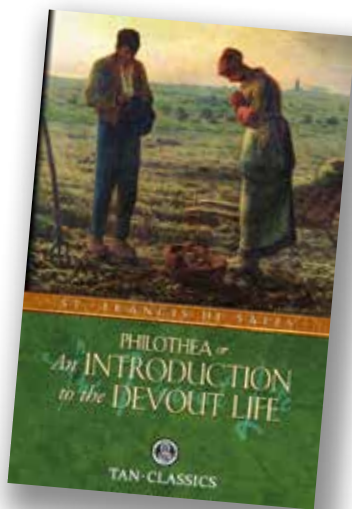




INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Dear Faithful,

Today, we observe the External Solemnity of the feast of our great patron, St. Francis de Sales, who was born in the second half of the 16th century and who died on the feast of the Holy Innocents, on December 28th, 1622.



Many of you know St. Francis' writings: the "Introduction to the Devout Life" can be counted among the great classics of spiritual literature, as for example "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis or "The Spiritual Combat" by Lorenzo Scupoli. Many of you know also that St. Francis was bishop of Geneva (since 1602) and that he became the founder of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary (in 1610).

We wish to celebrate this patronal feast also today, two days after the actual date of St. Francis' feast (January 29th), because the Church invites us always to make the specific graces of our founder available to the largest possible number of faithful. We believe that the charism and spiritual riches of our dear Institute are also nourished from the inexhaustible



sources of the rich teachings of this "Doctor Caritatis", of this teacher of true and fruitful charity, the love of God and our neighbor. The Holy See has granted the privilege of a Plenary Indulgence made available to all faithful who attend the Masses of the Institute of the feast itself or the following Sunday.

Canon Michael K. Wiener

THE SEASON OF SEPTUAGESIMA

“The sorrows of death surrounded me, the sorrows of hell encompassed me: and in my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He heard my voice from His holy temple.”

The season of Septuagesima offers a special grace. Today the Church proclaims the parable of the owner of the vineyard who hires laborers at different hours. In the next two Sundays before Ash Wednesday, we will hear about the sower of good seed and will witness again how a man is healed from his blindness. We are reminded to reflect again on God’s will to save all man, on our vocation as Christians and the call to convert our hearts to Him.

We are living in the eleventh hour of the day of salvation. In this hour God calls us to be vigilant and generous in cooperating with His grace.

“God has signified to us in so many ways and by so many means that He wills all of us to be saved, that no one can be ignorant of this fact”, writes St. Francis de Sales. “For this purpose He made us ‘in His own image and likeness’ by creation, and by the Incarnation, He has made Himself in our image and likeness, after which He suffered death in order to ransom and save all mankind. He did this with so great a love that, as St. Dionysius, the apostle of France, relates, He once said to Carpus, a holy man, that He was ‘ready to repeat His passion in order to save man,’ and that this would be pleasing to Him if it could be done without any man falling into sin.”

Let us then use this time before Lent first of all to resolve to cooperate with God’s will to save us:

God’s goodness moves Him to communicate liberally to us the help of His grace so that we may come to the joy of His glory. But our nature requires that His liberality should leave us at liberty to use it for our salvation or to neglect it to our damnation.

God takes delight in pouring in us His perfections and by that enabling us to perform works of salvation – leaving us the freedom which makes these works meritorious.

Let us take the resolve to be especially vigilant in the marketplace of this world today when the owner of the vineyard comes to hire us. The sorrows of death surround all of us and the sorrows of hell embrace us. How often do we take our refuge to Our Lord? Do we pray often to God, asking Him for enlightenment to do His will rather than asking for certain goods according to our own will?

Secondly, we should use this season especially to obey God’s commandments out of love for Him.

“Many men keep the commandments in the way sick men take medicine: more from fear of dying in damnation than for joy of living according to our Savior’s will. Just as some persons dislike taking medicine, no matter how pleasant it is, simply



because it is called medicine, so there are some souls who hold in horror things commanded simply because they are commanded.”

