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O Come Let Us Adore Him...



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“To Mary, His faithful spouse, God the Holy Ghost has communicated His unspeakable gifts; and He has chosen Her to be the dispenser of all He possesses, in such wise that She distributes to whom She wills, as much as She will, as She wills, and when She wills, all His gifts and graces.”

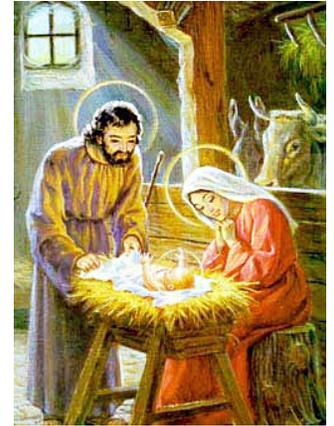
St. Louis de Montfort

FROM the FOUNDER:

Dear Children of Mary...

A few thoughts about Christmas

The coming of Christ into the world meant that God was now with us, Immanuel. His redemption restored man to grace, so that He could now dwell in us again by grace. And at Pentecost He gave us His Holy Spirit to give us supernatural gifts to unite us even more to Him and become more like Him. And in giving us the Mass, giving us direct access to His sacrifice perpetually, that His one act in time may be perpetuated to all men of all times. And in giving us Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, He gives us a means to maintain our union with Him and foster it and make it grow into an ever deeper and stronger bond.



All of this shows us how much He wants to be with us, in us, united to us. This is all He has ever wanted for us from the moment He created man. He made man in His own image so that we would instinctively know we came from Him, and through our likeness to Him we're meant to have a union with Him and return to Him to live with Him for all eternity.

God is our objective end, but He is different from all other ends we could attain because He is also the means to that same end. We go to God to find God. We ask God Himself who He is to find out who He is. Whatever we learn *about* Him we learn *from* Him. He reveals Himself to those who seek Him. He gives Himself to those who desire Him. He unites Himself to those who allow themselves to be made like Him. He dwells in those who make their dwelling in Him. He really is the Immanuel.

"Lord accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By offering what you have given us may receive the gift of Yourself." This is part of one of the prefaces to the liturgy of the Eucharist in the Holy Mass in ordinary time. It means that true worship of Him is to give our all to Him, since all good we have come from Him and this act prompts the response from Him to give us Himself. This is the sacrifice He wants from us and this is Total Consecration in its essence. *"How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me, the cup of salvation I will take up and I will call on the name of the Lord."* And in Total Consecration we make this offering through Mary, the gift that gave us *The Gift* in Jesus our savior, who Himself gave us Her as His most desirable and efficacious means to that indwelling of God, our own Immanuel, God with us, God in us, God united to us, in time and in eternity. Amen.



From left to right: St. Francis Xavier, St. Nicholas, St. Ambrose, The Immaculate Conception, St. Juan Diego, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. John of Kanty, Nativity/ The Holy Family, St. John, Apostle & St. Thomas Becket.





Thy Kingdom Come!



You may see Scripture Verses here at [Douay Rheims Bible Online](http://DouayRheimsBibleOnline.com).

The *Sun of Justice shall arise, with health in His wings* (Mal 4:2). The pre-advent, advent, Christmas readings fill us with hope and anticipation in God's coming Kingdom and the return of Jesus our King who's Kingdom will be one of Unity, Peace, Justice, Mercy and Righteousness (i.e. Isaiah; 25; 6-10, 29:17-24, and Baruch 5;1-9)

December 8th we will celebrate the Immaculate Conception. God blessed us in giving us Mary who, by her free will fiat, reunited us with Our Father again and restored man's friendship with God. (We will cover that more next month). She, through Her ardour and favor before God, obtained His Kingdom in Herself first and when longing to share it with us, in Her motherly anguish--seeing how unhappy we were; She obtained God's consent to hasten and bring about the Coming of the long awaited Messiah, and ultimately and consequentially, our own possession of the Kingdom of God.

