

COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

Who How much is contained in these magnificent words of the Prophet! The Branch; the Flower that is to come from it; the Spirit which rests on this flower; the seven Gifts of this Spirit; peace and confidence established on the earth; and, throughout the world, one brotherhood in the kingdom of the Messiah! St. Jerome, whose words are read by the Church in the lessons of the Second Nocturn of this Sunday, says: "That the Branch which cometh forth from the root of Jesse, is the Blessed Virgin Mary, who had contact with no shrub or plant; and that the Flower is the Lord Jesus, who says in the Canticle of Canticles: I am the Flower of the field, and the Lily of the valley." In every age of the Christian Church, this wonderful Branch and its divine Flower have been objects of enthusiastic veneration. In the Middle Ages, the Tree of Jesse, with its prophetic branches, was carved on the cathedral porches, was painted on the windows, was embroidered on the hangings of the sanctuary, and the melodious voice of the priests sang its praises in the beautiful Responsory composed by Fulbert of Chartres, and put to music by the devout King Robert.

COFFEE SALE

Sunday, 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.

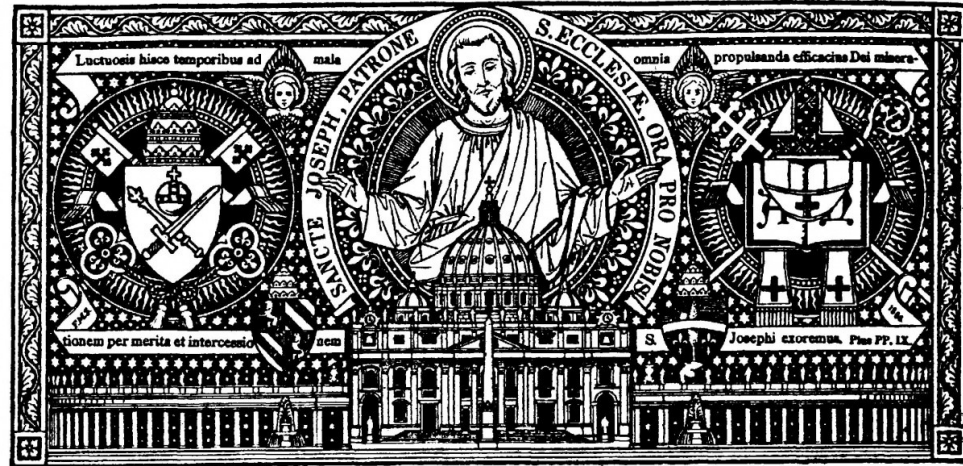
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 8th: Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Day of Obligation, Solemn Mass at 6:30pm, preceded by the Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. A plenary indulgence may be gained under the usual conditions.

Sunday, 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 4th, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

Introit

People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard, in the joy of your heart. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! Glory be to the Father . . .

People of Sion . . .

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Your only-begotten Son, so that through His coming we may be able to serve You with purified minds. Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Brethren: Brethren: Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. May then the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ; that, one in spirit, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received

you to the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus has been a minister of the circumcision in order to show God's fidelity in confirming the promises made to our fathers, but that the Gentiles glorify God because of His mercy, as it is written, Therefore will I praise You among the Gentiles, and will sing to Your name. And again He says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing His praises, all you peoples. And again Isaias says, There shall be the root of Jesse, and He Who shall arise to rule the Gentiles... in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gradual & Alleluia

From Sion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Gather His faithful ones before Him, those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice. Alleluia, alleluia. I rejoiced because they said to me: We will go up to the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples to say to Him, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answering said to them, Go and report to John what you have heard and seen: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalized in Me. Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.'

Offertory

Will You not, O God, give us life; and shall not Your people rejoice in You? Show us, O Lord, Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Secret

Be appeased, we beseech You, O Lord, by the prayers and offerings of our human frailty, and where the support of our own merits is lacking, come to our assistance with Your protection. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

The Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; and behold the joy that comes to you from your God.

Postcommunion

We who have been refreshed by the food of spiritual nourishment, humbly beseech You, O Lord, that through partaking of this sacrament You will teach us to disdain the things of earth and love those of heaven. Through our Lord . . .

BURSAR'S BOX

Tuesday, November 1st: \$ 1, 928.00

Wednesday, November 2nd: \$ 1, 323.00

Sunday, November 6th: \$ 4, 862.00

Sunday, November 13th: \$ 6, 768.00

Sunday, November 20th: \$ 4, 066.00

Sunday, November 27th: \$ 4, 583.00

Total for the Month of November : \$ 23, 530.00

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

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

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.

Please place your payment in the collection basket.

WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



"If it be God's will that the remedies overcome the sickness, return to Him thanks with humility; but if it be His will that the sickness overcome the remedies, bless Him with patience."