

Cathedral School Review

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Juan Diego

This week, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Almost 500 years ago, Mary appeared to Juan Diego in what we now call Mexico. Father Bob told us a little about him.

It's important to note that, according to the world, Juan Diego was a nobody. He was poor. He was unknown outside of his family and some friends. He didn't have any connections with "important" people—he had no influences.

So, when Our Lady appeared to him, and asked him to tell the bishop to build a church

on that spot, so that people could come and pray, he didn't know how he could do it. Being a faithful man, he told Mary that he would do as she asked, but that he doubted the bishop would believe a nobody like him. Mary assured him that she would take care of that. All he needed to do was to pick some roses, carry them in his tilma (which is like an apron or a poncho), and show them to the bishop, if Juan had any problems.

Well, just as Juan predicted, the bishop didn't believe that the Mother of God would appear to someone as unimportant as Juan Diego. So, just

as Mary asked him to, he opened up his tilma to show the bishop the roses he'd picked. Except there were no roses—only a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe, just as she had appeared to Juan, miraculously imprinted on his tilma.

The bishop saw this, and believed. He directed that a church be built in that spot where Mary appeared to Juan Diego. The church still stands, and people still come to pray, almost 500 years later. And, in the church Juan Diego's tilma still hangs, with its image of Our Lady for all to see—and believe.

In Other News...

Mass Schedule

December 19—planned by 5th Grade

January 2—planned by the teachers

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

Library Schedule

December 20—Grades 5 & 6

January 3—Grades K, 1, & 2

Advent Program

Come join us for our annual Advent Program next week, on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.! Everyone in grades K—6 will have a part in The Tale of the Drowsy Shepherd. Hope

to see you there!

Ordination—Online!

If you had to miss Bishop Hoepfner's ordination, you can see the whole thing online! Just go to www.newbishop.com. The link will be available through the month of December. Check it out!

Title I

Mrs. Barb Sondreal, who is our Title I teacher, has provided a great article that talks about what Title I can do for our students.

Title I instruction is supposed to supplement classroom instruction. Basically, this means that all students must receive their primary instruction from their classroom teacher. Then, Title I students must, in addition, re-

ceive instruction that is above and beyond what's happening in the classroom. To further explain, check out the following list below.

These are the things that Title I can do:

- Pre-teach a story coming up in the regular classroom
- Re-teach skills the regular classroom teacher identifies as lacking or weak for the student
- Introduce vocabulary words (or other items) prior to their instruction in the regular classroom
- Review sight words with students
- Study spelling words prior to their test in the regular classroom
- Review lessons and skills that are being introduced in the regular classroom

Title I is not here to scare you or your child. They are not graded in Title I or given additional assignments. I am merely here to make life a bit easier and less stressful for both you and your child.

School Board Corner

The Cathedral School Board's meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

In the upcoming meeting, we will continue to discuss changes to the Board's Constitution and By-laws, among other things.

If you want to know more about Title I, you can go online and check out the many resources available there. Of course, I am always available, too, by phone, email, or in person. All of my contact information is on the school's web page. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

God's Blessings on Your Birthday

A.J. Biermaier, Grade 6—
December 13

Alex MacGregor, Grade 4—
December 15

Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at the Our Family Labels.

You can find many different foods in the grocery store that have the Our Family Label. These are items that you may be buying anyway, like cheese or rice. Using them to support the school is easy!

Instead of throwing away the wrapper, cut out the UPC symbol, with an Our Family logo near it. Then, just send it in to the school. We'll take it from there. That's all there is to it! As always, if you have any more questions, please let us know.



We thank you for your support. God bless!

Here are some other fundraisers that help Cathedral School:

- Campbell's Soup Labels
- Box Tops for Education
- Ink Doctor—ink cartridges
- Our Family Labels
- Target Card
- Pop Tops



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