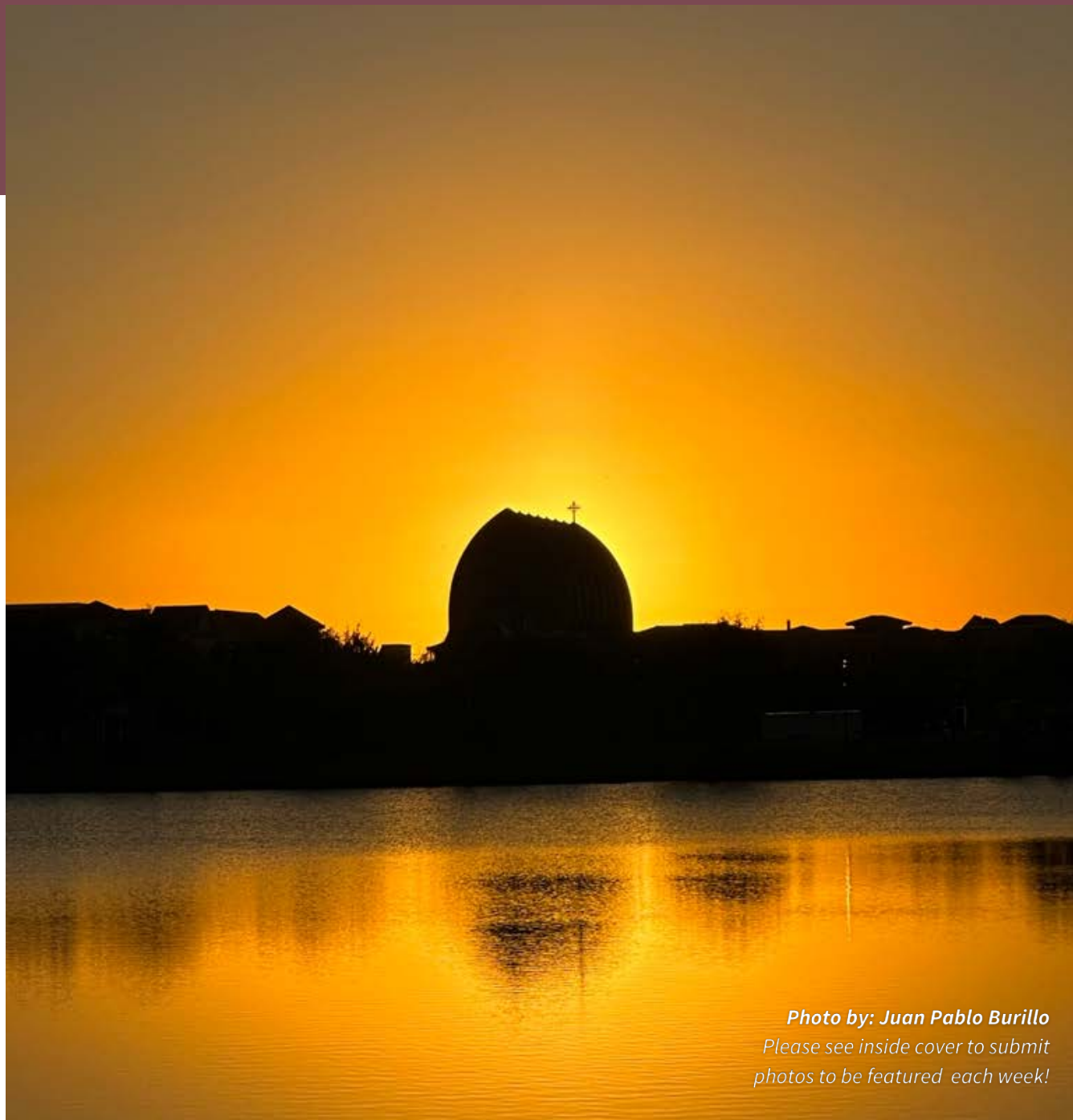


December 10-11, 2022 | Third Sunday of Advent

# AVE MARIA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## Weekly Reflection



During this week in Advent, let us turn to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. We just celebrated her feast of the Immaculate Conception. Let us turn to Our Lady, the Immaculate Virgin Mary, who is full of grace, the all-beautiful Lady, and ask her for the grace of conversion. May we also say our "yes" to God with the same determination that She said hers.

We must turn to Mary because she is the Mother of our Savior, Jesus. She is the Mother of Mercy, and for that reason, she is our hope. When we turn to Mary, our confidence should be greater because she is our Mother too. She is our Mother not by the flesh but spiritually; She is the Mother of our souls and our salvation.

