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Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday

17th December until 24th December 2023

St Francis de Sales teaching cont.:

Chapter II and III: Preparation for meditation.

From <https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com/spirituality/copy-of-introduction-to-the-devout-2>

A: Place yourself in the presence of God.

St Francis de Sales suggests using one of the following four ways of putting your soul in the presence of God. You must not seek to make use of them all together, but only one at a time and briefly and simply.

1. Consider the omnipresence of God. When you come to prayer, you must say with all your heart, and to your heart: O my heart, my heart, God is truly here.
2. Think that God is not only present in the place where you are, but that He is in a very special manner in the depth of your spirit. St Paul said that we live and move and act in God. Acts xvii.
3. Consider our Saviour, who in His humanity looks from heaven upon all persons in the world, and more especially upon those who are in prayer. St Stephen saw him thus at the time of his martyrdom.
4. Make use of the imagination to represent to ourselves the Saviour in his sacred humanity, as though he went near to us; if we are with the Blessed Sacrament and then of course this presence is real.

B: invoke His assistance.

The invocation is made in this manner: your soul having realised that she is in the presence of God, prostrates herself with profound reverence, acknowledging her own unworthiness to appear before so sovereign a majesty, and nevertheless, knowing that His goodness desires it, she asks of Him the grace to serve Him well and to adore Him in this meditation. You would do well also to invoke your good angel and the holy persons who are concerned in the mystery upon which you are meditating.



Advent wreath Challenge:

All our liturgies are full of symbolism. Did you find other symbols for the Advent wreath?

- Evergreens= New Life
- Circle with no beginning/end = **Eternity of God**
- Immortality of our souls
- Purple is the liturgical colour for penance/prayer.
- 1st purple candle = Hope/Prophecy candle in remembrance of Isaiah's Messianic prophecies.
- 2nd purple candle = Bethlehem candle reminding of Mary & Joseph's journey.
- 3rd pink candle = Shepherds candle. Rose colour for Joy at Saviour's birth & midpoint of Advent.
- 4th purple candle = Angel's candle reflecting Good News brought by Gabriel reflecting God's Endless Love.

Announcements

✠ **Daily Mass translations on our website:** www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023

✠ **Choir Practices:** on **Monday at 7.30pm** (after Compline)

Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Canon Poucin: canon.v.poucin@icksp.org.uk. **Next Practice: Monday 8th January.**

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: tuckerobertson@gmail.com or 639 1999 / 0771 4710275. **Next Practice: Monday 18th Dec.**

✠ **Catechism Class from scratch: Friday 22nd December 7.15pm.** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. If you cannot make this for whatever reason, please contact Canon Montjean for individual tuition.

✠ **First Holy Communion preparation for children: Please contact one of the Canons.**

✠ **Fatima Day for families: Next one in February.**

✠ **Brown Scapular enrolment:** Please contact one of the Canons if you would like to know more about Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the privileges, she promises to those who are enrolled in her Brown Scapular.

✠ **Piety Shop: Mass Booklets available:** £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support **Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club** at the piety shop.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** £544.72 - **Donations:** £40 - **Votive boxes:** £90.29 - **Bank transfers:** £627 - **Shop:** £272.22 - **Thank you very much for your continued generosity!**

✠ **If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following:**

Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP

Forthcoming events

✠ **Saturday 16th December: Recollection for Advent.** Prepare your hearts for the coming of the Infant King. Talks, Rosary & Silent Adoration, opportunity for Confessions. Starting after 10am Mass, ending around 3.30pm. Bring your packed lunch. All welcome.

✠ **Sunday 24th December: Vigil of Christmas.** Sunday morning masses as usual. 5.30pm: First Vespers of the Nativity. 8pm: Sung Matins (Gregorian Chant). 10.30pm: Christmas Carols. 11pm: **Christmas Midnight Mass** (*This Mass doesn't fulfill your Sunday obligation, but only your Christmas obligation*).

✠ **Monday 25th December: Christmas day.** Masses as on Sundays. 5.30pm: Second Vespers of the Nativity, followed by Rosary & Benediction. Compline.

✠ **Week after Christmas:** Lighter daily schedule. Watch next week newsletter page 3 for more information.

