

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 4-12, 2021



Parish Schedules



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

Dear Friends,

As we approach this year's Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, it is a time for being thankful, especially for Our Lady's help in spreading the grace of God and for interceding on our behalf. God has provided us in Mary, a perfect model for us. Our Mother was Jesus' first missionary disciple. Despite the public health challenges in our world and in our Diocese, we persevere in faith. I look forward to again celebrating Novena Masses with you at our Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, in parishes and with migrant families whenever possible. The rich and diverse Hispanic Communities in our Diocese are a treasure to us. May Our Lady of Guadalupe also, always lead us to an encounter with Christ.

Pope Francis, on Oct. 10, officially launched a two-year Synod process of journeying together with an opening Mass where he urged the global Catholic Church to master the "art of encounter." Our Holy Father, in his homily in St. Peter's Basilica said, "Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with [Jesus] and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are." The Synod of Bishops, which emerged out of the Second Vatican Council, now adds a listening stage with local churches at the diocesan level. "Every encounter, as we know, calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others," our Holy Father said.

In the Hispanic Ministry of the Catholic Church, the process of "*Encuentro*" for Hispanic/Latino ministry started in 1972, and continues to this day. These *Encuentros* have been an important tool to discern how Hispanics respond as Church. The Pope is now calling the global church to participate. As Bishop of this Diocese, I look forward to these genuine encounters with one another, including with our Hispanic community.

Remember how *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* came to St. Juan Diego. Remember how she spoke to him, saying, "*Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under My protection?*" Our Lady's message is still relevant for us today.

To encounter Our Lady of Guadalupe leads to an encounter with Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your family with His love and mercy and may Our Lady of Guadalupe through her intercession with God, heal our nation and our Diocese and draw us all closer together as one community in Christ.

Sincerely in the peace and joy of Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw



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Queridos amigos:

A la aproximación a la Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe este año, es un tiempo para estar agradecidos, especialmente por la ayuda de Nuestra Señora en difundir la gracia de Dios y actuando por nosotros. Dios nos ha dado en María, un modelo perfecto para nosotros. Nuestra Madre fue la primera discípula misionera de Jesús. A pesar de los desafíos de salud pública en nuestro mundo y en nuestra Diócesis, perseveramos en la fe. Espero volver a celebrar las Misas de Novena contigo en nuestra Catedral de María de la Asunción, en las parroquias y con las familias migrantes siempre que sea posible. Las ricas y diversas comunidades hispanas en nuestra Diócesis son un tesoro para nosotros. Que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe también nos conduzca siempre a un encuentro con Cristo.

El Papa Francisco comenzó oficialmente el 10 de octubre, un proceso sinodal de dos años de caminando juntos, con la misa de apertura donde exigió a la Iglesia Católica mundial de ser expertos del "arte del encuentro". Nuestro Santo Padre en su homilía en la Basílica de San Pedro dijo: "Todo cambia una vez que seamos capaces de encuentros genuinos con [Jesús] y entre nosotros, sin formalismos ni pretensiones, sino simplemente como somos". El Sínodo de los Obispos, que nació del Concilio Vaticano II, ahora agrega una etapa de escucha con las iglesias locales a nivel diocesano. "Cada encuentro, como sabemos, pide franqueza, valentía y la buena voluntad de ser desafiados por la presencia y las historias de los demás", dijo nuestro Santo Padre.

En el Ministerio Hispano de la Iglesia Católica, el proceso de "Encuentro" para el ministerio hispano/latino comenzó en 1972, y sigue hasta hoy día. Estos Encuentros han sido un instrumento importante para discernir cómo los hispanos/latinos responden como Iglesia. El Papa ahora está llamando a la iglesia mundial a participar. Como Obispo de esta Diócesis, espero con interés estos encuentros genuinos entre nosotros, incluso con nuestra comunidad hispana.

Recuerda cómo Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe llegó a San Juan Diego. Recuerda como ella le habló, diciendo: "*¿No estoy yo aquí, qué soy tu Madre? ¿No estás bajo Mi protección?*" El mensaje de Nuestra Señora sigue siendo vigente para nosotros hoy día.

Encontramos con Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos lleva a un encuentro con Jesucristo. Que Dios nos fortalezca para mostrar a los demás misericordia y compasión verdadera. Que encontremos a Jesús en aquellos que encontramos hoy. Que Dios les bendiga a ustedes y a su familia con Su amor y misericordia y que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a través de su intercesión a Dios, sane a nuestra nación y nuestra Diócesis y nos acerca más y más a modo de una comunidad en Cristo.

