

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

" *The Shrine* "

St. Odilo Parish

National Shrine of the Poor Souls

St. Odilo Church is the only parish in the United States dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory. It was founded and sanctioned as the Shrine of the Poor Souls by His Eminence, George Cardinal Mundelein, in 1928, with a special indulgence of 200 days granted upon each visit to the shrine.

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Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Friday: 6:30 and 8AM

Saturday: 8:00AM, 4PM

Sunday: 7AM (Sp.), 8:00 (Eng.), 9:30 (Latin) & 11AM (Eng.) & 12:30PM (Sp.)

Holy Days: 6:30PM (Eng.) the previous evening; 6:30, 8:10AM, 12:00 Noon and 6:30PM (Sp.)

Church is open: Weekdays from 6AM - 6PM

Confessions: Saturday 11:15AM - 12Noon & by appointment.

Rectory Office hours: Monday thru Friday: 9AM -9PM

Saturday 9AM-6PM Sunday 9AM-3PM

All Sacraments and ceremonies are available in Italian, Latin, Spanish & of course English.

Baptisms: Every Saturday at 10:30AM & Sunday at 1:30PM. Parents are required to register for baptism with a priest. Parents should be registered parishioners. Please call to make an appointment.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance with a parish priest. Please call the rectory to make an appointment.

Visits to the Sick: Please inform the rectory for hospital or homebound visits.

Quinceaneras: Cotillion Masses are available for our girls who have been confirmed-please call.

Ramblings - Fr. Brankin

First Sunday Advent

It is so beautiful to consider that during the season of Advent as we are waiting for the Birth of Jesus we also celebrate the Feast of the Virgen of Guadalupe.

What makes it all particularly beautiful is that the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer. Even nature gets into the act—treating us every year to a meditation on light and dark. That is why we have Christmas lights on all the trees—and lighted trees in all our houses—and candles in our windows. It is so dark and cold out there—but the light—even if it is just a flickering flame—gives us the hope that the darkness will not last forever.

It is just like when our mothers would turn on a lamp in our room when we were sick. Somehow the warm glow of that lamp and her gentle “There, there, everything will be all right,” made us feel better.

The lamp was a sign of the dawn; and we all knew that when the dawn would come and the sun finally break on the horizon—we would feel better. Because there is light—there is life. There is hope. And everything is going to return to the way it should be.

I believe that is why dawn is so important to the celebration of Christmas as well to the celebration of the Virgen of Guadalupe.

You know that none of this timing of these feasts is by accident. Our Lady’s appearance to Juan Diego around December 8th was during the celebration of the Immaculate Conception. Which is our pre-Christmas Advent meditation on innocence and sin, purity and salvation. And Christmas happens on December 25th – one of the reasons being that Light is now coming back to the world—and the days will be longer and the nights will be shorter.

And the Virgin comes to Tepeyac at dawn, and she brings with her The Light of the Ages, the Sun of Justice—her Baby—the Savior of the World.

Take a look at that image—notice the black sash around her waist? That was the Aztec sign that the Woman is with Child. But what a Child! Jesus in her womb was like the sun just barely behind the horizon—hidden just a little bit—but surely about to arrive.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is Our Lady of Advent and she announces the birth of her Son to Juan Diego and to us—to tell us that our sorrows are at an end. That life is not all misery and difficulty and darkness and death. There is hope.

Where did all that darkness and death come from? From Adam and Eve at the very beginning consorting with Satan, and because of their sin The Gates of Heaven were closed. And all people now would have to struggle and suffer in this life and then be denied heaven when they finally died.

People sometimes are angry at God for bad things that happen in their lives. I tell them—“Don’t blame God. Blame Satan, for he is the one who brought evil into God’s beautiful creation when he lied to Adam and Eve. And for tens of thousands of years, people struggled to live in Satan’s kingdom.

No one remembered the True God—or from where they came or to where they were going. All they knew was ugliness, struggle and death at the end of it all. The world that God had created lived for so long in darkness.

