

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: JOYFULNESS

Joyfulness is a consistent, internal peace; it is the state of being happy. Joy is something that we can create inside ourselves and is different from happiness, which usually comes from external sources. It is a constant and does not change with circumstances.

"Joy is the serious business of Heaven." - C. S. Lewis

FUNNY OF THE MONTH:

What falls in winter but never gets hurt?

Answer on last page!

WORDS OF WISDOM:

"Let not your heart be distrubed... Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? ... Do not grieve nor be distrubed by anything."

- Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego

BIBLE TRIVIA:

Who said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord?"

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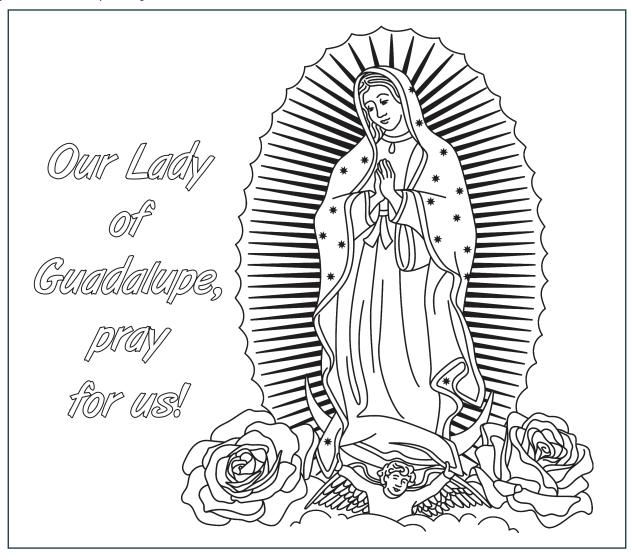


OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: FEAST DAY DECEMBER 12TH:

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego in 1531 in Mexico and requested that a chapel be built in her honor. When Juan Diego told his bishop about this, he requested a sign. Mary used Juan Diego's tilma (his cloak) to provide the sign for the bishop. Mary told Juan to gather the roses and bring them to the bishop. When Saint Juan opened his tilma to show the bishop the flowers, an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on Juan's tilma! The miraculous tilma can still be seen in Mexico.

ACTIVITY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ORNAMENT:

Cut out this image and decorate with markers, crayons, or colored pencils. If you have glitter glue or metallic markers you could decorate around the image as well. You can glue the image onto colored cardstock or cardboard. If you want to make it into an ornament for your Christmas Tree, punch a hole at the top of the cardstock or cardboard and use a piece of string or yarn to make a loop through the hole.





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Snow

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St. John the Baptist