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# Assumption Catholic Church

Father David's homilies--[frazeesacredheart.org](http://frazeesacredheart.org)>Homilies.

206 Dakota Street, PO Box 67, Callaway, MN

December 13, 2020

*Isaiah 61:10 I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.*



*Question of the week: When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world.*

*"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**Sunday, December 6, 2020--\$601**  
**St. Mary's Mission Appeal--\$200**

**Mass Intentions**  
**Thurs., Dec 17: For the People of Assumption & Sacred Heart Parishes**  
**Sat., Dec 19: Deceased members of the Bertram/Flottemesch family**  
**Sun., Dec 20: +James and Grace Fairbanks**

*Ministry Schedule for December 20, 2020*

Saturday	Lector	Sunday
Gina Steffl		Christina Loreth
Bill Steffl	Usher	Kevin Larson

Here is a thought from last week's homily: "...filled with the Holy Spirit, we will find ourselves not in an airplane circling a destination, but on a highway for our God."

Juan Diego Cuauhlatotiz was born about 1474 in present day Mexico. As an adult he embraced Christianity and he and his wife were baptized. In 1531 the Mother of God appeared to him on a hill called Tepeyac, near Mexico City, and told him to have the bishop build a church on that spot. Through the purity of his faith, his humility and his fervor, a church was built, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He left everything and devoted himself to the care of the sanctuary and the reception of pilgrims until his death in 1548. Today the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe hosts approximately 20 million pilgrims a year.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother, brings the prayers of her children to the feet of her Son, Jesus Christ. Like every mother, she knows the needs of her children. She takes our petitions, garbled by the messiness of our lives, and presents them with perfect purity and clarity to her Son.

Our Lady asked Juan Diego to build a church. I wonder if God pondered other structures. She could have asked for a soup kitchen, a social service office, a thrift store or a financial institution. She asked for a church because this mother knows her Son's desire to bless those who come to him. This building and every church building are dedicated to God and designated as our houses of prayer. Prayer draws us to the Lord Jesus Christ and compels us to love one another. As disciples determined to love, we will see to the needs of those near us and those who live across the globe. If there is a church building filled with pilgrims dedicated to true worship, there ought to be needs left unmet, especially in the poor, the underdog and the vulnerable.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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**Mass Times**  
Thursday 7:00 pm  
Saturday 7:00 pm  
Sunday 10:00 am

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Thursday @ 6:15 pm  
Sunday after Mass

**ADORATION:**  
Thursdays: 5:00-7:00 pm

As a parish we mourn the death of Mark Stalberger on Wednesday. May he rest in peace in God's eternal glory. Please keep Mark and his loved ones in your prayers.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**  
A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen

Mark Stalberger (RIP), Sherry Steffl, Ernie Clark, Martha Donley, Connie Olgaard, Deb Clark, Rick Flottemesch, Brent Pearson, Peter Pearson, Jeanine Kivi, Peg Braaten, Connie Collman Bergren, Darrell Beck, Brian Hazelton, Hali Thomas, Chris Fairbanks, Jim Foltz, Pat Hilber (Coleen Tietz's brother-in-law), Ken & Rita Pearson, Ethan Estabrooks, Easton Lammers (grandson of Roger and Sharon Winter), Judy Dwinell, Marlene Scherping. Jerome Jirava, Jr., Josh Janousek and Cleo Baker.