

December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

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From Father Kasel

Praised be Jesus Christ through Mary!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

We have already arrived at Gaudete (Rejoice) or the 3rd Sunday of Advent! Very soon we will be celebrating Christmas! I encourage you to make the most of the remaining time of Advent to spiritually prepare your soul for the great Grace of Christmas - especially through receiving the Sacrament of Confession. Please see the bulletin for times to celebrate this Sacrament of our good Lord's Mercy!

This weekend I want to give particular attention to the events of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whom we honor each year in the Church on December 12. My hope is that the miraculous events surrounding the Virgin Mary's appearance to St. Juan Diego on December, 1531, in what is now Mexico City, will draw us all more close to Jesus through Mary!

The Virgin Mary first appeared to St. Juan Diego December 9, 1531. Our Blessed Mother asked St. Juan to go to the local bishop to ask that a church be built on the barren hill of Tepeyac which is now part of Mexico City. Mary desired to show her merciful and motherly love to the world. The bishop asked St. Juan for a sign that he should build a church. On December 12, the Virgin Mary again appeared to St. Juan and he told her of the bishop's request for a sign. Our Blessed Mother's response was to provide St. Juan with Castilian roses (which did not grow in Mexico at that time), the bishop's favorite flower, and also provided a miraculous image of herself on St. Juan's tilma. When St. Juan was in the presence of the bishop he opened his tilma to show him the flowers and, along with the flowers, appeared the image of the Virgin! The image of the tilma is miraculous and cannot be explained by science. It was also easily understood by the native peoples of that time. Here are some the amazing facts about the tilma and the image of Our Lady:

1. "The Lady stood in front of the sun" - She was greater than their dreaded Aztec sun-god 'Huitzilopochtli'.

2. Her foot rested on the crescent moon - She had clearly vanquished their foremost Aztec deity, the feather serpent 'Quetzalcoatl'.

3. The stars strewn across the mantle - She was greater than the stars of heaven which they worshipped. She was a virgin and the Queen of the heavens for Virgo rests over her womb and the northern crown upon her head. She appeared on December 12, 1531, for the stars that she wore are the constellation of stars that appeared in the sky that day!

4. The blue-green hue of her mantle - She was a Queen for she wears the color of royalty.

5. The black Cross on the brooch at her neck - Her God was that of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ her son.

6. The black belt - She was with child for she wore the Aztec Maternity Belt.

7. The four-petal flower over the Womb - She was the 'Mother of God.' The flower was a special symbol of life, (continued on page 4)

Welcome to the Churches of

St. Paul &

St. Michael



We are happy that you are here! If you are new to our parishes, please call or stop at the Parish Office. We would love to meet you and answer any questions that you might have!

SACRAMENTS

Confession - Saturday 4:00pm at St. Michael; Sunday 8:25am at St. Paul and 8:00am before daily weekday Holy Mass at both parishes.

Baptism - Please contact the parish office.

Matrimony - Please call Father Kasel at least six months prior to make arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick - This is for someone who is seriously ill, dealing with major surgery or infirm. Please contact Father Kasel to make arrangements.

WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Church of Saint Paul - Sunday Confessions at 8:25am, Rosary at 8:20am, Mass at 8:45am

Church of Saint Michael - Saturday Confessions at 4:00pm, Rosary at 4:35pm, Mass at 5:00pm

Church of Saint Michael - Sunday Mass at 7:00am, Rosary at 10:05am, Mass at 10:30am

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Church of Saint Paul - Tuesday and Thursday

Confession 8am & Mass 8:30am, Rosary at 8:10am before Mass

Church of Saint Michael - Wednesday and Friday

Confession 8am and Mass 8:30am

*We invite you to worship our Savior with us this
Advent and Christmas Season!*



Individual Confession times during Advent**:

Sundays, Dec. 11 & 18	St. Michael, Pine Island	7:00-7:45 am
Saturday, December 10	St. Michael, Pine Island	4:00-4:55 pm
Tuesday, December 13	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00-4:55 pm
Saturday, December 17	St. Michael, Pine Island	4:00-4:55 pm
Tuesday, December 20	St. Paul, Zumbrota	4:00-4:55 pm
Tuesday, December 20	St. Paul, Zumbrota	6:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, December 22	St. Michael, Pine Island	6:30-8:00 pm
Saturday, December 24	St. Michael, Pine Island	10:30am-noon

**The Sacrament of Confession is also offered before each weekday Holy Mass

Holy Mass on Christmas Eve:

Archbishop Hebda has granted permission to pastors to begin Christmas Eve Holy Masses as early as 2pm this year.