Did She not say that in the message of Guadalupe? These were her words to Juan Diego: *"Listen and understand, my littlest son, let nothing frighten and afflict you or trouble your heart ... Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow? Am I not your health? Are you not by chance held in my mantle?"* Those words were directed not only to St. Juan Diego but also to each one of us.

Let us always turn to Mary, not only during this week of Advent, when we remember her Immaculate Conception and her message of Guadalupe, but every day of our lives, and let us pray with confidence: *"Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death."* Amen

## Our Priests

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## Request for Photos

Do you enjoy taking photos of our beautiful Church? Please share them with us! Send your photos to **[Media@AveMariaParish.org](mailto:Media@AveMariaParish.org)** and be featured on the cover of the bulletin. We will of course offer recognition for your beautiful work!

# MASS & CONFESSION TIMES



## Sat. December 10

- 9:00am Chris Apang
- ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + DeGuzman & Conte Parents
- 7:00pm (SP) + Nelson Velazquez

## Sun. December 11

- 8:00am + Wayne T.L. Wycoff
- 10:00am Irma Rose Delgado
- 12:30pm (EF) The Parish Community
- 7:30pm + Jennie Stuart

## Mon. December 12

- 7:30am + Karen Apang
- 12:00pm Martha Morse
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Antonio Agostini

## Tues. December 13

- 7:30 am (EF) Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm Debra Tipton & Family
- 5:00pm + Duska Ann Meister Waite

## Wed. December 14

- 7:30am + Kimberly Ann Cimaglio
- 12:00pm + Michael Lishetta
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Antoinette Cammarata

## Thur. December 15

- 7:30 am (EF) + David Grote
- 12:00 pm Helen Gibson & Family
- 5:00pm +David Chaploney

## Fri. December 16

- 7:30am + Mike Currao
- 12:00pm Ann Brefka
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Bob Feehan
- ● 6:30pm-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

## Sat. December 17

- 9:00am + Daniel Bonham
- ● 9:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm + Elizabeth Glenn
- 7:00pm (SP) + Bernardo Serna

## Sun. December 18

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am + Beth Glenn
- 12:30pm (EF) + Betty & Alan Fricke
- 7:30pm + Debbie Shaughnessy

## Color Key for Priests

- |                   |                        |                        |                   |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi | ● FSSP            |
| ● Fr. John Andem  | ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Anbu             | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
|                   | ● Fr. Richard Bondi    | ● Fr. Guy Mansini      |                   |

Contact the Parish Office for Mass Intentions. Contacte a la Oficina Parroquial para Intenciones de Misa



# PARISH SACRAMENTAL LIFE



## Baptism

Baptism is God's most beautiful gift, it renews us through the Holy Spirit, and washes away our sins, especially original sin.

\*Contact the parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

## Holy Matrimony

Marriage is a union of love and a response to God's call to holiness. The love of husband and wife becomes the symbol of God's love on earth.

\*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.

## Anointing of the Sick

The primary effect of this Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick receive peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of illnesses or frailty.

\*Contact the parish office for scheduling a visit to the sick. For an emergency, call 239.261.5555 and follow the instructions.



## Prayer of the Week:

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen

## Oración de la Semana:

A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Virgen de Guadalupe, Patrona de los niños por nacer, imploramos tu intercesión por cada niño en riesgo de aborto. Ayuda a los futuros padres a acoger de Dios el don inestimable de la vida de su hijo. Consola a los padres que han perdido ese don a través del aborto, y guíarlos al perdón y la sanación por la Divina Misericordia de tu Hijo. Enséñanos a apreciar y cuidar a familiares y amigos hasta que Dios los llame a casa. Ayúdanos a nunca ver a los demás como una carga. Orientar a nuestros funcionarios públicos defender todas y cada una de las vidas humanas a través de leyes justas. Inspíranos a todos a llevar nuestra fe a la vida pública, para hablar por los que no tienen voz. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de tu Hijo, Jesucristo, que es el mismo Amor y Misericordia. Amén

# PARISH LIFE



**December 11**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Mass and Procession

5:00 - 9:00 PM  
Church & Donahue Academy



**December 12**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Mañanitas

5:30 - 7:00 AM  
Church & Parish Hall



**December 16**

Advent Penance Service  
& Holy Hour

6:30 - 7:30 PM  
Ave Maria Church



**December 25**

Merry Christmas!

