



# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

## THE MESSAGE

The Blessed Virgin said, “[...] I am the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, of the Creator of all things, Lord of heaven and the earth. I wish that a temple be erected here quickly, so I may therein exhibit and give all my love, compassion, help, and protection, because I am your merciful mother, to you, and to all the inhabitants on this land and all the rest who love me, invoke and confide in me; listen there to their lamentations, and remedy all their miseries, afflictions and sorrows.”

Feast Day	December 12
Location:	Guadalupe, Mexico
Number of Apparitions:	5
Witness:	Saint Juan Diego
First Apparition:	December 9, 1531
Last Apparition:	December 12, 1531
Approved:	in 1555 by Archbishop Alonso de Montufar

## THE MIRACLE

As he was walking to Mass one day, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego on a hill called Tepeyac. Mary requested that Juan ask the bishop to build a chapel on the site where she appeared. He complied, but the bishop requested a sign in order to verify his account. In return, Mary instructed Juan to pick some nearby flowers and carry them in his tilma to the bishop. Upon arriving, he opened his tilma and the flowers spilled out to reveal the fabric imprinted with the beautiful image of what we know today as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