Sinceramente en la paz y la alegría de Cristo,

el Reverendísimo Robert D. Gruss
Obispo de Saginaw



**Diocese of Saginaw
2019 Pilgrimage to the
Basílica de Santa María
de Guadalupe**

Deacon Librado Gayton
Director of Multicultural Ministry
Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan

Here in the Diocese of Saginaw, we are again preparing for the upcoming traditional “Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe” which is celebrated worldwide, every year from December 4th through the 12th. During these nine days, as individuals, families, and communities, we lift our hearts in prayer to God through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the privacy of own homes and in many churches, shrines and public places, both within our Diocese of Saginaw, throughout the United States, Mexico, and throughout the world, Our Lady of Guadalupe is honored and celebrated.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is not just a Mexican religious symbol, she is our Mother! She is the Mother who comes to meet Her children on the journey of life and accompany them through our ups and downs. She is the Mother who finds us wherever we are and brings us closer to Jesus Christ and his Church. She is the Mother who not only shows up when we need her, but also knows what to do and when to do it. She is our Mother who is always with us. She is our Mother who lovingly hears our prayers and helps us in our needs. She is our Mother, and we can connect with Her regardless of our nationality, age, sex, language, or social status.

May the celebration of the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe be an opportunity for us to strengthen our connection with our Mother who is with us on the journey of life. May this relationship with our Mother inspire our songs of praise and thanksgiving for God’s never-failing love, mercy, and care for us. And may this Novena lead us to journey and encounter each other as we walk through the hills and valleys of life.

Are you interested in a Pilgrimage to the Basilica?

Aquí en nuestra Diócesis de Saginaw, nos estamos preparando nuevamente para la próxima “Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe” que se celebra cada año en todo el mundo del 4 al 12 de diciembre. Durante estos nueve días, como individuos, familia y comunidad, elevamos nuestros corazones en oración a Dios a través de la intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. En la intimidad de nuestra propia casa y en muchas iglesias, santuarios y lugares públicos, tanto dentro de nuestra Diócesis de Saginaw, como en todo los Estados Unidos, México, y todo el mundo, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es venerada y celebrada.

¡Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe no es sólo un símbolo religioso mexicano, ella es nuestra Madre! Ella es la Madre que viene a encontrar a Sus hijos en el camino de la vida y nos acompaña durante nuestros altibajos. Ella es la Madre que nos encuentra dondequiera que estemos y nos acerca a Jesucristo y a su Iglesia. Ella es la Madre que no sólo aparece cuando la necesitamos, sino que también sabe qué hacer y cuándo hacerlo. Ella es nuestra Madre que siempre está con nosotros. Ella es nuestra Madre que escucha con amor nuestras oraciones y nos ayuda en nuestras necesidades. Ella es nuestra Madre, y podemos hablarle a Ella no importar nuestra nacionalidad, edad, sexo, idioma o nivel social.

Que la celebración de la Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe sea nuestra oportunidad para fortalecer la conexión con nuestra Madre que está con nosotros en el camino de la vida. Que esta relación con nuestra Madre inspire nuestros cantos de alabanza y acción de gracias por el amor, la misericordia y el cuidado de Dios que nunca les falta. Y que esta Novena nos lleve a una caminata de encuentro uno al otro, mientras caminamos por los cerros y valles de la vida.

¿Estás interesado en una Peregrinación a la Basilica?

Mexico's Popocatépetl, El Popo

An active volcano located south of Mexico City. It is one of highest mountain peaks in North American at 17,802 ft.



[¿Quiénes Somos? - Basílica de Santa María de Guadalupe \(virgendequadalupe.org.mx\)](http://virgendequadalupe.org.mx)

La Iglesia Católica ha tributado constantemente a la Virgen María una especial piedad. La piedad mariano guadalupano está en la base de la historia cristiana de México y en él se apoya también la evangelización de todo el Continente Americano.



El Santuario del Tepeyac, del que la sagrada imagen de la Virgen María de Guadalupe es el corazón, ya desde el siglo XVI ha sido meta continua de peregrinos, procedentes no sólo de la Nación Mexicana sino también de todo el Continente Americano y el mundo entero. Aquí han fortalecido su fe las generaciones sucesivas, encontrando la fuerza necesaria para dar testimonio de la fe en el Evangelio de Jesucristo y para mantenerse fieles a ella.

