

**Catholic Churches of
St. Mary, St. Joseph & St. Charles**
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Mass Times

St. Mary

**15 1st Ave NE
Deer River, MN**

Sunday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 8:30 AM
Thursday 8:30 AM
Friday 8:30 AM

St. Joseph

**51061 Wolf Drive
Ball Club, MN**

Saturday 4:00 PM

St. Charles

**308 Central Ave N
Cass Lake, MN**

Sunday 11:00 AM

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December 7—13

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>St. Juan Diego</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM	<i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i> 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 9 Adoration SM	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> 3:30 Conf SJ 4 Mass SJ	3rd Sunday of Advent 8 Conf SM 8:30 Mass SM 10:30 Conf SC 11 Mass SC
SJ = St. Joseph, Ball Club		SC= St. Charles, Cass Lake		SM=St. Mary, Deer River		



SAINT JUAN DIEGO *December 9th*

Journey With The Pope This Advent

Let Pope Francis guide you through this Advent Season with daily emails of inspiration. Go to <https://missio.lpages.co/missio-2020-11-17-journey-with-pope-francis-this-advent>.

Just as the star of Bethlehem led the wise men to Jesus on the very first Christmas, we too are looking for a light to guide us toward Christ. In a year that has been bleak and shrouded in darkness in many ways, we must approach Christmas with the same sense of hope.

Pope Francis is here to accompany us through Advent with his daily words of wisdom and reflection as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.



- Sun. Dec. 6 3 pm St. Joseph Grand Rapids
- Wed. Dec. 9 5:30 pm St. Joseph Chisholm
- Thur. Dec. 10 4 pm St. Philiip Bemidji
- Sun, Dec. 13 1:30 pm St. Agnes Walker



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On December 9, 1531, Our Lady appeared to a simple Aztec Indian who had converted to the Catholic faith, Juan Diego. Three days later, at Juan Diego's request, Mary provided a sign so the local bishop would believe that she actually had appeared. Roses grew out of the cold winter soil, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the bishop what he had found, an image of Our Lady appeared on the fabric. These occurrences led to the conversion of most of Mexico and remain today a strong sign of Our Lady's concern and love for us.

Church-approved Marian apparitions always point to her Son, Jesus. For many of us with a strong Marian devotion, Mary is a pathway into a stronger relationship with our Lord. Her generosity shown to Juan Diego is the same generosity shown to each of us that choose to ask her intercession. Families pray for one another and she is a very prominent member of our family. May the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe be a sign of warmth for you in the cold of winter and of Advent hope for a Christ Child that has redeemed the world. ©LPi

Holy Father's December Prayer Intention

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

St. Charles 11/08/2020

UCA to date	\$ 7,995.00
UCA Goal	\$ 12,838.00

St. Joseph

UCA to date	\$ 4,437.49
UCA Goal	\$ 5,630.00

St. Mary

UCA to date	GOAL MET
UCA Goal	\$ 12,670.00

Mass Intentions December 7—13

Mon Private Mass	Gwenn Smith	
Tues. 8:30	Fr. Joy Vallomkunnel †	SM
Wed. 8:30	Mike & Linda Prsytarski	SM
Thur. 8:30	Lois Harkenrider †	SM
Fri. 8:30	Nellie Hansen †	SM
Sat. 4:00 pm	Brad Smith †	SJ
Sun. 8:30	Paul Smith †	SM
Sun. 11:00	People of Our Parish Cluster	SC



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. We take up this collection next weekend. For more information visit retiredreligious.org.

Mass Intentions

Giving the gift of a Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate a variety of occasions in the lives of your family and friends.

You are able to submit Mass intentions through our online giving portal. Go to our parish websites listed on the front of the bulletin and click on online giving and follow the directions.

The white imprinted Mass intention envelope available at the church is for the mass stipend and information pertaining to the Mass. Mass Cards are available for you to send to the recipient of the Mass intention if applicable. Mass stipends are \$10 per Mass.

You may be familiar with Our Lady of Guadalupe from devotions in Hispanic communities. There is a rich heritage originating in Mexico, the site of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. But Mary is for all of us! Our Lady of Guadalupe is named the patroness of all the Americas, from the Chilean Patagonian mountains to the Arctic islands of Canada. After Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego as a young, mestizo woman, conversions to Catholicism began to grow exponentially throughout Latin America. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been meaningful to the Mexican people, and her image and devotions have been incorporated as broader symbols of culture.

This apparition inspires across lines of nationality and culture. Juan Diego, recipient of the apparition, was a poor laborer. The famous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear on silk or stone, but on the simple, natural woven fibers of Juan Diego's tunic. It affirms the dignity of the poor and shows striking solidarity. Mary appeared as the people appeared. In the apparition, Mary is indeed radiant, with the sun behind her and a cloak of stars around her. But her dress is simple, and she is pregnant. This apparition also reminds us of the sanctity of life and the need for life's protection at all stages. Mary's moving words to Juan Diego are words for all: "Am I not here who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms?" ©LPi



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The musicians of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary invite you to join them for the first annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM. Through nine lessons in word and song, join our instrumentalists and small choir to sing familiar carols and enjoy beautiful songs reflecting upon the Advent and Christmas Seasons. This year our event will be virtual, accessed via the Cathedral's livestream at duluthcathedral.com. Since we are not able to sing together in church, let this be an opportunity to participate from the comfort of your own home in whatever capacity is most meaningful to you! We hope this will offer you an evening to let Christ's light shine through the darkness and become a treasured part of your year.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate money for Christmas flowers, please drop your envelope in the collection basket. There is no set amount for flowers this year, any amount is appreciated. Please turn your money in by December 13.

Online Giving Mailing

A mailing went out to all registered households encouraging online recurring contributions. If you did not receive a mailing, we do not have your current address. Please contact the parish office by phone or email or drop a note in the contribution basket with your updated information. Thank you.

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An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491). In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin. In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen. —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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