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TODAY'S SAINT

December 9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin.

St. Juan Diego was born in 1474 at Cuauhtitlán, near today's Mexico City, and was baptized when he was about fifty. A humble farmer, he walked many miles to Mass. On December 9, 1531, crossing the hill of Tepeyac, he saw the Virgin Mary, who asked for a church to be built there. After the miracle of her image he lived beside the chapel in a little hut, caring for it and for the pilgrims. He died in 1548 and was canonized on July 31, 2002.



St. Juan Diego, Miguel Cabrera (1752)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

—Jesus, Matthew 11:28 (today's Gospel)

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (SECOND DAY, PART)

These words were also directed to me and they fill my heart with gladness and hope. Turn then, most gracious Mother, your eyes of mercy towards me; protect me in your love, making it possible for me to put all my troubles and worries at your feet. I know you will remember you are my Mother, I am under your shadow and protection, and you will obtain for me the consolation of which I am so much in need.

(Mothers for Priests brochure LG2)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: What does St. Juan Diego's native name, Cuauhtlatotzin, mean?

A: "The talking eagle."

Mary, Mystical rose, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: LG2 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Matthew 11:28-30, December 9, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

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

JESUS said to the CROWDS:

“COME to me, all you who LABOR and are BURDENED,

and I will give you REST.

TAKE my YOKE upon you and LEARN from me,

for I am MEEK and HUMBLE of HEART;

and you will FIND rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is EASY, and my burden LIGHT.”

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent.

FROM THE CATECHISM

10. What is the value of private revelations?

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 10