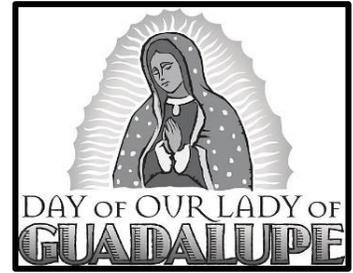


OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAYER SERVICE

All: Sign of the Cross

All: Sing Immaculate Mary

*Immaculate Mary Your praises we sing.
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.*



1. Reader: Heavenly Father, who Our Lady of Guadalupe called the “Lord of Heaven and Earth,” who is “in all places,” who “created all things,” and who “gives life and maintains its existence,” grant unto us the graces that come from devotion to the Virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, who is our Mother. Let us begin this prayer service, with each other for blessings on Saint James School!

2. Reader: This year in the Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop Checchio, our Bishop, has invited us to begin a year preparation in order to make a consecration to Jesus, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Checchio will consecrate the entire Diocese on December 12, 2019 to Our Lady of Guadalupe with a particular expectation; namely, that after having been renewed and awakened in faith, that each and every heart would be on fire for her Son, Jesus Christ. And, in doing so, that a new great wave of evangelization would spring up in each and every person. Our Bishop is personally inviting us, students and staff at St. James to set out with a new sense of hope and expectation. God wants to do great things with us and through us. We are called to Light a Fire in the Heart of our world, a fire that is the Holy Spirit.

3. Reader: You will hear the word evangelization frequently during this prayer service today. The word evangelization means to be a person who teaches the Gospel of Jesus through words and actions. To be an evangelizer is to live the Gospel message in our lives and to help others understand what the Gospel teaches and help them put on the attitudes of Jesus. We are called to be an evangelizer in our lives and to live the Gospel in all we do.

4. Reader: There is no better guide and no better intercessor to help us become an instrument of the Holy Spirit than the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be praying every day in school to Our Lady of Guadalupe so that we can become strong witnesses to our faith, in our world.

All: Sing Immaculate Mary

*In Heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim.
On earth we, your children, invoke your fair name.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.*

5. Reader: Let's listen now to a reading from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians:

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

6. Reader: O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church! Hear the prayers that we address to you with trust, as we present these petitions to your Son Jesus.

(After each petition, pray together a Hail Mary.)

7. Leader: Mother of Mercy, Teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, grant peace, justice and prosperity to all people; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are. We ask our Lady who is our Mother to help us grow in our faith, hope and love.

All: Hail Mary...

8. Leader: Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the Bishops, Priests and those in Consecrated Life, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls.

All: Hail Mary. . .

9. Leader: For our parents and caretakers that they may provide our families with homes that are filled with peace, mutual support and encouragement to live out our faith.

All: Hail Mary. . .

10. Leader: May our school environment be a place where kindness and forgiveness are nurtured by all. May we not only grow in learning and knowledge but grow in learning compassion and understanding with each other. May we look to Jesus, and if we fall, may He help us to rise again, to return to Him. Help us be on fire with the Holy Spirit.

11. Leader: May we as students and staff at St. James School accept the call to become evangelizers of our faith and invite others to also accept the Gospel message of Jesus in their lives.

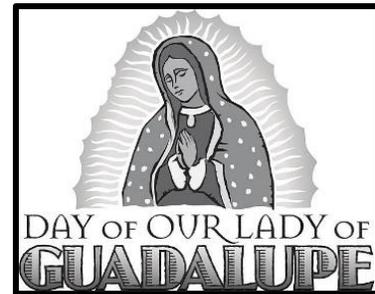
All: Hail Mary. . .

12. Leader: As we begin this year long preparation to consecrate ourselves to Jesus, may we live out our faith in action. May we be kind to each other in school and may we receive the Sacraments with devotion.

All: Hail Mary. . .

All: Sing Immaculate Mary

***We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth.
And bless, dearest Lady, the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria. Ave, Ave, Maria.***



13. Leader: Let us all pray together this Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Americas, we are mindful of the role you play in the evangelization of souls who have fallen away from the Church. As Mother of Divine Grace and as Mother of the Church, you preside over all the activities of evangelization and the implantation of the Gospel into the hearts of men and women.

We ask you, Mary, to help us fulfill the mission of evangelization which your Son has given to His Church and which falls to us. Mindful of your role as Mary, Help of Christians, we entrust ourselves to you in the work of carrying the Gospel ever deeper into the hearts and minds of all who have fallen away from the faith. We commit our cause totally to your prayers and ask that it bear abundant fruit Amen.

-Dramatic Presentation of the Story of our Lady of Guadalupe-