

**Guidelines and Directives for All Parishes that Celebrate and Honor the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and other feasts in the following months in the
Archdiocese of Santa Fe**

Introduction:

Considering the great devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the hearts of the Catholic faithful, especially in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, (and to saints like St. Jude and St. Juan Diego celebrated in this time), it is our hope that these Directives and Guidelines will help parishes to prepare and celebrate with great safety in mind. As known, the challenges with COVID-19 have not ended. Restrictions for in-person gatherings are in place and they might not be lifted by the time of the celebration.

These Directives and Guidelines apply to activities and prayer leading up to and the actual celebration of this important Feast. All communal liturgical celebrations have been very different this year and this one will be no exception. Safety is the primary concern.

This year, the best way to show our devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe - to honor our Mother- is to take good care of all her children.

Liturgy

- For those Parishes that consistently celebrate these feast days, you are encouraged to offer live streaming of the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe for those who are not able to participate in person.
- All current Liturgical Directives are to be followed when in the church building, according to then-current restrictions, including: percentage of building occupancy, limit the time in the church, short homilies, social distancing, mandatory mask wearing, no procession, distribution of the Eucharist as people leave, etc.

Use of Music throughout the celebration

- Only one cantor and an accompanist within the Mass inside the Church building are permitted.
- Choirs and Mariachi Groups may participate if outdoors, social distanced and masked. Brass and wind instruments should not be used.

Logistics of other areas of Celebration:

- For everyone's safety and consistent with other parish celebrations and feast days throughout the Archdiocese, *Matachines* and Aztec Dancers are asked not to participate in this year's celebrations. We respectfully ask that this type of prayer is not used this year to discourage large gatherings.
- Recognizing the reality of the pandemic and its dangers, no gatherings of parishioners should take place at the parish before and after Mass.