

## Words to Know:

Immaculate Conception      full of grace

Our Lady has appeared to her children on earth many times. Each time, she brings a special message to build our hope and faith. In the winter of 1531, Mary appeared in Mexico to a humble man named Juan Diego. In this apparition, we call the Mother of God “Our Lady of Guadalupe”. Mary’s words to Juan Diego are meant for each one of us:

“Hear me, my dear little child. Let nothing discourage you or make you sad. Do not be afraid of illness, worry, or pain. Am I not here, your Mother? Have I not put you on my lap and sheltered you in my arms? Are you not tucked in the folds of my mantle? Is there anything else you need?”

These words show us that Mary cares for us with the heart of a loving Mother. If we honor and obey her, she will never leave us in this life. She will help us be happy on earth and find our way home to Heaven.