

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass League and other Memorial Opportunities

There are many ways to memorialize your loved ones who have passed away. We are grateful to God for the gift of life and the gift of Faith we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. The Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God (CCC #1032)." Let us continue to pray for one another and for the souls of the faithful departed, may they rest in peace.

We are introducing this year the opportunity to remember both the living and deceased loved ones as well as any other special intentions on a monthly basis for a designated period of time. Beginning on February 10, 2016, on the first Sunday of the month a Mass on a rotating basis (5:00 p.m. Vigil, 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.) will be offered for all those who are officially enrolled in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Memorial Mass League. We will also remember them in a special way during the General Intercessions of that Mass. The names will be listed in the parish bulletin on the Sunday which the Mass is offered. The names will be also posted on the parish website. Those enrolled in the Mass League will also share in the prayers, sacrifices and good works of the members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Prayer Team. The following are the levels offered along with the suggested donation:

3 months – \$50.00    6 months - \$100.00    1 year – \$150.00

Please print on the card the intention (living or deceased or special intention), the donor's name and length of enrollment.

There are many other ways to remember and to memorialize your intentions:

- 1) *Daily Mass* intentions for living, deceased or special intention – Suggested offering for an *announced Mass* is \$15.00. Also available are *unannounced Masses* which are celebrated at the discretion of the priest who will be assigned to celebrate the Mass at a time which he has a free intention. Suggested offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10.00.
- 2) *Seven day votive candles* – We can remember the deceased, living or special intentions by lighting the three *seven day votive candles* which burn at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. We are adding opportunities for the seven day sanctuary candles in the *main church, St. Juan Diego Chapel* and the *St. Juan Bernadino Chapel* at the rectory. Suggested donation is \$15.00.
- 3) *All Souls Day* – We continue the tradition of celebrating three masses on *All Souls Day*, November 2 every year. Your intentions will be remembered at the masses celebrated on All Souls Day as well as at all the masses celebrated throughout the month of November.

Place the names of your faithful departed on the envelopes provided along with a free will donation. Additionally, a memorial table is placed at the OLG Shrine upon which the envelopes are placed along with pictures of the deceased who passed away that year.

- 4) *Christmas, Easter, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day* – We continue the tradition each year on the designated holidays to remember the intentions and names placed on the envelopes provided along with a free will offering. These envelopes may be sent to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket. Special temporary shrines are set up for each of the holidays. Christmas intentions are placed in the Nativity Set throughout the Christmas Season. Easter intentions are placed near the tabernacle throughout the Easter Season. Mothers' Day intentions are placed at the Blessed Mother statue at the left of the sanctuary for the month of May. Fathers' Day intentions are placed at the Saint Joseph statue at the right of the sanctuary for the month of June.
- 5) *Votive candle stands* – You will also note the votive candle stands at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph side shrines at the main church sanctuary as well as the votive candle stands in the St. Juan Diego Chapel. Free will donation suggested is \$1.00. It is a beautiful part of our faith tradition to light a candle to remember an intention or in thanksgiving for the granting of a petition.
- 6) *Memorial Opportunities* – There are many opportunities for you to become a part of a memorial legacy by dedicating specific items within the church, chapel and parish life center in memory of special loved ones, living or deceased, or special intentions. These items may be artistic, structural, liturgical, devotional or functional. Call the Parish Office to learn more about these memorial opportunities and how they are remembered.