

Liturgy Alive of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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Feast

December 12

LAME PEOPLE SHALL LEAP

[Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bdc, 19; Lk 2:15-19](#)

Introduction

On December 9, 1531, our Lady appeared to a young Indian convert, Juan Diego, in Tepeyac, Mexico, now part of Mexico City. On his cloak she left the impression of her image. This site became the most venerated place of pilgrimage for Latin America. Under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mary was declared the patroness of the Americas. Formerly a secondary patroness of the Philippines, this memorial of Mary has been reintroduced as a celebration for the Philippines because of the former strong links of the Philippine Church with the Mexican Church.

Opening [Prayer](#)

Lord our God,

Like you and your Son Jesus,
Mary cared for the poor and the humble,
to whom she herself belonged.
With the whole people of the Americas
we honor her today and ask you
through the intercession of Mary
to give us a deep respect and concern
for all that is poor and little
and to let us live in your caring hand.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Introduction:

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, lover of all that is little,

we bring before you the humble gifts
of bread, the daily [food](#) of many,
and of a little wine, the token of joy.
With these let us join in the sacrifice of Jesus,
whose Mother we honor today
with all the people of the Americas.

Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Our loving God,

in this eucharist we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary,
who gave us your Son and Savior.
May we rejoice in the saving love of Jesus
and in the loving [care](#) of Mary.
May we be faithful to him
by doing deeds of justice and service
and praising you with songs of joy.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