See Schedule of Masses

SAVE *The* DATE

AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Hometown Heroes*  
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**FEBRUARY 4, 2023**

**VINEYARDS COUNTRY CLUB**

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INDIVIDUAL TICKET:

**\$175**

For more information:

239.867.4900 | [www.avemariaparish.org](http://www.avemariaparish.org)

## Parish Annual Nativity Play

Saturday, Dec. 24th | 3 PM

The Ave Maria Parish Annual Nativity Play, complete with live animals and an angel choir, will be performed on Saturday afternoon, December 24th, Christmas Eve, in front of the Church. Petting of the animals will begin at 2:30 PM, and the play will start at 3:00 PM.

The play takes approximately one hour, and will be followed by the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM. All are invited to this joyful celebration of the beginning of the Christmas season. Seating will be limited, so lawn chairs are encouraged.





# PARISH STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

## COLLECTION SUMMARY

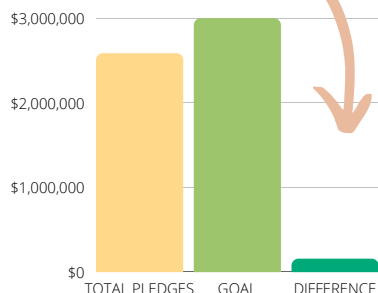
● 11/26 & 11/27 Total	\$21,915	● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943
Donations to CFA 2022	\$60,735	CFA Goal	\$210,000
Pledges Collected to Date	\$2,184,287	Campaign Victory Goal	\$3,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$2,842,376	*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt	



only

\$157,624

TO GO!



## Parish Capital Campaign

The ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** is underway and your gift is vital for our success. Thanks to the generosity of 219 donors, \$1,383,565 was raised, during our renewed efforts, bringing the total of pledges to \$2,842,376. However, we need your help to reach our **goal of \$3,000,000** to help reduce our debt and fund necessary improvements.

Please, join us in supporting ***Our House, His Home, Our Children's Future*** to secure the financial future of our growing parish community.

## The Giving Tree

Please consider helping Ave Maria families in need this Christmas.

The Giving tree will be in the Narthex near the church's front doors beginning **November 25**. On the Giving Tree, you will find envelopes with a store name and the amount of the gift card requested. Please take an envelope (or two!) and purchase the requested gift card, then seal it inside the envelope. Return the sealed envelope to the Donation Box near the front doors of the church by **Sunday, December 11**. Your kindness will help another Ave Maria family have a blessed Christmas! Thank you!

Sponsored by Ave Maria Columbiettes



# MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

## Support Our Parish School!

THE DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish proudly supports our Parish School, the Donahue Academy, because we want to help our young to receive a Catholic and Classical education that will enlighten their minds to embrace the truth, strengthen their wills to accept the good, and uplift their hearts to admire what is truly beautiful.

For this reason, Ave Maria Parish presents the Ave Maria Parish Golf Cart Raffle to benefit Ave Maria Parish School, The Donahue Academy.

The purchase price for one raffle ticket is a \$50.00 donation. Tickets are available at the Parish Office, 5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd., Suite 107. You can stop by the office during office hours, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Drawing will be held on February 4, 2023, during the "Hometown Heroes Gala" at the Vineyards Country Club, 400 Vineyards Blvd, Naples, FL, 34119.

The winner of the raffle will be determined by random drawing. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at 9:00 PM Eastern Time at the Vineyards Country Club, 400 Vineyards Blvd, Naples, FL, 34119. Entrant(s) do not need to be present to win.

The drawn winner of the raffle is entitled to receive an Advanced EV A40L Golf Cart.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW  
AND SUPPORT THE  
DONAHUE ACADEMY!!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT PARISH OFFICE  
5078 POPE JOHN PAUL II BLVD, SUITE 107



WIN A  
GOLF  
CART!

\$50  
PER TICKET

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023 DURING OUR HOMETOWN HEROES GALA.  
WINNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES. PRIZE CANNOT BE CONVERTED TO CASH. WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.



### Columbiettes

Tuesday, December 13  
6-8 PM | Parish Hall  
Okkie Van Wyk  
[ovanwyk@coservices.net](mailto:ovanwyk@coservices.net)



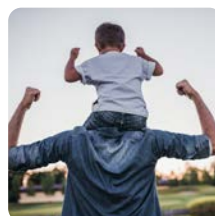
### Bible Studies

Thursday, December 15  
1-3 PM | Parish Hall  
Peggy Meyer  
[pegmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:pegmeyer@gmail.com)



### AA Meeting

Thursday, December 15  
6:45 - 8:15 PM | Parish Hall  
Daniel Linton  
[dlinton58@gmail.com](mailto:dlinton58@gmail.com)



### TMIY (That Man Is You!)

Saturday, December 17  
7-8:30 AM | Parish Hall  
Dom Micillo  
[dmicillo@aol.com](mailto:dmicillo@aol.com)

## Feed Ave Maria Program

AVE MARIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Feed Ave Maria program is sponsored and administered by the Ave Maria Knights of Columbus Council 14697 in conjunction with the Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities, Immokalee, FL. Program volunteers will include members of the Ave Maria Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. The purpose of this program is to provide Ave Maria residents in need of grocery assistance with non-perishable groceries once a month.