I read a book once called *The Heart of Darkness*. It is about a brilliant military officer who goes into the jungle on a mission one day and he never comes out.

Oh no, he is still alive—but he has become one with jungle—he has given himself over to the darkness of the jungle—its confusion—its impenetrability—its unsolvable mysteries. The jungle is overwhelming and he has been overwhelmed.

The darkness of ignorance, and moral confusion takes over his mind. He no longer understands right from wrong, sin from virtue, order from chaos; and he calls out in desperation: “The horror—the horror!” But he has no idea how to resist it anymore. He is living in the heart of darkness. He is lost in the heart of darkness. He has surrendered to it.

This is the same darkness that threatens us—all of us—all of our families—all of the time now. Modern life is just as dark as a jungle. So dark in fact we do not even know how to get from here to there—we no longer know right from wrong—decent from indecent—true from false, good from bad. And this modern—layered over with sin and confusion threatens to destroy us and our families.

This Darkness comes at us constantly from the television, the internet, the radio the newspapers. Think of all the movies and television shows that come to us from people who do not believe in Jesus. They have a veil of disbelief over their eyes—and they are happiest when they can corrupt us and keep us from the Light.

Look at all the shows we watch— see how all our films and dramas and entertainment is about ugly mean people doing ugly mean things to each other—even the comedies are ugly and vulgar. People hurting people—just for laughs. That is the darkness of Satan trying to overcome us.

This darkness seeps into the minds of our brothers and sisters, our children and grandchildren. And the further we get away from our Faith—the more people stop going to church and no longer pray—the less children that are baptized and the more adults who live together without marriage and the less children we have—that is how we allow the darkness to grow in our lives.

When we hear children talking about mommy’s boyfriend and daddy’s girlfriend.

When people say “Oh we don’t go to Church on Sundays anymore, we go to Target.” That is the darkness.

The darkness hides the tragedy of killing babies in the womb and mercy killing your grandparents, that is the modern darkness. And we are becoming lost in it—and soon will not even know how to get out.

If you want to know what to do this Guadalupe season, this Advent, this Christmas, light an Advent candle and then turn off the television and maybe even the internet. That’s where the darkness is coming from—and start praying.

Resolve to go to Mass—every day—Why not! Mass is the most effective possible way to fill our souls up with grace and light and love. And the Mass— because it is Jesus from start to finish— is the most powerful way to banish darkness and death.

If you cannot go to Mass every day—pray the rosary everyday. Even while you are driving, recite fifty-three times the Christmas prayer of the Angel Gabriel: “Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee...” And Mary the Virgen of Guadalupe full of light and life, because she is pregnant with Jesus, Our Lady of Advent will brighten our way powerfully.

The Feast of Guadalupe and Advent and Christmas are all about lights and light—stars and dawns—because the lights mean Jesus. Those lights mean God, and they declare in their warm bright way that we can resist the Darkness. We can vanquish the evil and ignorance—and dry the tears of those who weep. But only by the light of Christ.



Just a reminder that the gifts purchased for the parishioners of Saint Agatha/Blessed Sacrament, our sharing Parish, should be returned to the Rectory by 12 Noon on **Sunday, December 13.**

Immaculate Conception



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.

Mass will be celebrated as follows:

Monday, December 7th

6:30pm (English)

Tuesday, December 8th

6:30 & 8:10am (Eng)

12 Noon (Latin) & 4pm (English)

6:30pm (Spanish)

The Guadalupe Novena will follow the Mass.

