



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Dear Faithful,

On 23rd July, 1894, Pope Leo XIII, instituted a feast of the Miraculous Medal, to be celebrated on 27th November. This feast celebrates two Manifestations of the Immaculate Virgin to St. Catherine Labouré in the year 1830 in Paris.

St. Catherine gave an account of the Blessed Virgin's apparitions and wrote of the second one on November 27, 1830:

"It was the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent. It was five-thirty in the evening. In the silence, immediately after the point of meditation had been read, I seemed to hear some noise coming from the side of the tribune; looking to that side, I saw the Blessed Virgin. She was standing and was wearing a white silk robe, the color of dawn, her feet were resting on a 'globe' of which I could only see half; in her hands, raised to the level of her breast, she held a globe effortlessly, her eyes were raised heavenward ... her face was utterly beautiful, I could not describe it."

St. Catherine reported further that the Blessed Mother, while standing on the globe, had displayed herself inside an oval frame. She wore many rings decorated with gems that shone rays of light over the globe. Around the edge of the frame appeared the words *Ô Marie, conçue sans péché, priez pour nous qui avons recours à vous* ("O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"). The oval frame contained a circle of twelve stars, a large letter "M" surmounted by a cross, and the representation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus crowned with thorns and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced with a sword. When St. Catherine asked the Blessed Virgin why some of the gems did not shed light, Mary replied, *"Those are the graces for which people forget to ask."* St. Catherine then heard the Virgin Mary telling her to take these images she just saw to her confessor, telling him that they should be put on medallions, assuring us: *"All who wear them will receive great graces."*

The miraculous medal was privately revealed to St. Catherine in confirming publicly all central aspects of the content of the Catholic faith. At a time when *"the hearts of men had become cold"*, in the aftermath of revolutions and dramatic developments particularly in Europe, the Miraculous Medal had been given to mankind as an anchor and refuge of certainty. This anchor and refuge has particular significance for us today, at a time when the world finally faces the consequences of an exaggerated rationalism and widespread naturalism that has entered even into the life of the Church.

Standing on a globe, Mary crushes the serpent beneath her feet. The words: *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"* surround this picture on the front side of the medal. On the reverse side the Cross on top of the large letter "M" is surrounded by twelve stars, representing the apostles who brought the light of divine revelation to the ends of the world. Two hearts are shown underneath the letter "M", the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a crown of thorns, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary pierced by a sword. Flames of fire around both hearts, representing the burning love Jesus and Mary have for all men.



The Miraculous Medal is one of the most striking proofs of the generous and forgiving love the Blessed Mother has shown toward us, her children, again and again. Allowing man to find in this medal a tangible object which represents this motherly love, the Blessed Virgin opens her arms that guide us to Jesus, her divine Son. The Miraculous Medal is the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, the channel of the Incarnation of God and the tabernacle of God made man. We should make use of this medal and perform acts of faith, hope and charity having this precious gift in our hands and wearing it around our necks. In our days of uncertainty and chaos, we gain great merits in the simplicity, perseverance and generosity with which we turn to God.

Please be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families,

Canon Michael K. Wiener

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASSES FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND SUPPORT OF THE PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE DURING THE LOCKDOWN

To request Masses for the Faithful Departed, please do one of the following: Post your requests to: Canon Michael Wiener, St Winefride's Presbytery, Mynd Close, Shrewsbury SY2 5R. Alternatively, you may either deliver your request by hand to the presbytery or hand in your envelope - *clearly addressed to Canon Wiener* - at the sacristy in the Cathedral.

If you are able to support the apostolate in Shrewsbury, please consider to send us a cheque to the address indicated above, or donate directly via bank transfer:

HSBC UK Sort Code: 40-45-14 Account Number: 61855832 For the credit of: ICKSP/St. Winefride

OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

During the coming days the Cathedral will be open for private prayer only on Sundays 12 noon - 3 pm and on weekdays 11 am - 2 pm. Masses will be streamed online.

STREAMING ONLINE

Our Masses will be streamed online live at the times indicated on the weekly schedule below.

Go to <https://icksp.org.uk/shrewsbury/streaming-service/> on the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest website.

KEEP INFORMED BY VISITING THE ICKSP WEBSITE

This newsletter and all new announcements and information will be published on the Shrewsbury pages of the ICKSP website. The website address is: <https://icksp.org.uk/shrewsbury/>

LATIN MASS SOCIETY

The Winter 2020 issue of Mass of Ages, the magazine of the Latin Mass Society is now available in both print and online. For further information, go to <https://lms.org.uk/magazine>

Your local Latin Mass Society representative is Victoria Keens, who can be contacted by email at:

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SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	22 Nov	9.30	24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost	Julia Clow	Private Intention
MON	23 Nov	10.00	St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr	Desmond Mangham	Private Intention
TUE	24 Nov	10.00	St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor of the Church	Canon Scott Smith	Private Intention
WED	25 Nov	10.00	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr	Mark Bruce RIP	Private Intention
THU	26 Nov	10.00	St. Sylvester, Abbot	John Schutzer-Weissmann	Private Intention
FRI	27 Nov	10.00	Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Veronique Moe and Jon Smith	Private Intention
SAT	28 Nov	10.00	Saturday of Our Lady	Anastasia Stevens	Private Intention
SUN	29 Nov	9.30	First Sunday in Advent	Thanksgiving for birth of Lucy Smith	Private Intention

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