



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

“Disquietude arises from an inordinate desire to be delivered from the evil which we experience, or to obtain the good for which we hope.”

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR



As we look forward to Christmas and make our preparations, let us not forget to remember Him from whom we have received everything. This year we shall offer a spectacular sterling Monstrance to our Eucharistic King. Please mark your contributions clearly with the word “gift” and place it in the collection basket.

So far a total of \$ 2, 835.00 has been donated. The monstrance costs \$4, 462.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

“The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you.”

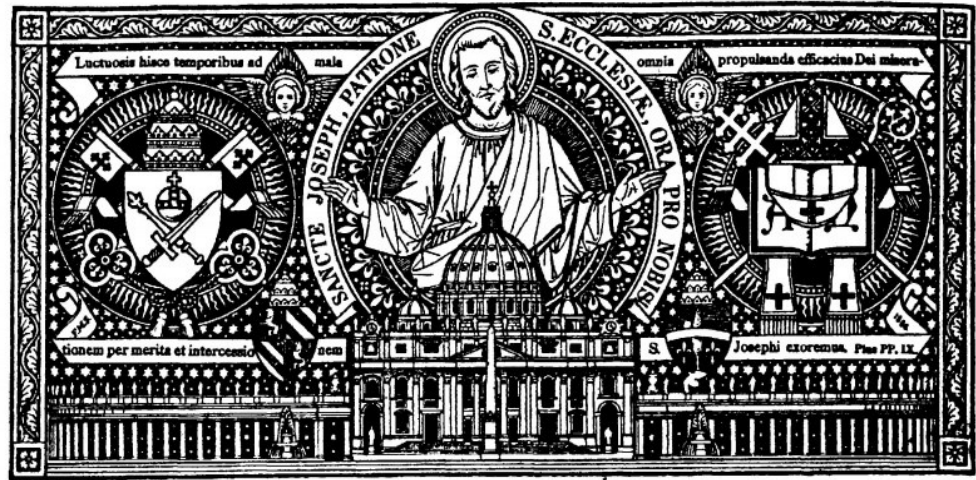
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children.

In the trouble and distress which afflict us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. May its happy outcome be for God’s glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.



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Sunday, December 12th, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

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. Thou hast favored, O Lord, Thy land; Thou hast restored the well-being of Jacob. .

Glory be to the Father . . .

Rejoice in the Lord always. . .

Collect

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

Epistle

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

Gospel

John I, 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

Thou hast favored, O Lord, Thy land; Thou hast restored the well-being of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the guilt of Thy people.

Secret

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the gift we dedicate to Thee may be sacrificed continually, so that the sacramental rite Thou hast ordained may be fully observed, and the work of Thy 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 Thee, merciful Lord, that these divine helps may cleanse us from our sins and prepare us for the coming festal season. Through our Lord...

LITURGICAL COMMENTARY

from *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Prosper Guéranger

Today, again, the Church is full of joy, and the joy is greater than it was. It is true that her Lord has not come; but she feels that He is nearer than before, and therefore she thinks it just to lessen somewhat the austerity of this penitential season by the innocent cheerfulness of her sacred rites. And first, this Sunday has had the name of Gaudete given to it, from the first word of the Introit; it also is honored with those impressive exceptions which belong to the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare. The organ is played at the Mass; the vestments are rose-color; the deacon resumes the dalmatic, and the subdeacon the tunic; and in cathedral churches the bishop assists with the precious mitre. How touching are all these usages, and how admirable this condescension of the Church, wherewith she so beautifully blends together the unalterable strictness of the dogmas of faith and the graceful poetry of the formulae of her liturgy.

Let us enter into her spirit, and be glad on this third Sunday of her Advent, because our Lord is now so near unto us. Tomorrow we will resume our attitude of servants mourning for the absence of their Lord and waiting for Him; for every delay, however short, is painful and makes love sad.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 12th: Blessing of Roses in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe after Holy Mass.

Christmas Mass times: 12midnight & 11am. There will be absolutely no confessions heard after these Masses. Thank you for your understanding.

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 5th: \$3, 242.00

Sunday, December 8th: \$808.00

Total for the Month: \$ 4, 050.00

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.