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### **St. Mary Magdalene commemorates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a two-day celebration**

**WHAT:** Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day celebrations

**WHERE:** St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church  
2252 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville

**WHEN:** Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10:00 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

**WHY:** Early in the morning of Dec. 9, 1531, an indigenous man named Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin was walking to church along Tepeyac Hill on the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. He heard a voice say his name and saw a mestizo woman, who called herself the perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus. During her appearances to Juan Diego, she asked him to gather roses in his tilma, or cloak, and when he presented the roses to the local bishop, an image of Mary was imprinted miraculously on the cloak.

To celebrate this miracle, parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene will bring hundreds of roses to the church on Dec. 11 in honor of Mary and her appearance to St. Juan Diego. They will then recite the rosary and attend Mass where the roses will be blessed. The next evening, Dec. 12, parishioners will attend the Mass of the Roses when the flowers are given back to all the women of the church.

If you plan to attend, please contact Maria Aselage at 843-513-7605,  
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