También hoy son innumerables los devotos de la madre y Reina Guadalupana, de cualquier edad, profesión y clase social, que acuden cada año, unidos por el mismo Amor a la Virgen Santísima y la conciencia de pertenecer a la Iglesia Católica.

The present church was constructed on the site of the first 16th-century church that was finished in 1709, the Old Basilica. When this basilica became dangerous due to the sinking of its foundations, a modern structure called the New Basilica, shown above, stands next to it. The New Basilica is now the home of the original image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

Built between 1974 and 1976, the new Basilica design has a circular floorplan and the image of the Virgin is visible from any point within the building. This Basilica can accommodate up to 50,000 people.

The picture to the right is a pilgrim's view of the *Tilma* from the moving sidewalk that is behind and below the main altar.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Name of Guadalupe

Juan Bernardino told his nephew the Blessed Virgin had ordered him to relate to the Bishop in what miraculous manner she had cured him. She also told Juan Bernardino her image was to be known as "Santa Maria de Guadalupe" and thus she has been venerated by this title for nearly five centuries.

The Mantle of Juan Diego

The mantle or tilma on which the Sacred Image of the Blessed Virgin is imprinted is handwoven from the fibers of the Maguey cactus, a fabric which has a life span of little more than thirty years. It is six-and-a-half feet long by forty-two inches wide and has a seam running down the middle.

The Sacred Image

Directly on this rough, burlap-like material is the exquisitely delicate figure of Our Lady, four feet, eight inches in height. This authentic portrait of the Virgin Mary has remained fresh and lovely for nearly five centuries and may be viewed today at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City where it occupies the place of honor above and behind the main altar.

The Pictograph

The Sacred Image is a pictograph or picture writing; every detail symbolic. She is brighter than the sun; her foot rests upon the moon; the stars on her mantle are in the same relative configurations as the stars in the heavens on the morning of December 12, 1531; the northern constellations on her right - the southern constellations on her left. Further, the golden filigree over her rose colored gown matches the topography of the Mexican lands once ruled by the Aztecs.

Despite more than twenty-two languages and almost fifty dialects spoken at that time, all were able to read and understand all that is contained in this Sacred Image. So it was in this manner eight million natives were converted to Christianity in the incredibly short span of seven years.

Words of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

"Know for certain, least of my sons, that I am the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God through whom everything lives, the Lord of all things near and far, the Master of heaven and earth. It is my earnest wish that a temple be built here to my honor. Here I will demonstrate, I will exhibit, I will give all my love, my compassion, my help and my protection to the people. I am your merciful mother, the merciful mother of all of you who live united in this land, and of all mankind, of all those who love me, of those who cry to me, of those who seek me, of those who have confidence in me. Here I will hear their weeping, their sorrow, and will remedy and alleviate all their multiple sufferings, necessities and misfortunes."





NOVENA
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
December 4 – 12, 2021.
All are welcome!



Saturday, December 4th - Celebrant: Fr. Steve Fillion

St. James Church, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City, MI 48708.

4:00 p.m. Spanish/English Confessions; 4:30 p.m. English Rosary.

5:00 p.m. English Mass

Chocolate and sweet bread at Langley Hall after Mass

Sunday, December 5th - Celebrant: Fr. Jose Cabrera

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Spanish Rosary at 12:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Chocolate and sweet bread at Cherry Hall after Mass

Monday, December 6th - Celebrant: Bishop Robert Gruss. Concelebrant: Fr. Jose Cabrera.

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Spanish Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Festive Meal at Cherry Hall after Mass.

Tuesday, December 7th - Celebrant: Fr. Steve Fillion

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Spanish Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Chocolate and sweet bread at Cherry Hall after Mass

Wednesday, December 8th - Celebrant: Fr. Jose Cabrera

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

English Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and English Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Chocolate and sweet bread at Cherry Hall after Mass

Thursday, December 9th - Celebrant: Fr. Alberto Vargas

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Spanish Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Chocolate and sweet bread at Cherry Hall after Mass

Friday, December 10th - Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski.

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Spanish Rosary at 6:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Chocolate and sweet bread at Cherry Hall after Mass

Saturday, December 11th - Celebrant: Fr. Jose Cabrera

St. James Church, 710 Columbus Ave., Bay City, MI 48708.

