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### Our Lady of Guadalupe and Advent's Gaudete Sunday

In the midst of the season of Advent falls the wonderful Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, on Dec. 12. Many of our parishes and missions will be planning festive celebrations to mark this feast. Though a beautiful feast dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, this feast does not take precedence over the Advent Sunday Mass.

Therefore, because of the important nature of the liturgical season of Advent and the readings on each Sunday of Advent, and in an effort to honor the Feast of the Patroness of the Americas, as Bishop of the Diocese, I am transferring the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to **Saturday, Dec. 11**.

**All Masses prior to 4 pm on Saturday, Dec. 11, should be the Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Vestments should be white. Masses celebrated after 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, or anytime on Sunday, Dec. 12, shall use the Mass and readings for the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday. Vestments should be rose or violet in keeping with the liturgical color of the season.**

Let us look forward to the festive celebration of the Patroness of the Americas and use these liturgical notes to make the celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Gaudete Sunday joyful, hope-filled and awe-inspiring for all those who participate in them.

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