

PALMS

The season of Lent is fast approaching. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. Each year, the ashes blessed at the solemn opening of the Lenten fast are prepared from the burning of the palms blessed on the previous Palm Sunday. To dispose of last years palms, please bring them to Church the next two Sundays and place them in the basket provided for this purpose. Thank you.

SEPTUAGESIMA AND THE SUPPRESSION OF THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia is a mystical Hebrew expression used in the liturgy to give glory and to praise God. It is the most common expression attributed to angels, as at the birth of Jesus. Starting this Sunday, which is called Septuagesima, the Alleluia is not said as part of the Mass prayers. This suspension is in order to give us a sense of unworthiness. Alleluia is part of the language of heaven and we are reminded that we are not there yet. The Alleluia will be brought back at Easter when we will all rejoice at the Resurrection of Our Lord.

MENS LENTEN RETREAT

A day-long Lenten retreat will be preached by Canons of the Institute at St. Mary's Oratory in Rockford, Illinois, on Saturday, March 5th. Pre-registration is required. Please see the flyers for more information.



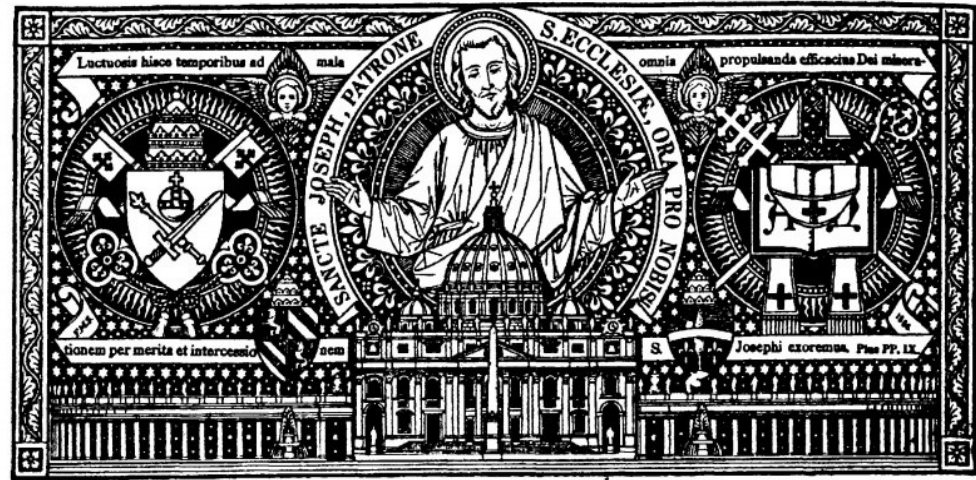
PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children.

In the trouble and distress which afflict us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. May its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.



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Sunday, February 13th, 2022

Septuagesima Sunday

Introit

The terrors of death surrounded me, the cords of the nether world enmeshed me. In my distress I called upon the Lord; from His holy temple He heard my voice.

I love Thee, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

Glory be to the Father . . .

The terrors of death surrounded me. . .

Collect

O Lord, we beseech Thee, graciously hear the prayers of Thy people, that we who are justly punished for our sins may be mercifully delivered for the glory of Thy name. Through Our Lord . . .

Epistle

I Corinthians XI, 24-27; X, 1-5

Brethren: Do you not know that those who run in a race, all indeed run, but one receives the prize? So run as to obtain it. And everyone in a contest abstains from all things - and they indeed to receive a perishable crown, but we

an imperishable. I, therefore, so run as not without a purpose; I so fight as not beating the air; but I chastise my body and bring it into subjection, lest perhaps after preaching to others I myself should be rejected. For I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, all were baptized in Moses, in the cloud and in the sea. And all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink for they drank from the spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ. Yet with most of them God was not well pleased.

Gradual & Tract

A helper in due time in tribulation. Let them trust in Thee who know Thy Name: for Thou hast not forsaken them that seek Thee, O Lord. For the poor man shall not be forgotten to the end: the patience of the poor shall not perish for ever. Arise, O Lord, let not man be strengthened.

Out of the depths I cry to Thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice! Let Thine ears be attentive to the prayer of Your servant. If You, O Lord, mark iniquities, Lord, who can stand it? But with Thee is forgiveness, and by reason of Thy law I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

Gospel

Matthew XX, 1-16

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. And having agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And about the third hour, he went out and saw others standing in the market place idle; and he said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is just.' So they went. And again he went out about the sixth, and about the ninth hour, and did as before. But about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing about and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here all day idle?' They said to him, 'Because no man has hired us.' He said to them, 'Go you also into the vineyard.' But when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers, and pay them their wages, beginning from the last even to the first.' Now when they of the eleventh hour came, they received each a denarius. And when the first in their term came, they thought that they would receive more; but they also received each his denarius. And on receiving it, they began to murmur against the householder, saying, 'These last have worked a single hour, and you have put them on a level with us, who have borne the burden of the day's heat.' But answering one of them, he said, 'Friend, I do you no injustice; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go; I choose to give to this last even as to you. Have I not a right to do what I choose? Or are you envious because I am generous?' Even

so the last shall be first, and the first last; for many are called, but few are chosen.

Offertory

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praise to Thy Name, Most High.

Secret

Since Thou hast accepted our gifts and our prayers, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to cleanse us by this heavenly sacrament and mercifully to hear us. Through our Lord . . .

Communion

Let Thy face shine upon Thy servant; save me in Thy kindness. O Lord, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon Thee.

Postcommunion

May Thy faithful people, O God, be strengthened by Thy gifts; that by receiving them, they may still desire them, and by desiring them, may evermore receive them. Through our Lord .



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"Devotion has no wish to drag others in its train, but simply, humbly and calmly pursues its own road."

BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, February 6th: \$3, 462.00

Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with *Hammond* on the memo line. All checks made out to "St. Joseph's" are given to the parish. Per agreement with the pastor, \$800/week is given in rent to St. Joseph's Parish.

Thank you for your generosity!

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