Saturday, December 24 St. Paul, Zumbrota 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 24 St. Michael, Pine Island 4:30 pm

Holy Mass on Christmas Day:

Sunday, December 25 St. Michael, Pine Island 7:00 am (Latin)

Sunday, December 25 St. Paul, Zumbrota 8:45 am

Sunday, December 25 St. Michael, Pine Island 10:30 am

The next Holy Hour for Men will be on Sunday, December 11, at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Michael, Pine Island. Fr. Kasel will give a talk on Advent: the importance of spiritually preparing to receive our Lord's Graces. All men are invited!

The next Holy Hour for Women will be Sunday, December 18, at 6:00pm at Church of St. Michael, PI. All women are invited!

CHURCH OF SAINT MICHAEL NEWS

CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL FAITH FORMATION

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Prayer for Victory in Christ through Mary

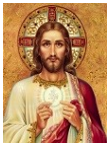
O Jesus our Savior, my Lord and my God, my God and my all - with Your sacrifice of the Cross You redeemed us and defeated the power of Satan. I beg You to deliver me from every evil presence and every evil influence.

I ask You in Your Name, I ask You for the sake of Your wounds, I ask You for the sake of Your Blood, I ask You for the sake of Your Cross, I ask You through the intercession of Mary, Immaculate and Sorrowful: May the Blood and the Water that flow from Your side wash over me to purify me, deliver me, heal me. Amen.

O most high Queen of Heaven and of the Angels, we humbly beseech you, who received from God the power and the mission to crush Satan's head: Command the Heavenly Host to pursue the demons in battle wherever they are, to rebuke their daring, and to thrust them into the abyss. Amen. Prayer by Fr. Gabriele Amorth († 2016) Fr. Amorth was the Chief Exorcist of Rome, Italy.

AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

Do you have no regular commitments during weekday mornings? Are you interested in growing in love with the One who loves you most - Jesus? Consider coming to Holy Mass on weekdays! Holy Mass, Confession and the Holy Rosary are offered Tuesday through Friday at our parishes. *Come to sanctify your weekdays with Jesus - He is waiting for you!*



Institute of Catholic Culture Lecture: by: Michael Barber, Ph.D. **STAR OF WONDER: The Mysterious Magi**

In this presentation, biblical scholar Michael Patrick Barber explains the meaning of the story of the magi. Who were they, what was the famous star they followed to Bethlehem, and how are we to understand their three gifts? It is only by looking at the way the Gospel of Matthew draws carefully from the Old Testament that we can fully understand the story.

Event Details: Tuesday, December 13, Pre-Class Discussion: 7:30 PM EST, Lecture: 8:00 PM EST. Registration is required at: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events/star-of-wonder>

Candle Lighting Ceremony: All are invited to attend the **20th Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony** at the historic Church of St. Rose on Sunday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m. Music provided by *Brass Etc.* Reception at the Palof residence. The church is located at 8778 County Hwy 11 Blvd., Kenyon 55946. www.friendsofstrose.org

Pine Island Food Shelf: items requested for December: Your choice!

WEEKLY TITHING December 3-4, 2022

Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 3,410.00
Plate:	\$ 961.45
EFT:	\$ 2,137.50
Total:	\$ 6,508.95

Thank You from the St. Gianna Molla Guild

The St. Gianna Molla Guild and Fr. Kasel wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way to our annual Holiday Tea! It was a joyous event and gave us an opportunity to showcase our parish to the Pine Island community. We were pleased to be able to offer a new variety of raffle items, baked goods, and handmade crafts this year! It was a blessing to usher in the Advent season with musicians from the Pine Island High School. Your generosity enables us to assist and support many worthwhile projects, charities, and help those who are in need. Thank you again for joining us, and we look forward to this event in 2023!

Congratulations to the Holiday Tea Raffle winners:

Quilt: Robert Siebenaler

Sweet Box: Helen McNamara

Coffee Box: Sheila Buehler

Holiday Family Statue: Eileen Oliver

St. James Hotel Gift Certificate: Diane Murray

Baking Thru the Holidays: Tricia Boyum



Christmas Flowers: This year we will again be collecting Christmas Flower offerings for the purchase of poinsettias for the Christmas Season. You will find a Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The suggested donation is \$13. Please put your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, Dec. 18. If you miss this deadline, please drop off donation at the Church office the following week. Thank you and God bless you!

St. Pio Knights of Columbus Advent Social

The next St. Pio KC Council membership meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, at the Church of St. Michael. We will have our Advent Social for all our members and their families. It will start at 5:30 PM with Holy Mass, followed by an Advent talk, meal and fellowship. Members are encouraged to invite prospective members. Plan now for this special event!



