

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Due to the Salvatorian Fathers Mass schedule, there will not be a midnight Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

**Faithful must attend Masses BOTH
Sunday, Dec 24th and Monday, Dec 25th**

Sunday, December 24th: Christmas Eve. 8am Mass

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day. 8am Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, December 10th: Second Sunday of the Month. "Blessing Sunday."
Blessings of religious articles after Holy Mass.

2024 CALENDARS

2024 Liturgical Calendars available for a free will donation.

All proceeds support St. Joseph Oratory.



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Sunday, December 10th, 2023

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, behold the Lord . . .

Collect

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

Through our Lord . . .

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

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 Thou not, O God, give us life; and shall not Thy people rejoice in Thee? Show us, O Lord, Thy kindness, and grant us Thy salvation.

Secret

Be appeased, we beseech Thee, 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 Thy protection. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

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

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

Sunday, December 3rd: \$ 4, 667.00

Total for the Month: \$ 4, 667.00

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

Thank you for your generosity!



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"It is not enough to be afflicted because God wills it; but we must be so as He wills it, when He wills, for as long as He wills, and exactly in the manner in which it pleases Him."

JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE

Dear Faithful of St. Joseph Oratory,

In order to better our communication with you concerning the life of St. Joseph Oratory, we are launching our local Flocknote. What is Flocknote? Flocknote is a church communication management tool that helps us manage our church member database and communicate with all of you by means of email and text message. We will continue to provide info in the bulletin, but Flocknote allows us to send reminders and more detailed descriptions of upcoming Masses and events. We will keep our communication to only what is necessary, so don't be afraid of being spammed! I encourage you all to sign up for this so that you will never miss an update about our Oratory life!

If you'd like to sign up, text SJOM to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions. If you don't have text messaging, you can sign up from your computer by visiting this website:

<https://stjosephoratorymerrill.flocknote.com/StJosephOratoryP>

Please contact Mrs. Neupauer at rneupauer@institute-christ-king.org or 773-363-7821 x 2 should you have any questions or need further assistance.