



From the Office of Religious Education

November 29, 2017

MEMO

To: Parents

Subject: December Events

We would like to remind you of a few events coming up within the next month. We will have **regular scheduled classes on December 6th & 13th**. A special **Penance Service** will be held on **December 20th** and we encourage all students in grades 3rd to 8th, as well as their families, to come; there will be 3 priests here to hear confessions.

We would also like to remind you of **2 important feast days**:

(1) The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*the Patroness of the United States and the Patroness of our Parish*) and this is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**; the Mass schedule is: **Thursday, December 7th at 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) and on Friday, December 8th at 8:30am**

(2) The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (*the Patroness of the Americas*) the Mass schedule is: **Tuesday, December 12th; Mañanitas at 5:30am & Mass at 6:00am.**

Please Note: You are welcomed to bring roses for the Virgin Mary for both feast days.

Las Posadas begin on Saturday, December 16th and continue until the 23rd; we encourage you and your families to participate in this tradition. A list of all the meeting site will be handed out in the next few weeks.

The Religious Education Department will be sponsoring its annual blanket drive, these blankets will be donated to the local Good Samaritan Shelter. You can bring new or gently used blankets to the Religious Ed. Building between now and December 20th.

Finally, we would like to inform you **of a change to our Mass Attendance Card**. Beginning this weekend there will be a stack of blank cards on the table in the entry of the church, **all your child will have to do is properly fill out the card and hand it to the ushers** [the students must write his/her name and their grade]. They will **NO LONGER** have to bring his/her card back to class with them. If you should attend Mass at a different parish we still ask that you bring a parish bulletin signed by the priest or deacon.

If there are any questions or other relevant concerns please contact parish office at 361.643.4505.

Sincerely in Christ,

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