

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Day. Solemn Mass at 12midnight (preceded by Christmas Carols at 11.30pm), 8am Low Mass of the Dawn & 10am Solemn Mass of the Day.

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

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>:** Following the 6.30 Mass, blessing of wine in honor of St. John the Apostle. Please place your bottles on the table in front of the Lady Altar before Mass.

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:** *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 1<sup>st</sup>:** 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 *Veni Creator* this day.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>:** St. Stephen, deacon & protomartyr, comm. of Christmas

**Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>:** St. John the Apostle, comm. of Christmas

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Innocents, comm. of Christmas

**Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>:** Fifth day in the Octave of Christmas, comm. of St. Thomas of Canterbury, bishop & martyr

**Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup>:** Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>:** Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

### WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

*There was still another reason why Our Lord wanted to be bound and wrapped in swaddling clothes and subject to His most holy Mother, letting Himself be handled, carried and wrapped just as it pleased her without showing any annoyance whatever. He wanted to teach us how to govern and rule over our spiritual flock, that is, our passions, affections and spiritual faculties.*

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$ 4, 142.00

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>: \$3, 150.00

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>: \$3, 369.00

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>: \$4, 070.00

**Total for the month: \$14, 731.00**



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# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## SHRINE OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY



VERITATEM FACIENTES IN CARITATE

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

MASS TIMES:

SUNDAY 8AM & 10AM

Confessions 30 minutes prior to Holy Mass

**Christmas Masses at 12midnight, 8am & 10am**

**N.B. NO MORNING MASS THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday-Friday: 6:30pm**

**Saturday: 9am**

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

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

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## PROPER OF THE MASS

### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

#### INTROIT

This day you will know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you will see His glory.

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.

V. Glory be to the Father . . .

This day you will know that the Lord will come . . .

#### COLLECT

O God, Who gladdens us year after year with the expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now welcome with joy Thine only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also gaze upon Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### EPISTLE

*Romans I, 1-6*

Paul, the servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which He had promised before-hand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Who was born to Him according to the flesh of the offspring of David; Who was foreordained Son of God by an act of power in keeping with the

holiness of His spirit, by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom we have received the grace of apostleship to bring about obedience to faith among all the nations for His name's sake; among whom are you also called to be Jesus Christ's, our Lord.

#### GRADUAL & ALLELUIA

This day you will know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you will see His glory. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! From Thy throne upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasse.

Alleluia, alleluia. On the morrow the sins of the earth will be washed away, and the Savior of the world will be our King. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

*Matthew I, 18-21*

When Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her

away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying: Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will

bring forth a Son, and you will call His name Jesus; for He will save His people from their sins.

#### OFFERTORY VERSE

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in.

#### SECRET

Grant us, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that, as we anticipate the celebration of Thy Son's birthday, so we may joyfully receive His everlasting gifts.

#### COMMUNION VERSE

The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind will see the salvation of our God.

#### POSTCOMMUNION

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to begin a new life with this commemoration of the birth of Thine only-begotten Son, Who gives us food and drink in His heavenly sacrament.

#### COMMUNION

As I continue to ask your patience while planning for the eventual restoration of the communion rail, those who have difficulty with the steps and kneeling, may receive holy communion in the front pews in front of the Lady and St. Joseph Altars. The priest will come to you after distributing to those at the rail.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

The Shrine is still accepting Mass intentions for the 2024 calendar year. 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 Shrine.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

Christmas has arrived, and with it the new candlesticks. We will place them on the altar for midnight Mass as an offering to our Eucharistic King. I am deeply moved and touched by your generosity towards this project. A total of **\$28, 842.25** was contributed towards the purchase of the new candlesticks for our altar. The excess funds will be used to purchase a set of reliquaries to adorn the altar on non-penitential days, a set of vestments and altar cloths. I thank you whole heartedly. We can be sure that the Infant Jesus will bless you superabundantly for you zeal in providing for the dignity of His house.

Gratefully,

Rev. Canon James Hoogerwerf, Rector