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Ephesus Notes



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TODAY'S FEAST

December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

On December 12, 1531, St. Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac to ask for a sign for Bishop Juan de Zumárraga. Our Lady had him gather Castilian roses, blooming out of season on the frozen hilltop, into his tilma. When he opened it before the bishop, the roses fell out and her image was found on the cloth. The tilma hangs today in the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City.



Our Lady of Guadalupe, the image on St. Juan Diego's tilma (1531)

QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Am I not here, who am your Mother?
Are you not under my protection?"**

—Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (PART)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions. ... Our Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

(Mothers for Priests brochure LG2)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Q: From what plant fiber is St. Juan Diego's tilma said to be woven?

A: Ayate, a coarse cloth of agave (maguey) fiber.

Mary, Mother of the Living God, Pray for us.

Recommended Prayer Brochure: M12-Our Lady of Guadalupe01.1 4 per page



Daily Gospel Word Find Puzzle

(Luke 1:26-38, December 12, 2026)

Find the all-capitalized words in bold print.

T	I	A	A	M	R	P	H	I	G	H	F	V	G	P
V	H	O	F	L	H	E	W	O	R	D	W	S	A	K
A	N	T	O	R	F	O	L	J	E	C	H	I	L	D
D	L	O	R	H	A	I	L	A	A	G	S	X	I	N
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S	P	I	R	I	T	D	G	T	J	M	S	E	R	H
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The angel Gabriel was sent from God
to a **TOWN** of **GALILEE** called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the **HOUSE** of David,
and the virgin's name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
"**HAIL**, full of grace! The Lord is with you."
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of **GREETING** this might
be.
Then the angel said to her,
"Do not be **AFRAID**, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive in your **WOMB** and bear
a son,
and you shall name him **JESUS**.
He will be **GREAT** and will be called Son of the
Most **HIGH**,
and the Lord God will give him the throne of David
his father,
and he will rule over the house of **JACOB**
FOREVER,

and of his Kingdom there will be no end."
But Mary said to the angel,
"How can this be,
since I have no relations with a man?"
And the angel said to her in reply,
"The **HOLY SPIRIT** will come upon you,
and the **POWER** of the Most High will overshadow
you.
Therefore the **CHILD** to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.
And behold, Elizabeth, your **RELATIVE**,
has also conceived a son in her old age,
and this is the **SIXTH MONTH** for her who was
called barren;
for nothing will be impossible for God."
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your **WORD**."
Then the angel departed from her.

Gospel text: Lectionary for Mass (USCCB), Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

FROM THE CATECHISM

199. In what way is the Blessed Virgin Mary the eschatological icon of the Church?

Looking upon Mary, who is completely holy and already glorified in body and soul, the Church contemplates in her what she herself is called to be on earth and what she will be in the homeland of heaven.

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Q. 199