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

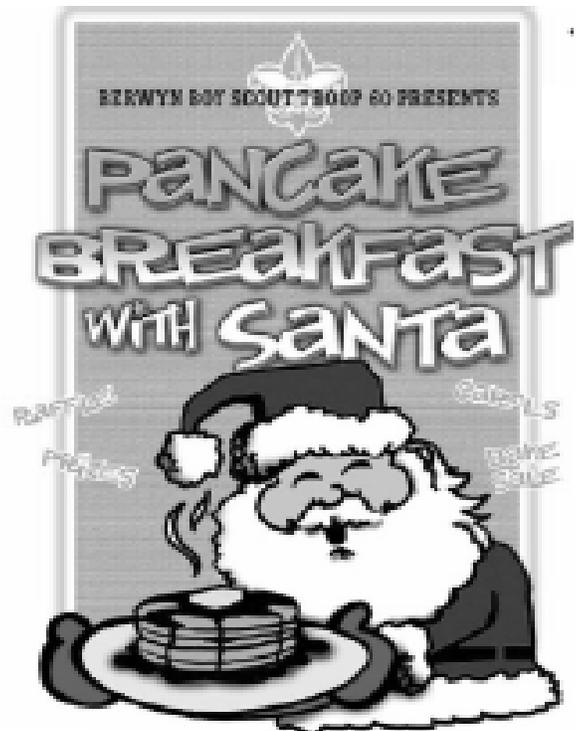
St. Odilo Parish

Sunday, December 13

8am to 1pm

Advanced tickets \$5.00 Tickets at the door \$6.00

Pancakes, Sausages, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea, Raffle, Music, pictures with Santa, Split the Pot
Please come out and support Troop 60 and enjoy a great breakfast along with all the fun!!



Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Thursday, Dec. 3rd
6:30pm - Novena, Rosary and Benediction

Friday, Dec. 4th
6:30pm - Novena, Rosary and Benediction

Saturday, Dec. 5th
6:30pm - Novena, Rosary and Benediction

Sunday, Dec. 6th
6:30pm - Novena,
 Rosary and Benediction

Monday, Dec. 7th
6:30pm - Mass for
 Feast of Immaculate
 Conception (Eng.)
7:30pm - Novena,
 Rosary and Benediction

Tuesday, Dec. 8th
6:30 & 8:10am, 12pm
(Latin), 4pm - Mass
 for Feast of the Im-
 maculate Conception
6:30pm - Mass for
 Feast of Immaculate
 Conception (Esp.) &
 Novena, Rosary and
 Benediction

Wednesday, Dec. 9th
6:30pm - Novena,
 Rosary and Benediction

Thursday, Dec. 10th
6:30pm - Novena, Rosary and Benediction

Friday, Dec. 11th
6:30pm - Novena, Rosary and Benediction

Saturday, Dec. 12th
5:00am - Mañanitas (Español) Mass with traditional songs
 and St. Odilo Spanish Mass Choir

8am - Mass (English)

4pm - Mass (English)
 Procession after Mass

6:30pm - Mass of the Roses with re- enactment joined
 by the string orchestra "Estudiantina Cuerdas Clasicas."
 Hospitality afterwards in school basement.

Jueves 3 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario, Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Viernes 4 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario, Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Sábado 5 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario, Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Domingo 6 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario,
 Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Lunes 7 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Misa de la Fiesta
 de la Inmaculada
 Concepcion (Ingles)
7:30pm - Novenario,
 Rosario, y Bendición del S.S

Martes 8 de Diciembre
6:30 y 8:10am, 12pm
(Latin), 4pm - Misa de la
 Fiesta de la Inmaculada
 Concepcion
6:30pm - Misa de la Fiesta
 de la Inmaculada
 Concepcion, (Español)
 Novenario, Rosario, y
 Bendición del S.S.

Miércoles 9 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario,
 Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.



Jueves 10 de Diciembre
6:30pm - Novenario, Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Viernes 11 de Diciembre
6:30 pm - Novenario, Rosario, y Bendición del S.S.

Sábado 12 de Diciembre
5:00am - Misa de Mañanitas con coro (Español)

8am - Misa (Ingles)

4pm - Misa (Ingles)
 Procesión después de la Misa

6:30 pm - Misa de las Rosas y apariciones.
 Acompañados por la Estudiantina Cuerdas Clásicas.
 Después de misa el convivio era en la escuela!