The commandments are the will of God as it is made known to us by revelation. We will come closer to doing the will of God more perfectly in all domains of life if we take this resolution to fulfill the commandments out of love for the King who gave them to us.

And, finally, taking the resolution of wanting to serve God in the circumstances in which He placed us, allows us to serve God more perfectly. *“Sin excluded, nothing is done except by God’s will of good pleasure.”* In preparation of Lent and in our desire to come closer to God’s holy Will we should use the time ahead of us to embrace more generously all that which is part of our daily work, daily responsibility, daily suffering and daily joy. This is not an acceptance in a blind and stoic manner. It is acceptance of God’s will as it is made understandable in our daily life. How often do we complain about the boredom or the trials of our lives? How often do we want to “change” the makeup of our existence? How rarely do we tell God, Our Lord, explicitly that we want to embrace all that he will send us? That would make us stronger and better prepared for the reality of what God has prepared for us. It would allow us to participate in the happiness of the saints, who, as Job in the Old Testament, did not stumble in their confidence in God’s loving hand.

These resolutions will help us: Cooperate with His will. Obey His Commandments out of love, not fear. Serve God in the circumstances in which He places us. As we prepare for Lent, let us respond to the graces offered in the season of Septuagesima and do penance in imitation of Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES - PLENARY INDULGENCE

It is with great joy and confidence in the goodness of God that we celebrate the feast of our great patron, St. Francis de Sales, on **January 29th**. The Church offers to all faithful attending the Masses celebrated by the Institute on this day the opportunity of gaining a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions). This privilege of a plenary indulgence will be made available also on the following Sunday, **January 31st**, when we celebrate the External Solemnity of our saint at 12:30 pm at St. Winefride's church.

DAY OF RETREAT - MARCH 6TH

Please mark your calendar: We invite you to join us for a Day of Retreat on Saturday, March 6th, at the Cathedral (10:00 am to 4:30 pm). (Due to the lockdown and health related restrictions the exact program and format of this Day of Retreat has to be finalized at a later date.)

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Following the transfer of the Sunday Masses in the Extraordinary Form to St Winefride's church we are looking for generous volunteers willing to give their time in the service of God and the community by helping to clean the church after the Sunday 12.30pm Masses. This cleaning activity is of high priority with regard to the safety and hygiene standards the diocese of Shrewsbury is obliged to observe in all its churches. Please contact Canon Wiener with your name, telephone number and email address (contact details below on this page). Thank you very much in advance for your generous efforts. The more people will commit, the more volunteers commit, the less often the same volunteers have to do the work. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SUPPORT OF THE PRIESTS OF THE INSTITUTE

To request Masses to be celebrated in your intentions: Post your requests to: **Canon Michael Wiener, St Winefride's Presbytery, Mynd Close, Shrewsbury SY2 5R**. Alternatively, you may either deliver your request 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 Institute's apostolate in Shrewsbury, please consider to send us a cheque to the address indicated above, or donate directly via bank transfer:

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SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	31 ST JAN	12:30 PM	EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES BISHOP, CONFESSOR & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH CO-PATRON OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI	PI
MON	1 ST FEB	10:00 AM	ST. IGNATIUS, BISHOP & MARTYR	PI	PI
TUE	2 ND FEB	6:30 PM	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	COR CHRISTI TRINITATE	PI
WED	3 RD FEB	10:00 AM	COMMEMORATION OF ST. BLASE, BISHOP & MARTYR	JAMES AITCHESON RIP	PI
THU	4 TH FEB	6:30 PM	VOTIVE MASS OF JESUS CHRIST THE SOVEREIGN AND ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	PI	PI
FRI	5 TH FEB	10:00 AM	VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	PI	PI
SAT	6 TH FEB	10:00 AM	VOTIVE MASS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	PI	PI
SUN	7 TH FEB	12:30 PM	SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY	PI	PI

SUNDAY MASSES AT 12:30 PM AT ST. WINEFRIDE'S CHURCH, CROWMERE ROAD, MONKMOOR, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5RA

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