



# Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church

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## 3rd Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022



### Dec. 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

An elder Mexican man makes his way to Mass in the early morning twilight of December 9, 1531. He is a peasant, a simple farmer and laborer, and he has no education. Born under Aztec rule, he is a convert to Catholicism, and each step he takes this morning is a step into history. The morning quiet is broken by a strange music that he will later describe as the beautiful sound of birds. Diverting his path to investigate the sound, Juan Diego comes face to face with a radiant apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Juan Diego is 57 years old. He has just encountered the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple. His wife has died two years earlier, and he lives with his elder uncle, scratching his living from the earth as a humble peasant farmer. Why should this unlearned, man be chosen by Our Lady to carry a message to the Bishop? Perhaps because she would find none other as humble as Juan Diego. Juan Diego is dazzled by the incredible beauty and miraculous nature of Our Lady's appearance. She appears as a native princess to him, and her words sound more beautiful than the sweetest music ever made.



## Stewardship Reflection

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." - JAMES 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## TALK TO US



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## MASS TIMES

### Sunday Mass:

Saturday Mass of Anticipation - 5:30 pm  
Sunday Mass - 8:30 am

### Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - 9:00 am  
Wednesday - 9:00 am

You are invited to join St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Agassiz for daily livestreamed Masses on their Facebook Page

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday:** December 10th - 5:30 pm  
+Exequiez  
**Sunday:** December 11th - 8:30 am  
+Silveria  
**Tuesday:** December 13th - 9:00 am  
+Modesto  
**Wednesday:** December 14th - 9:00 am  
+Vicente  
**Saturday:** December 17th - 5:30 pm  
+Sylvia

## Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (December 24): 5:30 pm

Christmas Day (December 25th): 11:00am

## Advent Penitential Services

St. Ann Parish - Abbotsford: December 12th at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph Parish - Langley: December 14th at 7:00 pm

**Our Lady of Good Hope Parish - Hope: December 17th at 10:00 am**

St. Anthony of Padua Parish - Agassiz: December 18th at 4:00 pm

St's Joachim & Ann Parish - Aldergrove: December 19th at 7:00 pm

St. Nicholas Parish - Langley: December 20th at 6:45 pm

St. James Parish - Abbotsford: December 21st at 7:00 pm



Would you like to place a poinsettia in our Christmas Altar Display in honor/memory of a loved one? You may simply write the name of the person(s) that you wish to have honored and an envelop with a donation of your choice and place it in the Sunday collection plate, or deliver it to the parish office. Thank you!



Simbang Gabi begins on December 15th continuing until December 23rd. Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. Simbang Gabi is also known by its popular Spanish name, Misa de Gallo, or "Mass of the Rooster".

You are invited to St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Agassiz for Simbang Gabi. However, instead of being in the morning we will host this novena in the evening with the Rosary at 5:30 pm, followed by the Mass at 6:00 pm. Each night, there will be snacks immediately following the Mass.

Archbishop Miller has encouraged all of the parishes in our Archdiocese to observe this novena, and we are happy we have also embraced this tradition.



## CHURCH CLEANING

Christmas Church Cleaning will be on Saturday, Dec 17th. We will begin at 9 am and work until about 10 am. We will then pause for our Penitential Service which begins at 10 am. Then we will resume cleaning after the Penitential Service is over.

Please come and help out!

We need as many people as possible to make this work a bit lighter.

See you there!

## WE'RE HIRING!

**Secretary/Administrative Assistant, (Paid Position)**

**If you are interested please contact Fr. Dennis.**