



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Roman Catholic Church

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Advent and Christmas 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again as we ready our hearts during the Advent season and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Christmas greetings are sent to you together with our sincere gratitude for your loyalty and cooperation throughout the year. May the peace and joy of a holy Christmas fill your hearts and those of your loved ones. Christ's special gift to you on Christmas will be His own flesh and blood in Holy Communion. Your gift to him can be the opening of the door of your heart to receive Him.

This past year, along with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we have been highlighting the Eucharistic Revival. It has been an exciting time of growth and renewal at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. The clergy, staff and parish leaders are focused on offering you more opportunities to grow in your faith and become an even more active member of our parish. As a result of a recent parish survey, we have recently hired a Director of Adult Faith Formation. Through this new position, we are committing to providing all of you, wherever you may be on your faith journey, with thought-provoking adult faith opportunities to allow you to grow in your love for Jesus. In addition, our parish Hispanic Ministry continues to grow and our Spanish-speaking parishioners continue to be an integral part of our parish community. We have also started a new Town Hall Meeting program, called "Let's Talk". Our goal with this program is to give you the opportunity to discuss some of the difficult issues Catholics are facing in today's world.

Our vibrant parish ministries have hosted many opportunities for our parishioners to serve others. Whether you participate through donating to a food drive, attending a Day of Service, delivering food to the needy, visiting the sick, coaching our youth in CYO sports, volunteering in our PREP program or freezing meals for the homebound, we provide multiple opportunities for you to help those in need and practice the corporal works of mercy. If you are looking to become more involved at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, please reach out to join a parish ministry. *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."* Hebrews 13:16. Every day, our clergy, staff, ministry leaders and parishioners strive to live out our vision statement of *"being a vibrant, welcoming parish family dedicated to growing disciples and making Church matter"*.

This Christmas wish is sent to you with sincere gratitude for your kind cooperation and generous support during this past year. We encourage you to share the traditional warmth and joy of the season with your family and friends, by joining us in preparing for the season by attending one or more of the many opportunities listed on the back of this letter. Do not deny yourself this most precious opportunity and gift. Christ awaits you at the Altar. Attend Mass, accept Reconciliation and receive Him in the Eucharist.

May Christ, through Mary, give you and your loved ones a full share of happiness and health during the Advent and Christmas seasons and in the coming New Year. You and your intentions will be remembered in a special way in our prayers and Masses at Christmas.

Devotedly Yours in Christ Jesus,

Monsignor Joseph P. Gentili
Deacon Robert F. Brady
Deacon Santiago Izquierdo