


Memo

Date: Monday 6 September, 2010

To: All Priests and Deacons

From:  Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Re: The Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, is a matter of great importance in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. This year, the feast day (December 12th) coincides with Gaudete Sunday. Because of the liturgical importance of the Sundays of Advent, no other feast or solemnity may be celebrated on that day.

For that reason, in accord with number 374 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, I am authorizing the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 11th, 2010. I encourage parishes in the Archdiocese to make use of this day to celebrate their devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Masses on Sunday, December 12th, should use the mass and readings for the third Sunday of Advent. However, if desired, references to our Lady of Guadalupe may be made in the selection of music, intercessions, and homily.

Masses on the evening of Saturday, December 11th, may use either the mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe or the mass for the third Sunday of Advent. However, masses for Our Lady of Guadalupe will not fulfill the Sunday obligation.