4:00 p.m. Spanish/English Confessions; 4:30 p.m. English Rosary

5:00 p.m. English Mass

Chocolate and sweet bread at Langley Hall after Mass

Sunday, December 12th - Celebrant: Fr. Steve Fillion. Concelebrant: Fr. Jose Cabrera.

St. Boniface Church, 500 N. Lincoln, Bay City MI, 48708.

Third Sunday of Advent - Our Lady of Guadalupe day.

Spanish Rosary at 12:00 p.m. and Spanish/Bilingual Mass 12:30 p.m.

Festive Meal at Cherry Hall after Mass.

Singing of the "Mañanitas a la Virgen" immediately after Mass and presentation of the roses.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA 2021 SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th THRU SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12th

Dec. 4 to Dec. 12 – 5:45 p.m. Rosary / 6:30 p.m. Mass

(All Novena events are at St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
3680 S. Washington Road, Saginaw except on Dec. 4th & 11th)



Saturday, December 4th

1st Day of Novena

Rosary at 3:30 p.m. – Mass at 4:00 p.m.
St. Casimir Site, 2122 S. Jefferson Ave.

Celebrant: Fr. Robert Byrne

Sunday, December 5th

2nd Day of Novena

Rosary at 9:30 a.m. – Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Fr. Alberto Vargas

Monday, December 6th

3rd Day of Novena

Rosary at 5:45 p.m. – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Andy Booms

Tuesday, December 7th

4th Day of Novena

Rosary at 5:45 p.m. – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski

Wednesday, December 8th

5th Day of Novena

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary at 5:45 p.m. – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Gruss

Thursday, December 9th

6th Day of Novena

Rosary at 5:45 p.m. – Mass at 6:30 p.m. - *Feast of San Juan Diego*

Celebrant: Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera

Friday, December 10th

7th Day of Novena

Rosary at 5:45 p.m. – Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrant: Fr. Andrew LaFramboise

Saturday, December 11th

8th Day of Novena

Rosary at 3:30 p.m. – Mass at 4:00 p.m.
St. Casimir Site, 2122 S. Jefferson Ave.

(“*Las Mañanitas*” – Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Celebrant: Fr. Christian Tabares

Sunday, December 12th

9th Day of Novena

Rosary at 9:30 a.m. – Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent

(The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Celebrant: Fr. Alberto Vargas

St. Joseph Parish
910 N. Sixth Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48601
94th Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rosary each night at 5:30 pm Mass each night at 6:30 pm
Worship music provided by La Rondalla de San José Social in the Hall each night after Mass.
¡Un millón de gracias! Thanks a million!

Saturday: December 4, 2021

Rosary & MC: Becky Grai and Lisa Torres
 Damas de Guadalupe, sisters
Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop Robert Gruss
Peregrinos: Damas de Guadalupe
Host: Isadora's of St. Joseph Church



Sunday: December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Rosary & MC: Rosalinda Soza, Sargent of Arms
& Cruz Diaz, President, Damas de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Christian Tabares
Peregrinos: Senior Citizens
Host: Dolores Ornelas, in memory of Abdou,
Estafana, Carlos & Ocielo (OC) Ornelas. Jose
Luis, Juan DeLaCruz, Rogelio & Justina Guerra.

Thursday: December 9, 2021

Rosary & MC: Josie Ornelas, Spiritual Leader
 Dama de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Richard Bokinski
Peregrinos: Musicians
Host: Deacon Librado Gayton Family in
 Memory: Christina Gayton & the Anaya Family

Monday: December 6, 2021

Rosary & MC: Gloria Orozco, Treasurer and
Maria Uribe, Secretary - Damas de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Stephen Blaxton
Peregrinos: St. Joseph Club's
Host: Rosie Breen & Robert Lopez family

Friday: December 10, 2021

Rosary & MC: Jeanne Saldana
 Dama de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Andrew Booms
Peregrinos: All Parishes
Host: St. Joseph Office Staff

Tuesday: December 7, 2021 Pearl Harbor Day

Rosary & MC: Guadalupe Guevara
 Dama de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Jose Maria Cabrera
Peregrinos: All Veterans and G.I. Forum
Host: G.I. Forum

Saturday: December 11, 2021

Rosary & MC: Victoria Santillan and Cynthia Castillo
 St. Joseph Youth group
Celebrant: Father Andrew LaFramboise
Peregrinos: Youth Night
Host: St. Joseph Youth Group
Mañanitas after the Mass

