

December 2022

Monthly Catholic Devotion Immaculate Conception

“Mary, a Virgin, not only undefiled but a Virgin whom grace has made inviolate, free from every stain of sin.”

- St Ambrose (340-397) Father and Doctor of the Church

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Saint Juan Diego

Feast Day December 9

Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtlatoatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas.

Novena

O God, who by means of Saint Juan Diego showed the love of the most holy Virgin Mary for your people, grant, through his intercession, that, by following the counsels our Mother gave at Guadalupe, we may be ever constant in fulfilling your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	1st Friday 2 Deacon Oliver Omega, Seminarian	1st Saturday 3 Christopher Pugh, Seminarian
4 Archbishop Richard J. Gagnon	5 Rev. Peter R. Nemcek	6 Rev. Patrick Neufeld	1st Wednesday 7 Mark Coates Candidate to the Permanent Deaconate	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	9 Vince Diestro, Seminarian	10 Rev. Benjamin Nwaeje
11 Rev. Frank Obrigewitsch S.J.	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Rev. John Okosun	13 St. Lucy Rev. Francois Paradis	14 Ember Day Deacon Claude Lambert	15 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	16 Ember Day Rev. Diosdado Parrenas	17 Ember Day Rev. Colin Peterson
18 Rev. Robert P. Polz	19 Rev. Monsignor Enrique Samson	20 Rev. Rainerio Sarce	21 Deacon Rudolph Le Maitre	22 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	23 Rev. Michael Raj Savarimuthu	24 Vigil of the Nativity Mass Rev. Barry D. Schoonbaert
25 Nativity of the Lord Rev. Arthur F. Seaman (Retired)	26 Rev. Wojciech Stangel O.M.I.	27 Rev. Nepolian Suvakin	28 Deacon Gilles Lorteau	29 For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life	30 Deceased Priests of our Archdiocese	31 Rev. Mark A. Tarrant

In a revival of an historic custom of the Church, I invite you to participate in the Ember Days (December 14, 16 & 17), traditional days of fasting and prayer, for the intention of an increase in vocations. Ember Days are three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) set apart in each of the four seasons for fasting, abstinence and prayer. These days mark the changing of times and seasons in order to bring about deeper spiritual renewal. Our current vocation crisis cannot be denied. Those who are priests and religious need prayers to be strong and faithful in serving the Lord. We need to pray for our priests, for religious and for vocations.