

FAMILY ASSIGNMENT: GUADALUPE KERMÉS

What is a Kermés?

In Spanish-speaking cultures—particularly in Mexico and parts of Latin America—a kermés is a vibrant, outdoor community festival or bazaar, usually organized for charitable purposes.



What Happens at a Kermés?

They are usually organized by schools, churches, or neighborhoods to raise money for a cause. If you attend one, you can expect:

Traditional Food: This is the main event. You'll typically find stalls selling elotes (corn on the cob with chili and crema), tacos, tamales, pozole, and churros.

The "Registro Civil" (Fake Marriage Booth): A classic kermés staple where friends or "couples" can pay a small fee to get "married" with a fake certificate and a playful ceremony.

Classic Games: Many booths feature games of chance or skill, like: Lotería: Mexican bingo.

Canicas: A game involving marbles and numbered slots.

Puesto de Cárcel: A "jail" where you can pay to have a friend "arrested" for a few minutes until someone pays their "bail."

Entertainment: Expect live music (mariachi or local bands), folkloric dancing, and raffles.



All parish community members are welcomed at a kermés, so come join the fun, support a good cause, and grab some amazing food!



"Sharing a meal, laughter, and fellowship reminds us that we are not just members of the same parish

—we are one family in Christ."

Part I: Read Together:

Every year, our **Guadalupe Group** comes together at Most Holy Trinity Campus to honor ***Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas***, with a celebration that blends culture, worship, and community. Leading up to the feast day on December 12, the group hosts a **Kermes (a Spanish food sale)** a lively event designed to raise funds for the celebration. This is a chance for the whole community to gather, have fun, and support the vibrant traditions that honor our faith.

The Kermes features food and music, creating a festive atmosphere where everyone is welcome to come together in joy. The money raised helps support the beautiful Mass, Aztec dance performances, and other cultural expressions that will take place on December 12 to mark the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Part II: Guadalupe Kermes Scavenger Hunt

- ☐  1. Find a Sign of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- ☐  2. Discover Something That Shows A Different Culture
- ☐  3. Try or Identify a Traditional Food
- ☐  4. Meet Someone New
- ☐  5. Spot Someone Sharing Their Gifts
- ☐  6. Find an Act of Kindness
- ☐  7. Locate Something That Helps Us Pray
- ☐  8. Identify a Moment of Joy

PART III: REFLECTION

DISCUSS TOGETHER .

Psalm 133:1 says,

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”

How does our Kermes show this kind of unity, and why is it important for our parish family to come together, celebrate, and support one another?

Family Members Participating: _____

Date: _____

Part IV: Living the Eucharist

Some ways your family can help build parish unity.

- ☐ Share a smile and welcome others at the Kermes, especially new families.
- ☐ Help with a booth or activity to make the event joyful for everyone.
- ☐ Pray together for the parish community before or after the Kermes.
- ☐ Learn about another family's culture or traditions and celebrate them.
- ☐ Offer kindness or encouragement to someone who might feel left out.
- ☐ Volunteer as a family at future parish events to strengthen community life.
- ☐ Invite another family to join you at Mass or a parish activity.



Take a moment as a family to share one thing you learned today—
about how God brings us together in unity and joy...

One way I want to live God's love this week is...

Closing Family Prayer

Loving God,

Thank You for the gift of our parish family and for the joy we shared together today. As we celebrate in unity, help us remember that Your love is at the heart of all we do.

Bless our family with peace, kindness, and faith. Teach us to see You in every person we meet and to bring Your light into our homes, our parish, and our community. May the unity we experienced today continue to grow in our hearts and strengthen our parish family.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parent Verification

One thing our family learned: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____