

St. Norbert College Celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe
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All around the world people have had impactful religious encounters that have affected their faith and understanding of holy texts. Thousands of these encounters have been Marian Apparitions, a religious phenomena of the Virgin Mary appearing to Christian followers, especially Roman Catholics.

Today, the Vatican has approved 16 apparitions as “worthy of belief,” (Britannica). One of the most famous apparitions was in 1531 in modern-day Mexico City when Our Lady of Guadalupe, a title for the Virgin Mary, appeared to St. Juan Diego four times. During these apparitions St. Juan Diego shared that Mary instructed him to have a church built in her honor.

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated each year on December 12, the final appearance of Mary (EWTN). During this apparition it is said that Our Lady of Guadalupe instructed St. Juan Diego to collect roses on a hilltop and deliver them to the bishop. Despite the winter weather, the saint found a subset of roses, native to his home in Spain, in bloom. The Basilica of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe was built shortly after this.

Like many other Catholic institutions around the world. St. Norbert College will be hosting a celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe. The ‘Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration’ will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12, at noon in St. Joe’s Parish. The event will include a variety of hymns, readings, a preparation of the altar and a performance by the SNC Choir. The event will conclude with traditional refreshments provided by the Latine Student Union.

For more information or to register for the event, visit MySNC.