

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 17th: Gaudete Sunday, Coffee Hour Social in the Hall, downstairs after the 10:00 Mass.

Monday, December 25th: Christmas Day. Masses at 12midnight (preceded by Christmas Carols at 11.30pm), 8am & 10am.

Tuesday, December 26th-Thursday, December 28th: Exceptionally, no morning Mass. Masses will be offered at 6.30pm.

Sunday, December 31st: *Te Deum* and Benediction in Thanksgiving for all of the graces received during the past year after the 10am Mass. Opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence by assisting at the *Te Deum* this day.

Monday, January 1st: Octave Day of Christmas. Holy Masses at 7.30, 12 noon and 6.30pm. *Veni Creator* before all Masses to invoke the grace of the Holy Ghost for the new year. Opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence by assisting at the *Te Deum* this day.

WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Happy are they who, being always on their guard against death, find themselves always ready to die.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, December 18th: Feria, Mass of Sunday

Tuesday, December 19th: Feria, Mass of Sunday

Wednesday, December 20th: Ember Wednesday of Advent

Thursday, December 21th: St. Thomas the Apostle, comm. of the feria

Friday, December 22nd: Ember Friday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd: Ember Saturday of Advent

Sunday, December 24th: Vigil of Christmas.

ATTENTION PARENTS

The Shrine is unfortunately not equipped with a good sound system, and the rector does not have a strong voice. If your child is having an outburst, please take them either to the narthex or the hall during the sermon, in order to enable others to hear. The duties of the state in life of a parent impose themselves occasionally, and stepping out when necessary in no way diminishes the accomplishment of your Sunday obligation. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday, December 3rd: \$ 4, 142.00

Friday, December 8th: \$3, 150.00

Sunday, December 10th: \$3, 369.00

Total for the month: \$10, 661.00



Please make checks payable to: **Shrine of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.**

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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY



VERITATEM FACIENTES IN CARITATE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT-*GAUDETE*

DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY 8AM & 10AM

Confessions 30 minutes prior to Holy Mass

Monday through Thursday: 7:30am

Friday: 6:30pm

Saturday: 9am

Very Rev. Monsignor R. Michael Schmitz, Vicar General & Delegate for the United States

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

Rev. Canon James T. Hoogerwerf, Rector & Provincial Bursar

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PROPER OF THE MASS
THIRD 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.

V. 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.

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 VERSE

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.

COMMUNION VERSE

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.

ATTENTION SINGERS

Music forms an integral part of the Sacred Liturgy. The schola and choir of the Shrine of St. Elizabeth of Hungary is looking for more singers. We are looking for a diverse range of voices. If interested, please contact Miss Arianna Fauch at foucharian-na@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

The Shrine is currently accepting Mass intentions. Minimum suggested stipend is \$10/Mass. Please place intentions along with stipends in the collection basket. Please note well, checks for Masses are to be made out to: Institute of Christ the King and NOT to St. Elizabeth's.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

Christmas will soon be here. And so will the new candlesticks. I am deeply moved and touched by your generosity towards this project. As of today, **\$17, 727.25** was contributed towards the purchase of new candlesticks for our altar. This more than covers the cost and delivery of these items. The excess funds will be used to purchase a set of reliquaries to adorn the altar on non-penitential days. I thank you whole heartedly. We can be sure that the Infant Jesus will bless you superabundantly for your zeal in providing for the dignity of His house.

Gratefully,

Rev. Canon James Hoogerwerf, rector