So how does one live in the Kingdom, experience the Kingdom? Jesus tells us, "Amen I say to you, unless you be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3) and "unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)



As we choose to become spiritual children before God, love becomes easier and more natural. The virtues of humility, simplicity, compassion, sincerity, purity, playfulness etc., are natural in children and in our transformation in becoming children of God by consent to grace, they begin to flourish in us too.

These virtues become more and more necessary as the world and man continue on the path it finds itself presently.

Jesus is indeed coming to hand over the Kingdom to His Father (1 Corinthians 15:24) & we will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23) in this happy Kingdom. His divine, necessary, intervention will bring this about and although we do not know when – we are living, undeniably, the stings of its birth pangs... *But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand.* (Luke 21:28)

The virtues of a child help us and are necessary not only for our own conversions but to assist us through the most difficult times we are living. Therefore, in Mary, we draw close to Her Child. And we see little Jesus in His cradle and our hearts melt and become confident that He approaches us in our weakness and humanity in order to give us, and in fact, *be* our strength and consoler, instilling in us the virtues of:

Trust: because a loved child finds it easy and natural to trust its father and mother, in this case God and our Blessed Mother, that not only will He/She see to my best interest but I can always go to Them confidently with all my concerns and fears and not only will they listen and respond but bring me the peace and assurance that I'm never alone.

Dependency: because I'm human and subject to frailty, I don't have to rely on my self and my own strength, I can depend on God and His strength. If He does allow me moments of weakness, in His goodness I know this is not for my ruin, for He wants us always closer and closer together, for His and my glory.

Surrender: I am a free child of God, and so in His Kingdom, He sees to my past, present and future, while in joy, I see to God and Love. I surrender all to Him so that I can be free of all responsibilities that are really the role of my Father.

Simplicity: Children live one moment at a time and are present to one moment at a time and this is their freedom of spirit and freedom and ease in and with the Holy Spirit. We live fully involved

and fully attentive to each moment this way and so fully alive! Distractions, distrust and worries cloud are minds, our spirits and our hearts. "Do few things but do them well – simple joys are holy" is the way of a child who lives in the Kingdom of God. Intelligence does not mean complexity. God knows everything, yet He is supremely simple.

We'll cover more Virtues next month but these are good foundations to begin on.

The Lord tells us the Kingdom comes from within (Seeing...) that His Kingdom is an entirely spiritual one. We also know that the interior and spiritual, precedes the external manifestations of the natural world, hence God's Kingdom comes on earth by coming first within us.

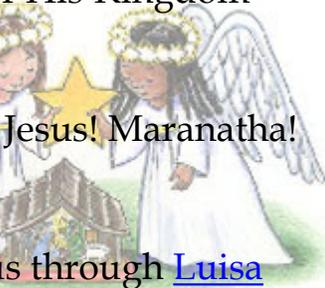


And though He will directly intervene at a given point and time to deliver us from *the prince of this world*, He gives us the means and graces to respond now, for His Kingdom is at hand. (Luke 21:31), The benefits and treasury of this Kingdom will be personally experienced by our yes and welcoming of the transformation of His Kingdom within us.

Come Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Amen.

Mary tells us through [Luisa Piccarreta](#) (The Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta was born in Corato in the Province of Bari, on April 23, 1865 and died there in the odor of sanctity on March 4, 1947. She received private revelations from Jesus and Mary on what is now called The Divine Will. [Her confessor](#), was canonized by Pope John Paul II.) that fears etc. are merely a consequence of the pain which is brought about by exercising the human will without regard to the divine will, in other words being willful. Whereas living in the divine will knows only peace and joy.

Our Mother and Queen obtains this for us and in us through our consecration and surrender to Her. Therefore, Mary brings us into this happy Kingdom! How blessed is our good fortune!





"Peace" by William Strutt

[Isaia 11:6](#)

Of the spiritual kingdom of Christ, to which all nations shall repair.

