

October 6, 2010

Dear Pastors,

Please note the following important advisory from Bishop Rhoades, regarding the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year, since December 12th falls on a Sunday in Advent:

Bishop Kevin Rhoades has granted permission for the Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be celebrated in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Saturday, December 11, in 2010. This Mass would have to be celebrated before 4:00 PM, since the evening Mass is that of the Third Sunday of Advent.

Bishop Rhoades encourages those parishes without a regularly scheduled Saturday morning Mass to consider, if possible, the celebration of a Saturday Mass on December 11th in commemoration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

The *Gloria* would be sung at any Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses on December 11th, because it is observed as a Feast.

Sincerely in Christ,

Brian MacMichael

Office of Worship