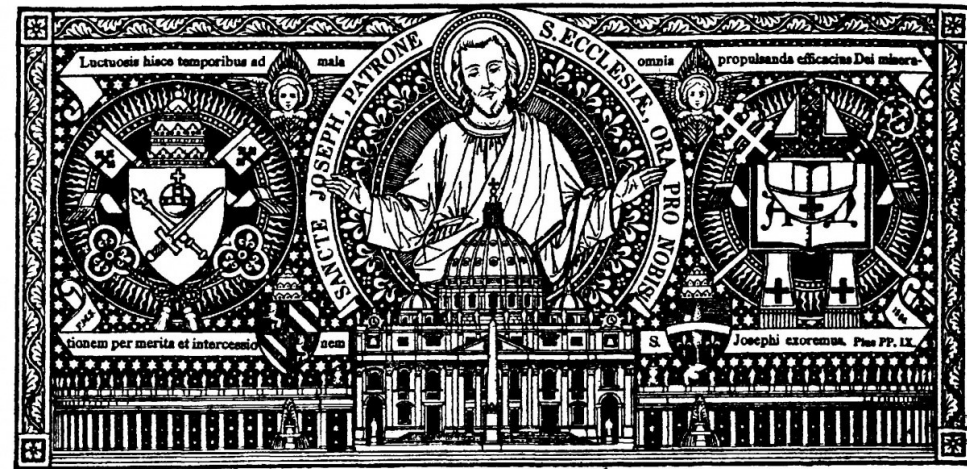


COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S LITURGY BY DOM GUÉRANGER

Who could hear without trembling this voice of our Lord, who is despised and unknown even at the very time when He is coming to visit His people? Lest men should be terrified at the splendour of His majesty, He divested Himself of it; and far from acknowledging the divine power of Him who thus humbled Himself out of love to them, these men have refused even to know Him; and the crib where He lay after His birth, had, at first, but two dumb animals to honour or notice it. Do you feel, Christians, how just are the complaints which your God here makes? And how your indifference for all His love is an insult? He calls heaven and earth to witness; He utters anathema against the sinful nation, His ungrateful children. Let us honestly confess that we, too, have not known the value of our Jesus' visit to us, and that we have but too faithfully imitated the obduracy of the Jews, who heeded not the bright light when it burst upon their darkness. In vain did the angels sing on that December night; in vain did shepherds receive and welcome the invitation to adore the Babe and know Him; in vain did the Magi come from the east, asking where they were to find the crib of the King that was born. At this last example, the city of Jerusalem was somewhat moved; but the astonishment was only for a moment, and the old indifference soon stifled the good tidings. Thus it is, O Jesus, that Thou comest unto darkness, and darkness does not comprehend Thee. We beseech Thee, let our darkness comprehend the light, and desire it. The day will come when Thou wilt disperse the spiritual and voluntary darkness of men by the awful light of Thy justice. Thy glory, O sovereign Judge, will be magnificent on that day, and we love to think upon Thy having it: but during these days of our life on earth, deliver us from Thy wrath. We are one great wound from the sole of the foot unto the top of the head; Thou knowest not where to strike: be, then, a Saviour, O Jesus, in this coming, for which we are now preparing. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is sad: come, and raise up this head which shame and vile passions bow down to the earth. Come, and comfort this heart oppressed with sin and fear. We confess it, our wounds are deep and sore; come, thou good Samaritan, pour in Thy soothing oil and heal them. The whole world is in expectation of its Redeemer; come, dear Jesus, show Thyself to it by granting it salvation. The Church, Thy bride, is now commencing another year, and her first word is to Thee, a word which she speaks in the anxious solicitude of a mother for the safety of her children; she cries out to Thee, saying: 'Come!' No, we will go no farther in our journey through the desert of this life without Thee, O Jesus! Time is passing quickly away from us; our day is perhaps far spent, and the shades of our life's night are fast coming on; arise, O divine Sun of justice. Come! guide our steps and save us from eternal death.



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Sunday, November 27th, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Introit

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

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Collect

Put forth Your power, O Lord, we beseech You, and come, that with You as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins; and with You 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

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Secret

May these offerings, O Lord, cleanse us by their mighty power and thus make us come purer before You 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 Your mercy, O Lord, in the midst of Your temple, and thus prepare with due observance for the coming festal season of our redemption.
Through our Lord . . .

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Total for the Month : \$ 18, 947.00

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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

"Contrition, as long as it is sincere, even if it is weak, cleanses us sufficiently from sin, especially when joined to the power of Sacraments. So, when it is strong and earnest, it cleanses us from all the attachments connected with sin."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 10th: Please join us at Holy Family House 6423 S Woodlawn Ave, Chicago IL 60637 (from 1-4pm) for some Christmas shopping. 20% of the proceeds to benefit the Shrine. Crafters and small business owners interested in utilizing a table may contact Faustyna Kubacki - lisieux67@gmail.com