



PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION

Two colourful celebrations in Montreal will highlight the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas

Montreal, December 6, 2018 – The Catholic Church in Montreal, in close collaboration with the Misión Latinoamericana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Spanish Catholic Mission) and Saint-Ambroise Parish, is pleased to invite you to two celebrations in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, at:

- **Misión Latinoamericana Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 2020 de Bordeaux St.
Sunday, December 9 at 1 p.m. for
Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrated by Archbishop Christian Lépine
followed by a Mariachi performance**

- **Saint-Ambroise Parish, 1215 Beaubien St. East
Tuesday, December 11 for
11 p.m. Mass in honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe and
at midnight: *Serenade* (a 30-minute music performance)
Come and join us for coffee and Mexican tamales after the celebration!**

"We expect that both churches will be full for these celebrations! They are an excellent gathering opportunity for the faithful of the Latin American diaspora in Montreal. During the December 9th celebration, representatives of the various Latin American communities, dressed in their traditional costumes, will accompany the offertory procession," said Erika Jacinto, director of communications and press secretary for the archbishop at the Catholic Church in Montreal. "The church will be beautifully decorated with flags from different countries, creating a festive atmosphere throughout the celebration," she added.

The Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, is also that of the Guianas. In the Aztec language, *Guadalupe* means "the one who crushes the head of the serpent".

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