



ST. AGNES
SCHOOL

Wednesday e-Folder

December 13, 2017

Third Week of Advent Theme — JOY

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

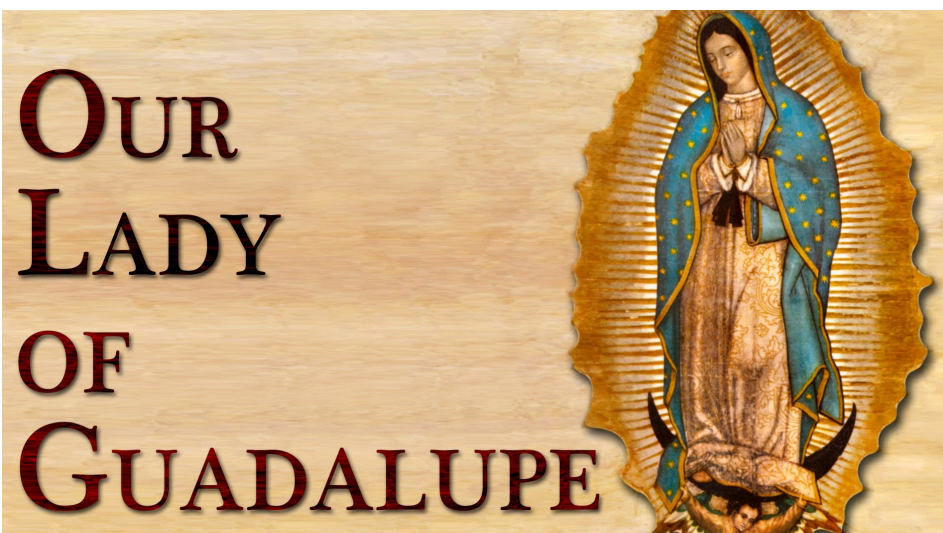
Yesterday our faith community honored the extraordinary miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This story begins with a poor Indian named Juan Diego, who lived in a small village near Mexico City, was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady. As he was walking by a hill called Tepeyac, a radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico. Juan Diego asked the bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. The bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. The lady found Juan and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma. On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared a likeness of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/our-lady-of-guadalupe/>

Quote of the week:

"Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection."

Winston Churchill



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Things You Need to KNOW:

Advent

This weekend ushers in the 3rd week of Advent. Accordingly, the following resource invites you to participate in the weekly prayers/reflections that are offered through the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/advent-december-17.cfm>

Financial Aid Evening

Come join us tonight, Wednesday, December 13th at 6:00pm in the school library for an informative evening on all items relating to the financial aid process. Please register on our [events page](#).

Just a Reminder:

Thursday, December 14th is a **regular dismissal day** not an early dismissal.

Thursday, December 21st is an EARLY DISMISSAL DAY with no aftercare services. Our faculty/staff Christmas party is at 1:00pm so please plan to pick up your child(ren) at the 12:30pm dismissal time.

Middle School—Academic Distinction Ceremony

On Thursday, December 14th during our daily Community Meeting (about 8:10am), we will honor those 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who earned academic distinction for the First Trimester. Parents whose children are being recognized were sent an email invite earlier this week.

Christmas Concert

The sounds of the season will soon fill our campus. To this point, our band and choir groups have been busily preparing for our Christmas Concert event scheduled for this Friday, December 15 and will be held in the Activity Center. The performance for the student body will begin at 2:00pm and the family and parish performance will begin at 7:00pm.

Title 1 Teacher—Baltimore City

We have a new Title 1 teacher for our Baltimore City students. Alice Grove, who also works for Archbishop Borders School downtown, has begun her work with our students and will be at St. Agnes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Welcome to St. Agnes, Alice!

Referral Program

Our current parents are our best advocates for the invaluable investment of a St. Agnes School education. And as a means to attract both new families and thank the current families who will refer friends to St. Agnes, we have structured a rewarding Tuition Referral Credit Program for the 2018-2019 school year. The process is simple:

- Tell your friends about the many wonderful things about S.A.S.
- Both families complete contracts and pay the enrollment fee by March 31.
- Both families begin paying tuition in July and attend the first month of school.
- A \$750 tuition referral credit is posted into FACTS on October 1 for both families.

Things You Are Asked to DO:

H.S.A Notes

Breakfast with Santa: This Saturday, December 16 from 9:00am—12:00pm is our rescheduled Breakfast with Santa event.

SAVE THE DATE: January 9th is the H.S.A. General Meeting! Come hear from the board, the state of the school, and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. Earn one volunteer hour for attending! At least one parent from every family should plan to attend. Please do not bring students or other children as the meeting is intended for adults only. See you then!

Shoebox for Seafarers Project

The Shoebox Program is a way to spread a little Christmas joy to the seafarers that come into Baltimore. We are inviting St. Agnes families for donations that will be placed in wrapped shoeboxes and will be sent to the organization. Suggested donation items include: toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, tissue packs, nail clippers, Q-tips, combs, disposable razors), cold weather accessories (gloves, scarves, socks), writing supplies (pocket-sized address books, pens, stationary), reading material (paperback books, magazines), travel games or playing cards, or holiday treats (candies, cookies, a Christmas card). Donations can be brought to the classrooms from December 6 until December 18.

St. Agnes is a Great School!

We would like to increase the number of positive public ratings we have on the internet. And as an advocate for our amazing school, we would like to ask you to consider submitting a positive public rating AND encouraging your parent friends to do so as well. Here are a few ways to help:

- Visit <https://www.greatschools.org/reviews/> and search for St. Agnes School, MD
- Like us and rate us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St.AgnesCatholicSchoolBaltimore/>
- Google Search St. Agnes - on the right-hand side, click write a review.

Nurse's Notes

The Oral Health Impact Program will be sending down their dentist on January 11, 2018, to examine the children who have turned in permission slips to Mrs. Madigan. If you haven't yet registered your child and are interested, please contact Mrs. Madigan immediately at 443-636-5520, (during school hours). The OHIP program needs an accurate count of how many children they are to see.

Lost and Found

Our bin overfloweth! If your child is missing any clothing article or other item, please have them stop by the Nurse's Office and check the Lost and Found bin. Any items remaining after 12:30pm on Thursday, December 21st, will be donated to the needy.

Inclement Weather Policy

St. Agnes School follows Baltimore County Public Schools for all delays and weather related incidents. Please check WBAL for the latest school closure information.

Mark Your Calendar

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| December 13: | Financial Aid Night |
| December 15: | Christmas Concert |
| December 16: | Breakfast with Santa |
| December 19: | Cherubs Choir Performance at St. Elizabeth's & St. Martin's Assisted Living Homes |
| December 20: | 6th Grade Service Experience for Westside Shelter |
| December 21: | Early Dismissal Day (12:30pm) |
| December 22-January 1: | Christmas Vacation |
| January 2: | Return to School |
| January 5: | 8th Grade Service Experience at MBK |

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