

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration



Ismael Colon, Miguel Vasquez, Carlos Sandoval and Mauricio Barajas process with Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Los matachines (the dancers) pose with the Mariachi band.



Beau Michael Norris leads the Matachines dance in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Summary: On 11 December 2016, the USAG RP Catholic Community Celebrated a Vigil Mass for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations honor the accounts that the Virgin Mary appeared four times before Juan Diego and once before his uncle. The apparitions, along with the venerated image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, are what led the Bishop of Mexico City to build the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe so that the Virgin Mary had a place to hear petitions and to heal the suffering of the Mexican people.

This cultural event, highlighting Aztec and Mexican heritage, is one of the most lively and spiritual religious celebrations in the Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit was felt in the Daenner Chapel as the Our Lady of Guadalupe icon processed towards the Altar. The vibrant procession was alive with dancing children, Mariachi music and an Aztec dance/drum tribute. Father Pawel Zemczak Celebrated the Vigil Mass, which honored Our Lady of Guadalupe with a theatrical rendition of the accounts and Parishioners offering flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Catholic Mass and Celebration was attended by 93 parishioners from around the USAG RP Garrison and was followed by a robust cultural potluck dinner with continuation of the Mariachi music, singing and dancing.

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