SPRED

SPRED is a ministry dedicated to serving our parishioners with developmental disabilities. The St. ODILO SPRED MINISTRY needs your help! We are looking for a few men and women for this program to join Aydee Lozada SPRED chairperson, and others who have already said yes. But they can not do it alone. They know there are parishioners, perhaps new to the parish or those newly baptized, who are being called to this work.

Please join us at St. ODILO rectory for an informational gathering on Monday, December 14th at 7pm. For more information call Aydee Lozada at 708- 287- 7347 Refreshments will be served.

SPRED

SPRED es un ministerio dedicado a servir a nuestros feligreses con discapacidades mentales. El ministerio de SPRED necesita de su ayuda! Nosotros estamos buscando por algunos hombres y mujeres que formen parte de este programa. Aydee Lozada nuestra representante de SPRED, y otros que ya dijeron Si. No puede hacer esto solos. Ellos saben que quizás aquí hay otros nuevos feligreses en la iglesia o, esos nuevos que han sido bautizados, quienes estarán siendo llamados para este trabajo.

Por favor Acompañenos el Lunes, diciembre 14th 2015. A las 7:00p.m. en la Rectoria de San ODILO. Para comunicarse con el Representante de SPRED de San ODILO: Aydee Lozada 708- 287-7347.
- Habrá Refrescos –

November 23, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with much joy and anticipation that I invite all of you to join me to welcome the beginning of the Jubilee of Mercy. The Jubilee of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis begins on December 8, 2015 and concludes with the feast of Christ the King on November 20, 2016.

The Jubilee of Mercy is a graced opportunity for all of us to appreciate more deeply how the mercy of God has taken hold of our lives and, at the same time, how we can bring that mercy into the world through our own actions and the way we live our lives. The Jubilee of Mercy will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Chicago with a full schedule of events and array of resources. Among these are:

- The commencement of the Jubilee with the opening of the Holy Door on Sunday, December 13 at Holy Name Cathedral.
- The designation of 32 pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese, where the faithful can receive indulgences.
- A special weekly resource, *One Word at a Time*, developed for parishes and individuals to help put merciful actions into practice is now available in English, Spanish and Polish.
- Stories related to the Jubilee of Mercy will appear regularly in our Archdiocesan newspapers, the Catholic New World and Chicago Católico.
- A monthly video segment, "Mercy Moments," will highlight testimonials from individuals and how they experienced or encountered God's mercy.
- Fr. Louis Cameli's newest book, *Rejoicing in Mercy: A Prayer Commentary on the Gospel of Luke*.
- "Adopt a Work of Mercy" pamphlet, with a call to all Catholics to commit to one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy.

These, and many more resources, will be available on the Office for the New Evangelization website:

www.jubileemercy.org. Please look for Jubilee of Mercy updates on the Archdiocesan website as well as your parish bulletin. Let us call to mind the words of Pope Francis at this time: "In this Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the word of God that resounds strongly and clearly as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love. May she never tire of extending mercy, and be ever patient in offering compassion and comfort. May the Church become the voice of every man and woman, and repeat confidently without end: 'Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.'"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

SICK RELATIVES & FRIENDS

Please remember the sick - Regina Szatkowski, Josephine Sprovieri, Michael Termini, Ernest Karamas, Charlie Turek, George Kasper, Alice Kowalski, Henry Kereluk, Marge Shatas, Sr. Johanna Trisoliere, Ramon Marentes, Frank Stepnowski, Jody Stepnowski, Diane Reilly, Richard Wenc, William Stepanek, Karen Lewis, Joseph Kirchoff, our Veterans, Patricia Mars, Barbara Defina, Ralph Cannataro, Mike Kadrowicz, George Fuoco, Eddie Shishkoff, Mark Hruska, Baby Carmody, Frances Rapacz, Maurice Ford, Lucille Chlapecka, Milly Kosinar, Patricia Stalzer, Marty Oborski, Jerry Kolman, Shirley Klein, Anita Sanchez, Karen Halter, L. R. Hammond, Frank Munoz, Joanne Wilson, Fr. Fred Tomcik, Deacon Marvin & Peggy Kocar, Nathan Kucera, Steve & Kathy Birkenmeyer, Jack Burdsall, Sophia Hanson, Norma Kmet, Phil, Gussie Allen, Marin Salvino, Patricia Niwa, Barbara Mance, Deborah Ferguson, Francisco Solis, John Gardelka, Mary White, Jeanette Sprovieri, Richard Rychlicki.