And there shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root. And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: the spirit of wisdom, and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge, and of godliness. And he shall be filled with the spirit of the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge according to the sight of the eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of the ears. But he shall judge the poor with justice, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: land he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. And justice shall be the girdle of his loins: and faith the girdle of his reins.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb: and the leopard shall lie down with the kid: the calf and the lion, and the sheep shall abide together, and a little child shall lead them. The calf and the bear shall feed: their young ones shall rest together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp: and the weaned child shall thrust his hand into the den of the basilisk. They shall not hurt, nor shall they kill in all my holy mountain, for the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the covering waters of the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who standeth for an ensign of the people, him the Gentiles shall beseech, and his sepulchre shall be glorious.

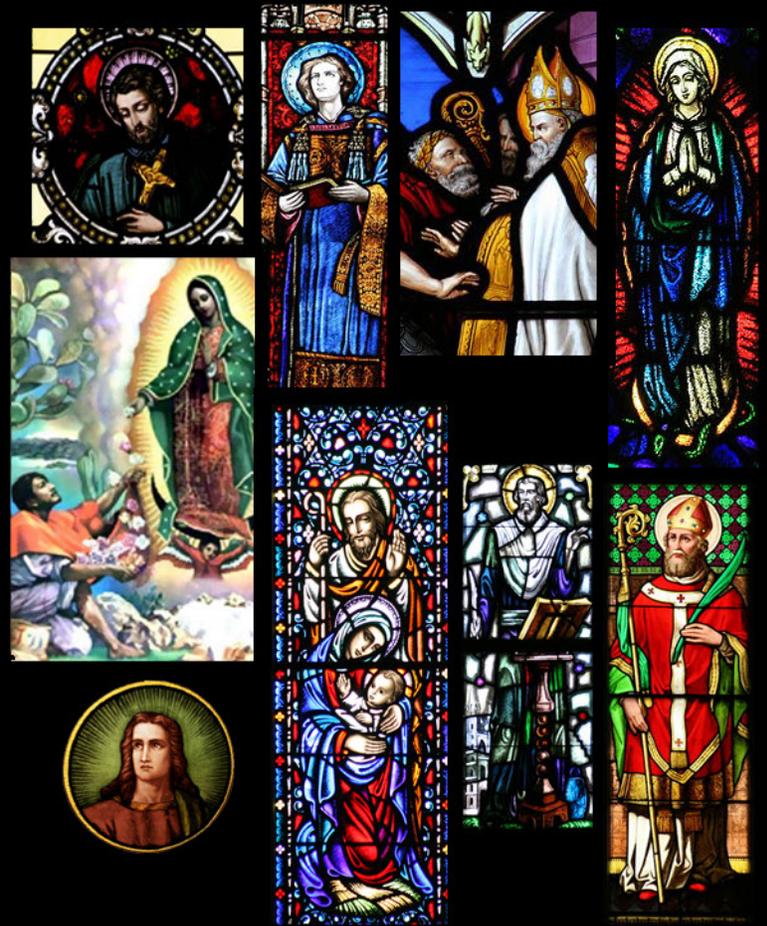
In a wonderfully comforting message from Jesus to Anne this month, He concludes saying...

["All is well. The infant returns through your heart, as the King."](#)

Liturgical Calendar: NOVEMBER

(not on calendar) / Sunday overrides memorial

- 3 St. Francis Xavier
- 4 St. John Damascus
- 6 (St. Nicholas)
- 7 St. Ambrose
- 8 The Immaculate Conception
- 9 St. Juan Diego
- 11 St. Damasus
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 (St. Lucy)
- 14 St. John of the Cross
- 21 St Peter Canisius
- 23 St. John of Kanty
- 25 The Nativity of Our Lord
- 26 St. Stephen
- 27 The Holy Family, (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)
- 28 The Holy Innocents
- 29 St. Thomas Becket
- 31 St. Sylvester I



Can you guess this months Saints?
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