Prayer to the Virgin Mary: My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own, my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen

HOLY MASS TIMES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

9:00am-5:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30pm St. Pio Knights of Columbus Holy Mass

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:00am Confessions/8:30am Holy Mass

Saturday, December 17, 2022

4:00pm-4:50pm Confessions

5:00pm Holy Mass

Sunday, December 18, 2022

7:00am Latin Holy Mass

10:30am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 14, 2022 †Eugene Peters (family & friends)

December 16, 2022 Don Hoerle Jr. (Julie Hoerle)

December 17, 2022 Kristimari Kaiya

December 18, 2022 †Charlotte McDonough (Bill & Nicole McCoy)

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All has been blessed through Mary - From a sermon by St. Anselm, Bishop

“Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night - everything that is subject to the power or use of man - rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new Grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, Who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendor by men who believe in God.

The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God Himself, its Creator, it sees Him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed Fruit of Mary's Womb. Through the fullness of the Grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in Heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son Who was the glorious Fruit of your Virgin Womb, just souls who died before His life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the Angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with Grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator Himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave His only-begotten Son, whom He loved as Himself. Through Mary God made Himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave Himself form through Mary, and thus He made His own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake His ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the Mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the Mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to Him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed. Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to Himself.”

Prayer for Priests by St. Therese of Lisieux, Carmelite
O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep Your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with Your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the Priesthood. Let Your holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

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Plate:	\$ 55.00
EFT:	\$ 1,765.00
Total:	\$ 2,885.00



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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vicky Brown (sister of Dan Fritz, parishioner), who passed away last week. *‘Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.’*

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WORDS TO LIVE BY:

“We who are Christians have a further cause for joy: like Jesus, we know that we are loved by God our Father. This love transforms our lives and fills us with joy. It makes us see that Jesus did not come to lay burdens upon us. He came to teach us what it means to be fully happy and fully human. Therefore, we discover joy when we discover Truth - the Truth about God our Father, the Truth about Jesus our Savior, the Truth about the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts.” St. John Paul II

“Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen.” St. Mother Teresa

“The soul of the one who serves God always swims in joy, always keeps holiday, and is always in the mood for singing.” St. John of the Cross

“Act in a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God.” St. Faustina

“The true way to advance in holy virtues, is to persevere in a holy cheerfulness.” St. Philip Neri

“God loves those who find joy in giving.” St. Pope John Paul II

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Thursday, December 15, 2022

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Sunday, December 18, 2022

8:20am Rosary/8:25am Confessions

8:45am Holy Mass

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

December 13, 2022 †Rita Bodensteiner (Janet Shannon)

December 15, 2022 Fr. Kasel

December 18, 2022 Parishioners



NEWS FROM SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT PAUL

(from page 1) movement and deity - the center of the universe.

8. Her hands are joined in prayer - She was not God but clearly there was one greater than Her and she pointed her finger to the cross on her brooch.

9. The design on her rose-colored garment - She is the 'Queen of the Earth,' for she is wearing a map of Mexico telling the Indians exactly where the apparition took place.

Scientific Study of the Image

1. The image to this date, cannot be explained by science.
2. The image shows no sign of deterioration after 450 years! The tilma or cloak of Juan Diego on which the image of Our Lady has been imprinted, is a coarse fabric made from the threads of the maguey cactus. This fiber disintegrates within 20-60 years!
3. There is no under-sketch, no sizing and no protective over-varnish on the image.
4. Microscopic examination revealed that there were no brush strokes.
5. The image seems to increase in size and change colors due to an unknown property of the surface and substance of which it is made.
6. According to Kodak of Mexico, the image is smooth and feels like a modern-day photograph. (It was produced 300 years before the invention of photography.)
7. The image has consistently defied exact reproduction, whether by brush or camera.
8. Several images can be seen reflected in the eyes of the Virgin. It is believed to be the images of Juan Diego, Bishop Juan de Zummaraga, Juan Gonzales, the interpreter and others.
9. The distortion and place of the images are identical to what is produced in the normal eye which is impossible to obtain on a flat surface.
10. The stars on Our Lady's Mantle coincide with the constellation in

the sky on December 12, 1531. All who have scientifically examined the image of Our Lady over the centuries confess that its properties are absolutely unique and so inexplicable in human terms that the image can only be supernatural!" (Facts about the image taken from www.catholiceducation.org)

Truly this image is one for us to learn more about and to show much honor and respect. It is a miraculous image of Our Blessed Mother! Let us all take time on December 12 to thank the Virgin Mary for her motherly love and ask her to continually be a mother for each of us!

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph and our patrons, St. Michael and St. Paul, may God bless you, your families and our parishes!










In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Kasel

PRO LIFE QUOTE:

"Find the courage to proclaim Christ,... and the unchanging truths which have their foundation in Him. These are the truths that set us free! They are the truths which alone can guarantee respect for the inalienable dignity and rights of each man, woman and child in our world - including the most defenseless of all human beings, the unborn child in the mother's womb." Pope Benedict XVI, at Yankee Stadium, April 20, 2008

"Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world. Don't ever underestimate the beauty and power of the witness you give in your pro-life work." Archbishop Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia, April 8, 2011

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