

St. Gilbert Religious Education Program

Parent Letter #6

December 8, 2024



Dear Parents,

This is an exciting time of the year! I hope that you are able to take some time to reflect on the beauty of Advent.



The Religious Education Program sponsored the Fannie May Candy fundraiser and raised over \$1,600.00 for our use. Thanks! Thanks also to Linda Dwoinen for all her work! Thank you for your support!

Just a reminder that you can make payments through the website GiveCentral (there is a link on the Religious Education Website). If you are having a hard time making the payments talk to Lisa and she will help you. If you would like to assist someone who can't make their payment, put the money in an envelope and label it St. Gilbert REP Tuition Assistance.

On Sunday, December 15 at 9:30 am, Preschool through Grade 6 will gather in the Multi-Purpose Room for Christmas Caroling and the dramatization of the Nativity by Grade 3. Parents are invited to attend.



The 4th grade students and parents are invited to attend a retreat on Saturday, March 1, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Invitations will go out after the New Year. This is an important activity and I hope to see all 4th graders participate.

Grades 2 students are invited to participate in a play at the beginning of the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Forms were sent home with the students. Call the office for additional information. I hope that we have some of our students participate in this special event.

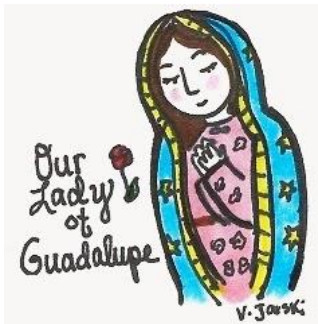
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Grade 2 students and parents will participate in a Walk Through Mass on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 pm. It is the beginning of the preparation for First Communion.



May your preparations for Christmas bring you and your family closer to Christ and to one another. Pray for me as I remember you in my prayers.

God bless!
Sr. Donna



PRAYER FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – December 12

LEADER: Let us offer God praise and thanksgiving on this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Make the sign of the cross

LEADER: Come, Lord Jesus!

ALL: Come quickly!

PRAYER: Loving God,
You bless the peoples of the Americas
With the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe
As our patron and mother.
Through her prayers
May we learn to love one another
And to work for justice and peace.
Amen

LEADER

Lady of Guadalupe,	pray for us
La Morena of Tepeyac,	comfort us
Mother of the Faithful,	defend us
Refuge of the oppressed,	strengthen us
Hope of the immigrant,	cheer us
Light of the traveler,	guide us
Friend of the stranger,	welcome me
Shelter of the poor and needy,	sustain us
Patron of the Americas,	unite us
Mother of many children,	watch over us
Star of the morning,	waken us

To the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who arose from you the sun of justice and is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

LEADER: Come, Lord Jesus!

All: Come quickly.