If you are interested in requesting grocery assistance, please complete the Assistance Request online form.



Once you complete the form you will be contacted by a Brother Knight to notify you of your level of assistance and when to you can expect to receive your first delivery. Grocery bags will be delivered to your home and left without contact. You will be notified electronically of the delivery.

The plan is to provide one to two bags of non-perishable groceries per month to each recipient's family. Each bag is expected to feed a family of four for a week.



**Ave Maria, FL**  
**Council 14697**

## Confessions and Masses

Let us Open Wide our Hearts to Christ!



### Advent Penance Service

**Fri. Dec. 16:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Several priests will be available for confessions, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for public adoration.



### Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord

**Sat. Dec. 24:** 5 PM (Eve Mass), 3 PM

Nativity Play in front of the Church,  
12:00 AM (Midnight Mass)

**Sun. Dec. 25:** 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF High Mass), 5 PM (Spanish)



### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Sat. Dec. 31:** 5 PM (Eve Mass)

**Sun. Jan. 1:** 10 AM, 12:30 PM (EF),  
5 PM (Spanish)



# IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

## Reflexión Semanal



Durante esta semana de Adviento dirigamos nuestra mirada a María, nuestra Madre. Acabamos de celebrar su fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción. Dirijamos nuestra mirada a Nuestra Señora, la Inmaculada Virgen María, quien es la llena de gracia, nuestra bellísima Señora, y pidámosle la gracia de la conversión. Que nosotros también digamos nuestro “sí” a Dios con la misma determinación con que Ella dio el suyo.

Debemos volver nuestra mirada a María porque Ella es la Madre de nuestro

Salvador, Jesús. Ella es la Madre de la Misericordia, y por esta razón, Ella es nuestra esperanza. Cuando nos dirigimos a María, nuestra confianza debería ser mucho mas grande porque Ella es también nuestra Madre. Ella es nuestra Madre no según la carne sino según el espíritu. Ella es la Madre de nuestras almas y de nuestra salvación.

¿Acaso Ella no dijo esto en el mensaje de Guadalupe? Estas fueron sus palabras: “Escucha y entiende, mi pequeñito hijo, que nada te espante y aflija o disturbe tu corazón . . . ¿Acaso no estoy yo aquí, yo que soy tu Madre? ¿No estás tu bajo mi sombra? ¿No soy yo tu salud? ¿Acaso no estás tu sostenido por mi manto?” Estas palabras no sólo fueron dirigidas a San Juan Diego sino también a cada uno de nosotros.

Dirijámonos siempre a María, no sólo durante esta semana de Adviento cuando recordamos su Inmaculada Concepción y el mensaje de Guadalupe, sino también cada día de nuestras vidas y recemos con confianza: “Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén”

## Mañanitas

MONDAY, DEC. 12, 5:30AM  
AVE MARIA CHURCH & PARISH HALL

El lunes 12 de diciembre los invitamos a continuar nuestra celebración en honor a nuestra Madre, la Virgen de Guadalupe. La despertaremos en la Iglesia a las 5:30 am con nuestra oración dirigida por Manuel Capetillo, y los cantos de los Mariachis, “Villa de Guadalupe.” Luego a las 6:30 am tendremos un desayuno mejicano en el salón parroquial.

On Monday, December 12th, we invite you to continue our celebration in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe waking Her up with our Mañanitas at 5:30am at the Church. Manuel Capetillo will lead our prayer, and the Mariachis “Villa de Guadalupe” will lead our songs. Afterwards, at 6:30 am we will have a Mexican breakfast at the parish hall.



# Ave Maria University Events

December 10

Museum Hours

## Mother Teresa Museum

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Monday - Saturday

Hours are subject to change.

