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JUST FOR MASS:

Looking for something simple and positive you can do for Advent? Try "Just for Mass". It involves asking a non-practicing Catholic to attend mass with you one time. No further obligation for the person or you. What better Christmas gift could we give a friend or relative than to help them come back to Church?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL MINISTRIES

Please consider helping the St. Thomas Aquinas community through service to the parish. We are in need of ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, daily Mass servers, religious education teachers, volunteers to wash linens, or anywhere you can help. We thank you for your prayerful consideration; please contact Robert Fritsch at robert.fritsch@nps.edu.

CATHOLIC MASS:

Weekday Mass will resume at noon on Monday, 6 January 2020.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MON 23: MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14; LK 1:57-66
TUE 24: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16; PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 AND 29; LK 1:67-79
WED 25: IS 52:7-10; PS 98:1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-6; HEB 1:1-6; JN 1:1-18
THU 26: ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17; PS 118:26A, 27A; MT 10:17-22
FRI 27: 1 JN 1:1-4; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; JN 20:1A AND 2-8
SAT 28: 1 JN 1:5—2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8; MT 2:13-18

ST. JUAN DIEGO:

Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtlatoatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Following the early death of his father, Juan Diego was taken to live with his uncle. From the age of three, he was raised in line with the Aztec pagan religion, but always showed signs of having a mystical sense of life. He was recognized for his religious fervor, his respectful and gracious attitude toward the Virgin Mary and his Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, and his undying love for his ill uncle. When a group of 12 Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico in 1524, he and his wife, Maria Lucia, converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan Diego was very committed to his new life and would walk long distances to receive religious instruction at the Franciscan mission station at Tlatelolco.

On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego was in a hurry to make it to Mass and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, he was stopped by the beautiful sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue, as the "ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God." Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local bishop. News of Juan Diego's miracle quickly spread, and he became very well-known. However, Juan Diego always remained a humble man. Juan Diego moved into a little hermitage on Tepeyac Hill, and lived a solariatty life of prayer and work. He remained there until his death on December 9, 1548, 17 years after the first apparition. News of Our Lady's apparitions caused a wave of nearly 3,000 Indians a day to convert to the Christian faith. Details of Juan Diego's experience and Mary's words moved them deeply. During the revolutions in Mexico, at the beginning of the 20th century, nonbelievers attempted to destroy the Image with an explosion. The altar's marble steps, the flower-holders, and the basilica windows were all very damaged, but the pane of glass protecting the Image was not even cracked. Juan Diego's imprinted cloak has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 to present time. The "Basilica of Guadalupe" on Tepeyac Hill has become one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines. St. Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on July 31, 2002. His feast day is celebrated on December 9 and he is the patron saint of Indigenous people.