

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR THE ALTAR

Dear Friends,

In years past, Canon Hoogerwerf (who sends his greetings to you all!) established the praiseworthy annual custom of offering a liturgical gift to the altar. Past gifts include new reliquaries, purchase vestments, a silver monstrance, and last year an ornate altar cross and crucifix.

This year, with celebrating our first Christmas here at the Shrine in Merrillville, we need to continue to furnish our sacristy with the necessary items for the celebration of a worthy liturgy and so we have ordered a beautiful set of solemn Marian vestments to be used on feasts of Our Lady. The fabric used for the vestments is made in imitation of the gown of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas.

In these difficult times, let us not forget about our Divine Savior and all that He has given for us. Remember the words of the Infant Jesus: "The more you honor me, the more I will bless you." Please make your offering using the envelopes available at the back of the Church.

May Our Lord bless you for your generosity,
Canon Luke Zignego



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 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. Patroness of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

This year's pack of Institute Christmas Cards includes 10 greeting cards featuring The Nativity, by Bartolomé Estebán Murrillo. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day.

Packs of 10 Christmas Cards are available for \$20.00

2023 Liturgical Calendars available for a free will donation.

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Introit

To Thee I lift up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. No one who waits for Thee shall be put to shame. Thy ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me Thy paths. Glory be to the Father . . .

To Thee I lift up my soul . . .

Collect

Put forth Thy power, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins; and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation.

Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

Brethren: Understand, for it is now the hour for us to rise from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we came to believe. The night is far advanced; the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife

and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual & Alleluia

No one who waits for You shall be put to shame. Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me Your paths. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, O Lord, Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-33

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations bewildered by the roaring of sea and waves; men fainting for fear and for expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the son of Man coming upon a cloud with great power and majesty. but when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand. And He spoke to them a parable. Behold the fig tree, and all the trees. When they now put forth their buds, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things coming to pass, know that the kingdom of God is near. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Offertory

To Thee I lift up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. No one who waits for Thee shall be put to shame.

Secret

May these offerings, O Lord, cleanse us by their mighty power and thus make us come purer before Thee Who are their author.

Through our Lord . . .

Communion

The Lord will give His benefits: and our land shall yield its increase.

Postcommunion

May we receive Thy mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Thy temple, and thus prepare with due observance for the coming festal season of our redemption.

Through our Lord . . .

BURSAR'S BOX

Wednesday, November 1st: \$ 1, 156.00

Thursday, November 2nd: \$ 579.00

Sunday, November 5th: \$ 3, 568.00

Sunday, November 12th: \$ 4, 619.00

Sunday, November 19th: \$ 5, 457.00

Sunday, November 26th: \$ 4, 121.00

Total for the Month of November : \$ 19, 500.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Oratory on the memo line.* All checks made out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, \$1000/week is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"To love sufferings and afflictions for the love of God is the supreme point of most holy charity, for there is nothing therein to receive our affection save the will of God only."

NOVENA PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

NOVEMBER 29TH TO DECEMBER 7

O Virgin Immaculate, * who was pleasing in the Lord's sight * and did become His Mother, * look graciously upon the wretched who implore thy mighty patronage. * The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, * continues nonetheless to wage war * and to lay snares for the unhappy children of Eve. * Ah, do thou, our blessed Mother, * our Queen and Advocate, * who from the first instant of thy conception did crush the head of our enemy, * receive the prayers that we unite single-heartedly to thine * and conjure thee to offer at the throne of God, * that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, * in such wise that we may all come to the haven of salvation; * and in the midst of so many dangers * may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere * sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. * Amen.