James.Stella@avemaria.edu or 239-304-7954



December 8

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**A reflection from Dr. Michael Dauphinais, Chair and Professor of Theology at AMU, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

"On this Feast, the archangel Gabriel greets Mary, "Hail, full of grace." This greeting already hints at the reality that Mary is conceived preserved from original sin; since Mary has no obstacle to grace, she is truly "full of grace." St. Thomas teaches that grace accords with the dual mission of the Son and the Spirit indwelling us. Mary's grace is not her own but that which she receives from Jesus Christ, as John teaches, "from his fulness have we all received, grace upon grace" (John 1:16). Mary is the perfect temple of her Son and His Spirit, first according to their indwelling in her soul and later, in the very flesh of the child Jesus indwelling in her womb. With her assistance, let us invite Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to dwell in us in this life and in the life to come."

**Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us!**

## THE Catholic Theology SHOW

a podcast with Dr. Michael Dauphinais

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**AVE MARIA**  
UNIVERSITY.



# DONAHUE ACADEMY

Ave Maria Parish's PK-12 Catholic, Classical School

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

JOIN US CELEBRATING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER!

Our parish school, Donahue Academy, hosts festivities honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Mexico! The celebration begins Sunday, Dec. 11, in the afternoon with a special Mass in the parish Church at 5:00PM after which the congregation will process over to the school. Please make your way into the school gymnasium and make yourselves comfortable while you enjoy a variety of traditional foods, festive singing and dancing, and excellent company!

As we honor our Blessed Mother, we encourage you to keep in mind the beautiful greeting given to St. Juan Diego at the occasion of their fourth meeting: *"Hear me and understand well, my little son, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."*



## School Expansion Construction is Underway

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR DUST!

New touchscreen blackboards were recently purchased and installed throughout the parish school as part of our ongoing commitment to ensure our students receive the best academic and spiritual formation we can provide.

In addition, construction has now begun on the large expansion project: four additional classrooms, two bathrooms, and a new fire escape are being added to the upper school as we work to accommodate the high volume of students who have recently joined Donahue Academy.

The increased academic space will also help us provide seats for the record numbers of qualified applicants eager to join our school. Construction will continue through the academic year into March.

If you or anyone you know is considering applying to our parish school, please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Veronica Lendman, at (239) 842-3235 or via email at [admissions@donahueacademy.org](mailto:admissions@donahueacademy.org)

## News / Events



**December 10**

Donahue Christmas Concert

AMU O'Bryan  
Performance Hall  
3:30 PM



**December 11**

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Mass & Procession

Church & Donahue Academy  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM



**Dec. 19, 2022  
- Jan. 3, 2023**

Christmas Break



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# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

## A Visit With Jesus

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is this week! Diego explains about this on his CK101 Kid Page:

*"...Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day is December 12th and millions of people come to her Basilica shrine. The record was set in 2009 when starting on Friday, December 11th to the end of Saturday, December 12th, 6.1 million people came to visit!"*

*It is amazing to be there! There are just SO MANY PEOPLE! When my family gets near the Basilica, we hold hands really tight, like a chain, and walk through the crowd that way so we don't get separated. I see people singing and dancing in the streets. I see people playing guitars and pounding their drums. I see families with lots of children everywhere. I see people on their knees praying the Rosary. I see people walking on their knees and praying. I see people holding up their arms to Heaven in prayer... Grandpa told me many of the people walk for miles to make it to Mexico City in time for the feast. Many people sleep on the streets because there are no rooms available. Despite the hardships, people are so happy! They just want to be there for the big day to honor Our Lady! And here is why they come..."*

You can go to [CatholicKids101.com](http://CatholicKids101.com) and visit Diego's CK101 Kid Page to read the rest of the story!

One of the best ways we can grow in our love for Jesus is to come to Church often and make our visits with Him. Every Monday night from 6:30-7:30pm we have our guided Children's Holy Hour with Mrs. Hampton and myself, including Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament with our pastor, Fr. Vidal, and Ave's finest altar servers. We'll see you this Monday on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Mrs. Prather

[CatholicKids101.com](http://CatholicKids101.com)

*"We are kids telling kids about Jesus!"*



## The Garden of My Heart

The flowers I will make in "the garden of my heart" for Jesus this week are beautiful **HYDRANGEAS**.

*I will make them by giving my mom a hug every day!*

"Dear Jesus, when You were a child like me, I imagine You delighted in giving Mother Mary hugs as a way of showing her how much You love her! Every time I give my mom a hug to show her how much she is loved and appreciated, I will be making a big, beautiful HYDRANGEA flower in the 'garden of my heart' for You.

I hope You like my hydrangea flowers, Jesus. They really are wonderful flowers to make!

*"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'"*

*Proverbs 31:28-29*



# Christmas gifts to last for years!

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## Pavers

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## Custom Rosary

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
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MAIL: [MEMORIALS@AVEMARIAPARISH.ORG](mailto:MEMORIALS@AVEMARIAPARISH.ORG)