



MARIAN TWILIGHT REFLECTION
Led by Father Emmanuel Betasso, O.C.D.

Friday, December 8, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On the Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception

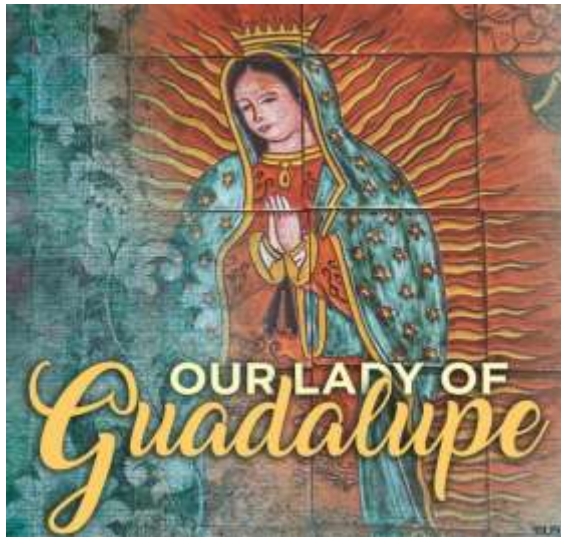
Advent Preparation Rooted in

Carmelite Spirituality

With Adoration & Benediction

Reception Follows in the Undercroft

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, pray for us!



*All are invited to... /
Un invitación a todos a...*

La Fiesta de
Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe

Saint Patrick Catholic Church — Monday, December 11, 2017

5:30 PM: Vigil Mass / Misa de la Vigilia

6:30 PM: Mexican Fiesta Dinner / Cena de la Fiesta Mexicano

In the Church Undercroft / En el Sotaño de la Iglesia

RSVP by Friday, December 8: (540) 463-3533 officestpats@embarqmail.com

**Fourth Sunday of Advent and
Christmas Masses: *The Nativity of the Lord, Jesus Christ***

Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent Mass

4:30 p.m. Christmas Reflections

5:00 p.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord** (Family Focus)

10:30 p.m. Christmas Reflections

11:00 p.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**

Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m. **Mass of the Nativity of the Lord**





Spotlight on: Respect Life

The Respect Life Committee promotes the dignity of all human persons from conception to natural death. We espouse the value and virtue of chastity and promote awareness through education in our Spiritual Adoption Program. Our education extends to the community with our Rockbridge Community Festival booth. The committee stresses the importance of prayer and legislative advocacy, and organizes March for Life participation for the parish.

Skills: Must have a strong desire to protect and promote the dignity of human life and to work in these endeavors.

Duties: Seeks to promote, defend, and witness to the dignity of each human life from conception to natural death. Through prayer, education, witness, outreach, and support of the local pregnancy help center, we direct our efforts primarily toward the unborn, who are the most vulnerable and at risk in today's society.

Seeking: Anyone 8 years of age or older. Ideal for older school-aged children, adolescents, and adults in all family groups.

Time Commitment: Attend 5 meetings a year, 1 hour each; several hours a year helping with the Spiritual Adoption Program for the 7th grade Religious Education class; attend the annual Prayer Service for Life; participate at our pro-life booth at the Rockbridge Community Festival.

Contact: Darcy McCabe 540-348-5077

Spiritual Adoption, Fourth Month: Your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. The baby has his own unique fingerprints which will remain the same all life long. His taste buds are working. The baby's sense of hearing is developed and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed internally and externally. All that is needed now is time to gain weight and grow strong. Keep praying for that little miracle!

Trio Festivo Concert here at St. Patrick on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. You will recognize the familiar faces of Col. John Brodie and Peter del Vecchio who have joined us for our high feast liturgies over the years, along with Kelly Harris. They will perform an array of Christmas music. Come and enjoy a delightful evening! A free will offering will be taken.

SPARC: How can knowing what the seven deadly sins are help you in life? Studying these sins can help us recognize if they are present in our lives, and what virtues we need to eliminate these sins and behaviors that can sometimes rule our lives. Sign-up sheets are located on a table in the narthex for the next SPARC session on the Seven Capital Sins. Besides your name, address, phone number and email address, please indicate three day and time preferences, and a location will be determined after groups are formed. The sessions will begin in January and each monthly session will last approximately one and a half hours. For more information contact Marilou Schindler, Adult Faith Formation/New Evangelization chair at 291-2992.

Haiti Update: As we celebrate and give thanks for all that we have ourselves received over the upcoming holidays, please remember our twin parish in Haiti. We continue to request school supplies (pens, paper, solar-powered calculators, folders, pencils, drawstring or sling backpacks for youngsters 1st to 6th grade, lots of white chalk, black board erasers, pencil erasers, rulers, and other school items). Also soccer balls (no basketballs), and jump ropes and small air pumps are extremely appreciated. Travel size soaps, toothpaste, shampoo, personal hygiene items, combs for boys and girls, girls barrettes/hair elastics and brushes, new underwear for children ages 5 and up and vegetable seeds are needed for shipment to the school at Saint Peter and for twin community of Fond Pierre. We encourage you to leave your donations in the "Haiti" collection basket in the Narthex of the Church. THANK YOU so much for your generosity!!!

Diocesan Youth Conference: Feb. 9-11, 2018, Richmond. Early bird discount registration starts now! Forms in the narthex. Complete and bring to the parish office for DRE to register online. Registration costs paid by parish – let us take advantage of the discount NOW! One adult chaperone needed (free registration with gas payment for driving to and from event).

FORMED: Access Catholic education, entertainment, prayer, and inspiration for free on your computer or smartphone! Go to www.formed.org, then scroll and click Register, enter our parish code: T2WDQ3, then enter your personal info and follow directions from there! Benefit from this generous gift to our parish!

Homebound Ministry: Please contact the parish office if you are aware of a parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to injury, chronic illness or hospitalization and would like to receive communion. Also, the Prayer Shawl ministry has shawls and lap pads for those who are sick. Please notify the parish office to request one.

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