REST IN PEACE

Please remember all those God has called to Himself from our parish family, David Barrera.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

November 22, 2015 \$ 8,017.43
Last Year \$10,742.18

November 29, 2015 \$11,876.53
Last Year \$10,798.69

Thank you!
Fr. Brankin

WEDDING BANNS

II-Adan Vasquez & Virginia Malvaez

SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

December 12 & 13	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Servers
4PM	J. Banda J. Garcia J. Stockhausen	J. Jansen	B. Banda S. Rollins
7AM (Esp.)	R. Cruz E. Mendoza A. Sambolin	L. Rosillo	A. Cruz R. Navarette
8AM	D. Kaminski N. Kmet B. Ouska	V. Canella	A. Rivera A. Gamboa
9:30AM			S. Carroll E. Gonzalez
11AM	E. Hron R. Lorenz D. Oborski	F. Miller	V. Hernandez C. Hernandez
12:30PM (Esp.)	V. Chavez L. Gonzalez E. Marquez B. Salgado	B. Ramirez E. Lopez	J. Diaz J. Diaz A. Cruz A. Mendoza

Servers for December 7, 8, 9: M. Herrera, S. Herrera, J. Rau
Servers for 10, 11, 12: A. Canaveral, A. Espinosa, Gemma Gleeson

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7-SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

6:30AM-Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Thill Family)
8:10AM-Anton & Helen Priban (Son)
6:30PM-The People of St. Odilo
7:30PM-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8-THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30AM- 8:10AM-12Noon-4PM-6:30PM-The People of St. Odilo
3PM-Divine Mercy

After 6:30PM Mass-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9-SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

6:30AM-Earl Lafin (Lafin Family)
8:10AM-Bultas & Tufo Families (Len Tufo)
6:30PM-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10-ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30AM-Mary, Barbara & Bessie Burda
8:10AM-Intentions of Anna Gasparro
-S. Giorgio (Mario Gaudio)
-Henry Kosinar (Family)
-Friend of Jean Holt
-Juliana Baga-an (Luz Sepai)
-Health of Jill Franklin (Nancy Banda)

6:30PM-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11-SAINT DAMASCUS I, POPE

6:30AM-Earl Lafin (Joan Stockhausen)
8:10AM-Eduardo Vergara (Family)
6:30-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12-OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5AM-Mañanitas
8AM-The People of St. Odilo
4PM-The People of St. Odilo
6:30-Misa de la Roses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13-THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7AM-Alfonso Herrera Magaña (Sara Avila)
8AM-Anthony & Helen Shatas (Family)
9:30-Robert Geekie (Cathleen Koss)
11AM-Thomas Lichter (Albert Dizenzo)
12:30-Pedro Reyes (Reyes Family)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY...

4PM-CCD (SCH)
6:30-Legion of Mary (PR)

TUESDAY...

3PM-Jr. High Choir (SCH)
6:30-Little Flowers (PR)

WEDNESDAY...

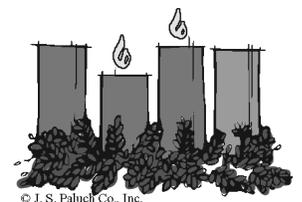
3PM-Handbells (CH)
4PM-CCD (SCH)
6PM-ESL Beginners (PH)
7PM-Choir Practice (PR)
7:30-ESL Intermediate (PH)

THURSDAY...

3PM-Children's Choir (SCH)
6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance (PH)
6:30-Arts & Crafts (SR)
7PM-Armory of Christ (CB)

FRIDAY...

6PM-Mexican Folklorico Dance
6PM-Pequeno Rebanos (CB)
7PM-Spanish Faith Formation (PR)



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God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7