✠ **For Life Matters and helplines** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk> ; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

✠ **Christmas Toy Appeal:** New Brighton Coastal Community Team is organizing a toys appeal for children in need. Collection point in the Piety Shop. See Joyce for more details

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions			Devotions	Confession s
		Canon Montjean	Canon Poucin	Fr Miller		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. Due to a great numbers, we have given some of them to a priest of Plymouth diocese, friend of the Institute. They will be shown, as usual, in the newsletter. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 7 th February .					Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sun 17 th Dec 3 rd Sunday of Advent <i>Rose</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Father Bernard Forshaw	1. Novena for Abbé Gabriel Zehetbauer 2. Family Kilian-Engelfried	Eric Brown RIP	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction Compline	9.30am–10.15am
Mon 18 ^h Dec Feria of Advent <i>Violet</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Marilyn & Howard	1. Novena for Abbé Gabriel Zehetbauer 2. Holy Souls	Mary Kinsella RIP	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Tues 19 th Dec Feria of Advent <i>Violet</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Marilyn & Howard	1. Novena for Abbé Gabriel Zehetbauer 2. Mary Burke RIP	Doyle Family	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Wed 20 th Dec Ember Wednesday <i>Violet</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Nadie Wilkinson	Lucy Dunne	Susan Moore RIP	5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm–6.10pm
Thurs 21 st Dec St Thomas <i>Red</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Mary Ann O'Connell	Thanksgiving to the Holy Family	Eileen Edmonson RIP	5.15pm Vespers 5.45pm Adoration 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Fri 22 nd Dec Ember Friday <i>Violet</i>	6.30pm Sung Mass	Charles Buckley RI ^{Pe}	Patsy Vincik	Maria Dolores Martin Juarez	5.15pm Vespers 5.45pm Adoration 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm–6.10pm
Sat 23 rd Dec Ember Saturday <i>Violet</i>	10am Low Mass & devotions to St Philomena	Sister Gabriel of Our Lady RIP	Olivia Russell	Carmel Doran	8.30am Holy Hour 6.30pm Vespers & Compline	8.30am–9.40am
Sun 24 th Dec Vigil of the Nativity of OLJC <i>Violet</i> Nativity of Our Lord <i>White</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass 11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas	Catherine Nelson	1. Geoff & Christine Russell 2. Sarah McGeown RIP	Carol Wilkinson	5.30pm First Vespers of Nativity 8pm Matins 10:30pm Christmas Carols	9.30am–10.15am
“My Jesus, give me the grace to be very faithful to the examination of conscience. Every day, I will come before You and look at You and see what I should be. And I will look at myself and see what I am not. Please, give me the light to know my faults and the courage to overcome them.” St Francis de Sales (https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com)			Try an examination based on either the 10 Commandments, 7 capital sins or Faith, Hope and Charity: https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/examination-of-conscience/ Children: https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession-guide-for-children			

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3rd Sunday of Advent

INTROIT

Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men: for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything by prayer let your petitions be made known to God. Ps. Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

Incline Thine ear to our prayers we beseech Thee, O Lord; and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation: Who livest.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4. 4-7

Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always: again, I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men. The Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous: but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanks- giving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasseth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GRADUAL

Thou, O Lord, That sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up Thy might and come. V. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, and come to save us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 1. 19-28

At that time the Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and Levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the Prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the Prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize; if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water: but there hath stood one in the midst of you, whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, who is preferred before me: the latchet of

whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

OFFERTORY

Lord, Thou hast blessed Thy land: Thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people.

RORATE COELI

Ye heavens, drop down the dew from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

SECRET

May the sacrifice of our devotion, we beseech Thee, O Lord, be always offered unto Thee: that it may both fulfil the end for which Thou didst institute this sacred mystery, and wonderfully work in us Thy salvation. Through our Lord.

COMMUNION

Say to the fainthearted, take courage and fear not: behold our God will come and will save us.

POSTCOMMUNION

We implore Thy mercy, O Lord, that these divine mysteries, by atoning for our sins, may prepare us for the coming festival. Through our Lord.

Gaudete Sunday

(from the New Marian Missal)

Today the church urges gladness in the middle of this time of expectation and penitence: the coming of Jesus approaches more and more. St John, the holy precursor, announces to the Jews the coming of the saviour. Now is the time for fervent prayers and for imploring Jesus to remain with us by His Mercy. Let us prepare the way for Him by repentance and penitence and a worthy reception of the Sacraments. All the prayers of this Mass are filled with that which the Church wishes our souls to be possessed at the approach of the Saviour.

MY DAILY THOUGHT: First keep thyself in peace, and then shalt thou be able to bring others to peace.

Prayers for the sick: Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Catherine, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward.