

# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## “Our Lady of the Americas”

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Juan fell on his knees before the Virgin.

## Mary Arranges the Roses

**A**LTHOUGH he wondered how his uncle could have been cured so soon, and how he could ever find roses growing on the rocky hill in December, Juan obeyed.

When he reached the top of the hill, Juan found beautiful roses, dripping with dew, while the cacti and bushes were edged with frost among the rocks.

Juan wore the Aztec working apron, called a “tilma.” It was made of a coarse fabric, like a burlap sack, and could be used as a cape. He filled the apron with the fragrant roses, then hurried to bring them to the Virgin Mary.

The Virgin Mary took the roses which Juan brought to her and rearranged them with her own hands. Then she tied the lower corners of the tilma behind his neck and covered the roses.



Juan filled the apron with the fragrant roses.