Wednesday: December 8, 2021

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary & MC: Rosie Heredia
 Dama de Guadalupe
Celebrant: Father Marc Hoppe
Peregrinos: Alumni, all schools and colleges
Host: Melissa Gonzales

Sunday: December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

(Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Rosary & MC: Becky Grai and Lisa Torres
 Damas de Guadalupe, sisters
Celebrant: Father Frank Voris, OFM, Cap.
Peregrinos: Damas de Guadalupe
Host: St. Joseph Damas de Guadalupe
Induction of new Damas de Guadalupe

***Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish
1503 Kosciuszko Avenue, Bay City, MI***

Each year as the Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are reminded that in God we are all brothers and sisters and children of our Blessed Mother, Mary. The appearance of Our Lady in Mexico more than 450 years ago was not an isolated event intended only for the Natives, the Mexicans or the Mexican-Americans but her appearance was for all of us. Our Blessed Mother came to give birth to a renewed Christianity in the Americas. She came to help us evangelize society. Our Blessed Mother stands as a symbol of becoming free human beings. May this celebration of our Lady bring us all closer to being brothers and sisters in Christ and to fill our hearts with love, peace and hope.

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will have a beautiful painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe on display at each church. We extend a warm welcome to you and your families to our weekend Masses.

Saturday, December 11, 2021

4:30 p.m.

St. Hyacinth Church

1515 Cass Ave.

Bay City, MI 48708

Sunday, December 12, 2021

9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church

1503 Kosciuszko Avenue

Bay City, MI 48708

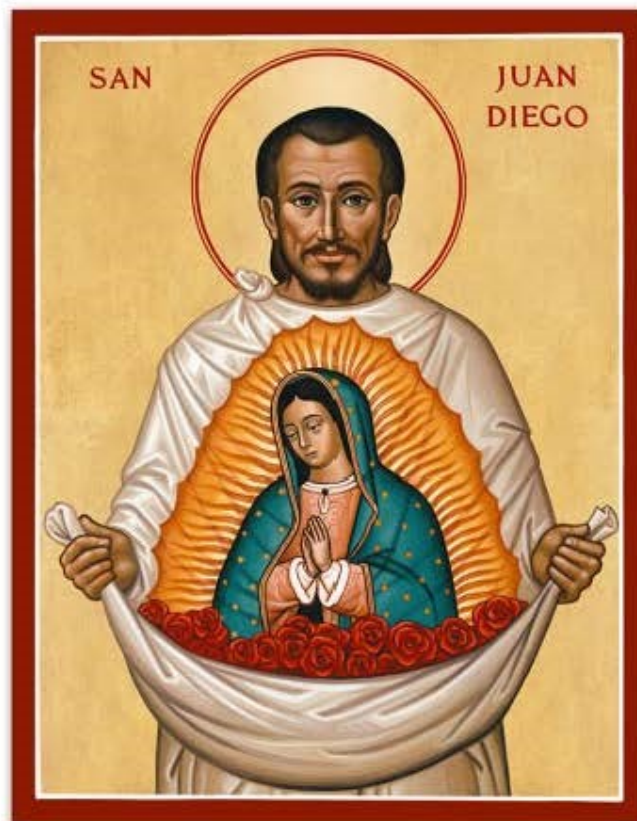
Sunday, December 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.

St. Hyacinth Church

1515 Cass Ave.

Bay City, MI 48708





2022 Próximo Eventos/Upcoming Events

Migrant Ministry

Throughout the Summer and Fall
Masses with migrants planned in July & August

Misa Hispana with Bishop Robert Gruss

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption
Saginaw, Michigan

Held annually usually scheduled in September

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe 2022

Sunday, December 4 to Monday, December 12, 2022

Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry

Years 2020 to 2022: An Encounter with the Community

2020: Seeking. We are called to seek and encounter Christ in our brothers and sisters who live, work and worship here in our communities. We need to be inviting, building up fellowships with others, and always taking the time to listen to each other's stories.

2021: Inviting. We are called to reach out and invite our Hispanic Community... to bring them closer...with an all embracing welcoming, affirming, kind and encouraging attitude.

2022: Engaging. We are called to set an example and personally accompany our brothers and sisters...welcoming them...helping them...to actively participate in the life and mission of the Church.



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