



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 11, 2022
Third Sunday in Advent
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
♪ *Lord, come and save us.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

December 11

11:00 am Bilinugal Mass

✠ *McGinty* and ✠ *Sheeran families*
by the McGinty family

✠ *Shania Jessella Waite* by her mother,
Mary Rodriguez and Angel Molano

December 18

9:00 am English Mass

11:00 am Spanish Mass

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

*We need at least \$2,750.00 per week in the collections to
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

Information from December 4, 2022

Regular Offertory: \$3605

(\$85 Immaculate Conception, \$230 Christmas)

Christmas Flowers: \$100 Mission Sunday: \$100

Faith Formation: \$500 Total: \$4305

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

View Masses Online on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

Mission Statement

*"We are a vibrant, welcoming, multi-cultural Catholic
community in the heart of the City of Albany
celebrating and ministering the presence of Jesus
with our parishioners and neighbors."*

DIRECTORY

SHRINE CHAPLAIN: *Rev. Francis O'Connor*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lord, come and save us.

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

LECTIO DIVINA

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-6

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: St. Matthew 1:18-24

Scam Alert: If you receive an email from
Fr. O'Connor or Fr. Dan requesting money or gift cards
be sent to anyone in need, **It is a scam.**

Hospital Visits:

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, let
hospital admissions know that you are a Catholic and
what your parish is. Then Father O'Connor or another
priest can visit and bring communion to you

The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe

She first introduced herself as the Mother of God and the mother of all humanity when she appeared on the hill of Tepeyac in Mexico in 1531. An indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, saw a glowing figure on the hill. After she had identified herself to him, Our Lady asked that Juan build her a shrine in that same spot, in order for her to show and share her love and compassion with all those who believe. Afterwards, Juan Diego visited Juan de Zumárraga, who was Archbishop of what is now Mexico City. Zumárraga dismissed him in disbelief and asked that he provide proof of his story and proof of the Lady's identity. Juan Diego returned to the hill and encountered Our Lady again. The Virgin told him to climb to the top of the hill and pick some flowers to present to the Archbishop. Although it was winter and nothing should have been in bloom, Juan Diego found an abundance of flowers of a type he had never seen before. The Virgin bundled the flowers into Juan's cloak, known as a tilma. When Juan Diego presented the tilma of exotic flowers to Zumárraga, the flowers fell out and he recognized them as Castilian roses, which are not found in Mexico. What was even more significant, however, was that the tilma had been miraculously imprinted with a colorful image of the Virgin herself.

- Francesca Merlo

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Christmas Flowers given in memory/honor of:

<i>Juana Pabon-Roque</i>	<i>Catalina Garcia</i>
<i>Agustin Ruenmele</i>	<i>Frank Ruenmele</i>
<i>Jimmy Crawford</i>	<i>Barbara Crawford</i>
<i>Paul Asante</i>	<i>Anna Lejeune</i>
<i>John Felts</i>	<i>John McGraw</i>
<i>Louis Mrak</i>	<i>Francis Mrak</i>
<i>Veronica McGraw</i>	<i>Helen Hand</i>
<i>Alice & Henry Tammany</i>	<i>Victor Jaar Saladin</i>
<i>Mary & Charli DeJulio</i>	<i>Thomas Martino Sr.</i>
<i>Greg Martino</i>	<i>David Martino</i>
<i>Patrick Dalton</i>	<i>Dalton Family</i>
<i>Mayer Family</i>	<i>Brown Family</i>
<i>Trinidad Arana de Argueta</i>	<i>Victorino Argueta</i>
<i>Edgar Argueta</i>	<i>Miguel Argueta</i>
<i>Angel Argueta</i>	<i>Efrain Argueta</i>
<i>Martina Argueta</i>	<i>Eberto Argueta</i>
<i>Rocco & Yolanda Benfatto</i>	<i>John Benfatto</i>
<i>Doris & Charles Calcagno</i>	<i>Father James Hayes</i>
<i>Gerry & Helen Curran</i>	<i>James & Mary Curran</i>
<i>Yoli & Paul Burgess</i>	<i>Lornun & Kitty Burgess</i>
<i>Cannavo Family</i>	<i>Nicita Family</i>
<i>Domenica Curale</i>	<i>Melita Family</i>
<i>Phyllis Gooding</i>	<i>Whitfield Gooding</i>
<i>Agnes Frank</i>	

Diocesan Women's Retreat: *Awakening our hearts to share God's love* ~ Saturday, December 10, 2022

The retreat will be held on St. Pius X Church in Loudonville from 9:00 am -4:00 pm. The keynote speakers are the Sisters of Life. Retreat includes: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages. Register Here: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

Advent and Christmas Schedule

December 16-23~Posadas in Church

Held from 7:00-8:30 pm each night

Sunday, December 18 – Reconciliation

After the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses

Saturday, December 24~Christmas Vigil

4:30 pm Carol Singing & 5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 25~Christmas Day

9:00 am English Mass & 11:00 am Spanish Mass

Sunday, January 1~Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am English Mass & 11:00 am Spanish Mass

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish.

Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist".

Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes.