

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

Dear Friends,

As we approach the great festival of Christmas, I come to you seeking your help. Like every year, I encourage you to give generously towards a gift which we can offer as an apostolate family to our Eucharistic King. In the past we have been able to adorn our altar with new reliquaries, purchase vestments, and last year a silver monstrance.

This year, with the impending move to the Salvatorian Shrine in Merrillville, we urgently need to enrich our sacristy with the necessary items, required by the rubrics, for the celebration of holy Mass. Most pressing, is the need for a set of high Mass candlesticks and a matching crucifix. I have been able to find a truly worthy set, forged in silver, dating from the early 19th century and coming from a closed Poor Clare monastery in the Netherlands. I have also found an altar cross in a similar style (see photos below).

In these difficult times, let us not forget about our Divine Savior and all that He has given for us. Remember the words of the Infant Jesus: "The more you honor me, the more I will bless you." Please make your offering using the silver envelopes available at the back of the Church.

Thanking you for your generosity,

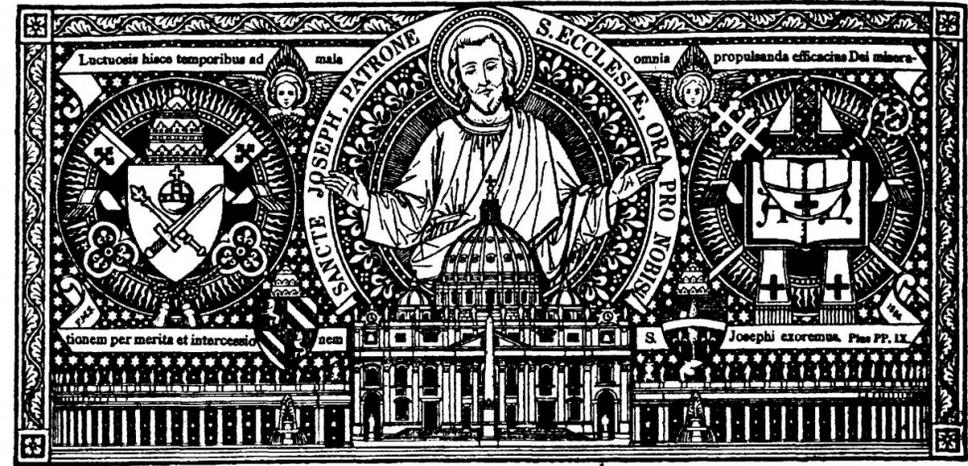
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, December 11th: Coffee Social Hour after Mass at Trinity Lutheran Church gymnasium. Parking in rear, please enter through the red door marked "A"

Christmas Mass Times: 12:00 Midnight Mass preceded by Carols at 11:30pm. Christmas Day Mass at 11:00am.



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Sunday, December 11th, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent—*Gaudete*

Introit

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men: for the Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in everything, by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Rejoice in the Lord . . .

Collect

Lend Your ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech You; and brighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Your coming. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Gradual & Alleluia

From Your throne, O Lord, upon the Cherubim, rouse Your power, and come. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! Alleluia, alleluia. Rouse, O Lord, Your power, and come to save us. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Offertory

You have favored, O Lord, Your land; You have restored the well-being of Jacob. You have forgiven the guilt of Your people.

Secret

We beseech You, O Lord, that the gift we dedicate to You, may be sacrificed continually, so that the sacramental rite You have ordained may be fully observed, and the work of Your salvation may be wonderfully effective within us. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Say to those who are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, He comes to save us.

Postcommunion

We entreat You, merciful Lord, that these divine helps may cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming festal season. Through Our Lord...

COFFEE SALE

Today, December 11th: Following holy Mass, *Mystic Monk* Coffee will be available for purchase. All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Oratory for the long-awaited blue server's cassocks, which have been ordered and will soon be delivered.

Thank you for your generosity!

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 4th: \$ 4, 298.00

Thursday, December 8th: \$ 2, 515.00

Total for the Month : \$ 6, 813.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Hammond* on the memo line. All checks made out to "St. Joseph's" are given to the parish. Per agreement with the pastor, \$800/week is given in rent to St. Joseph's Parish.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

Each pack of Institute Christmas Cards includes 10 full-color greeting cards featuring different renditions of the Adoration of the Magi. These are printed on high-quality card stock and come with 10 matching envelopes.

Packs of 10 Christmas Cards are available for \$20.00

2022 Liturgical Calendars available for a free will donation

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.

FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear faithful and friends of the Institute,

On behalf of our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I offer you my deepest gratitude for the very large number of generous donations received in the semi-annual collection on the Feast of Christ the King for our international seminary of St. Philip Neri in Gricigliano, Italy. The total sum raised in the various apostolates of the Institute across the United States comes to over \$132,000. May Christ the King reward you abundantly for your sacrifice for these seminarians who are your priests of tomorrow!

All of the 110 total seminarians, including the 38 men from North America, pray daily for you and your intentions. Holy Mass is frequently offered in our seminary chapel for our benefactors both living and deceased.

Assuring you of my profound appreciation for your charity, I wish you and your families a very blessed time of preparation of Advent, and I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

