

WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"We are dying little by little; so we are to make our imperfections die with us day by day."

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

12 midnight & 11 am.

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. Thanks to your contributions, great and small, a total of \$ 5, 090.00 has been donated. The monstrance costs \$4, 462.00. The excess raised will be used to defray upcoming purchases of vestments.

Thank you for your generosity!

"The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you."

-The Infant Jesus of Prague to Ven Fr. Cyril

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 19th, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Introit

Let the Just One descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop Him down. Let the earth open and a Savior bud forth. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Let the Just One descend . . .

Collect

Put forth Thy power, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and delay not: and with Thy great might come to our aid, so that what is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful goodness. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

I Corinthians IV, 1-5

Brethren: Let a man so account us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards that a man be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's tribunal. Nay I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on

my conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord. Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

Gradual & Alleluia

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless His holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Lord, and delay not; forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke III, 1-6

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

Offertory

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Secret

Look with favor, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon the offerings here present, that they may be profitable for our devotion and for our salvation. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Behold, a virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name Him Emmanuel.

Postcommunion

Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that each partaking of this sacrament may increase within us its saving effect. Through our Lord...



LITURGICAL COMMENTARY

from *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Prosper Guéranger

We have now entered into the week which immediately precedes the birth of the Messiah. That long-desired coming might be even to-morrow; and at furthest, that is, when Advent is as long as it can be, the beautiful feast is only seven days from us. So that the Church now counts the hours; she watches day and night, and since December 17 her Offices have assumed an unusual solemnity. At Lauds, she varies the antiphons each day; and at Vespers, in order to express the impatience of her desires for her Jesus, she makes use of the most vehement exclamations to the Messiah, in which she each day gives Him a magnificent title, borrowed from the language of the prophets.

Today, she makes a last effort to stir up the devotion of her children. She leads them to the desert; she shows them John the Baptist, upon whose mission she instructed them on the third Sunday. The voice of the austere Precursor resounds through the wilderness, and penetrates even into the cities. It preaches penance, and the obligation men are under of preparing by self-purification for the coming of Christ. Let us retire from the world during these next few days; or if that may not be by reason of our external duties, let us retire into the quiet of our own hearts and confess our iniquities, as did those true Israelites, who came, full of compunction and of faith in the Messiah to the Baptist, there to make perfect their preparation for worthily receiving the Redeemer on the day of His appearing to the world. See, then, with what redoubled earnestness the Church, before opening the book of her great prophet, repeats her invitatory: The Lord is now nigh; come, let us adore.

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BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 5th: \$3, 242.00

Wednesday, December 8th: \$808.00

Sunday, December 12th: \$2, 162.00

Total for the Month: \$ 6, 212.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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