than 12,000 parishioners as well as the greater community.

This year, The Basilica Landmark has funded the following projects:

- Tuck-pointing the exterior façade on the upper western side of the Church
- Performing the necessary maintenance and the installation of a new blower unit for our organ
- Installation of two needlepoint bipolar ionizations units to remove viruses (including SARS and COVID-19), allergens and mold from the air of Church, lower level, and choir room
- Acquire equipment, cameras, lighting, computers, software and training for livestreaming

We invite you to join our efforts by making a gift to The Basilica Landmark's Annual Fund today at thebasilicalandmark.org/give or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

GIFT DEADLINES FOR 2020 TAX CREDIT

In order to receive a tax deductible credit for 2020, checks must be postmarked **by Thursday, December 31**. Online gifts need to be received by midnight on December 31. The Basilica's offices are closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

DEVELOPMENT

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year probably feels very different as we approach the Christmas season. As we have pivoted for much of this year already, our Christmas traditions carry on in new and different ways. We will still feel the warmth of our community as we connect with our brothers and sisters, far and wide with our livestreaming capabilities. No matter where we celebrate and prepare our hearts, our community remains connected.

We ask for your help to keep The Basilica the special place it is. Please consider a Christmas gift to The Basilica of Saint Mary. Gifts can be made online at mary.org/christmasgift or by contacting Stephanie at 612.317.3472.

A GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & LIVESTREAMING

At The Basilica, we have been planning for an extraordinary Christmas season during these extraordinary times. We thank you for your generosity to our Christmas décor in the past and we hope you will support our Christmas efforts again this year. Your donation will not only help to create a lovely Christmas atmosphere, but will also support all our livestreaming efforts.

We once again offer you the opportunity to honor the people you lovingly remember by making your gift a tribute. Any names received by December 15 will be honored. Please visit mary.org/give for more information.



BASILICA FUND

We welcome you wherever you are

The Basilica Fund represents 79% of our operating budget. Our ministries, along with the daily work of this parish, are not possible without you and your support of The Basilica Fund. We invite you to sustain our mission and renew or establish your recurring gift today. To set up your gift, please visit mary.org/give or contact Stephanie at 612.317.3472. Secure online giving is simple; no need to remember cash or a check. It also means less paper and lower administrative costs, enabling your contribution to go further.

No matter what brings you to The Basilica, virtually or in-person, and wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.



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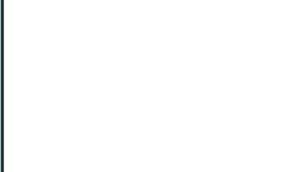
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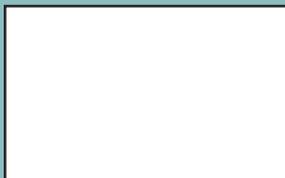


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