**A Triduum in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 9 to December 12**

**Second Day: December 10**



Reluctantly, Juan Diego hurries to see the Bishop in Mexico City. He has never gone to the Bishop’s residence and he is extremely nervous. He has never even talked to his priests about anything. Now he is going to talk to the Bishop about something he himself finds unbelievable. He really does not want to go.

When he arrives at the Bishop’s residence, the guards treat him poorly, as a beggar and a nuisance. They don’t even let him finish asking to see the Bishop when they turn him away with harsh words and shoves. He insists and they raise their voices and make a commotion. Hearing the ruckus, the Bishop investigates. He finally lets Juan Diego come in.

As Juan Diego begins to tell the Bishop of his experience with the Woman who called herself, the **“Ever Virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the One Great God of Truth who gives us life”** and her request, the Bishop does not believe him. He lectures him sternly and sends him back to where he saw the Virgen and demands a sign from her. Juan Diego leaves disheartened and very discouraged.

***Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.***

*O God, who by means of Saint Juan Diego showed the love of the most holy Virgin Mary for your people, grant, through his intercession, that, by following the counsels our Mother gave at Guadalupe, we may be ever constant in fulfilling your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Segundo Día: 10 de diciembre**

Desconfiado, Juan Diego se va de prisa a ver al obispo en Mexico. Como es su primera visita allí, se siente nervioso. Ni siquiera ha hablado con los párrocos, menos con obispos. Y tiene que hablarle de algo que el mismo encuentra increíble. Realmente, no lo quiere visitar.

Llegando a la residencia del obispo, los guardias lo tratan mal, como un mendigo y una molestia. Ni siquiera le dejan terminar su petición de ver al obispo cuando lo rechazan con gritos y empujones. El insiste, pero los guardias hacen un alboroto. Al escuchar el ruido, el obispo investiga. Por fin, lo deja entrar.

Cuando Juan Diego comienza a contarle al obispo de su encuentro con la Mujer quien se identifico como la **“Siempre Virgen Santa María, Madre del único Dios de la Verdad que nos da la vida”** y su petición, el obispo no le cree. Le da un sermón y le exige que regrese con una señal por ella. Sale desanimado y desconsolado.

***Padre Nuestro, Ave María, Gloria al Padre***

*Dios nuestro que, por medio del bienaventurado Juan Diego, manifestaste a tu pueblo el amor de la Santísima Virgen María, concédenos, por su intercesión, que, obediente a las recomendaciones de Nuestra Madre, Virgen de Guadalupe, podamos cumplir siempre tu voluntad. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo y en unión del Espíritu Santo. Amen*