



Der Löwe und der Pfeil



The Lion and the Arrow – Issue 19

Announcements

The Schedule for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord:

- ❖ Friday, 24 December 2021 – 4 pm
Saint Edmund
- ❖ Saturday, 25 December 2021 – 12 am
Saint Leo IV
- ❖ Saturday, 25 December 2021 – 9 am
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- Due to the celebration of Christmas Day there will be no evening Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered on the evening of Saturday, 25 December 2021. The regular schedule of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on Sunday, 26 December 2021.

Prayer to the Divine Christ Child

O Divine Child, Thou art the Most Almighty God. The God Who is responsible for guiding me on the path of good, the God Who gives me the strength to get up when I have fallen, the God Who is always present in my life, although I may forget Thee some days, I beg Thee, never leave me, do not forsake me, neither me nor my family, who are most important in my life. As Thou art with the Most Holy Virgin Mary and with the Almighty Father I ask Thee to bless me today, and always. Amen.



Monthly Saint

Every month the newsletter will feature a Saint or Religious Figure. Many times, a prayer or novena will be featured. For December we feature the Holy Innocents.

After Our Lord's Sacred Birth, wise men from the East came to King Herod in Jerusalem seeking the newborn King of the Jews, Whose star they had seen. Inquiring of the chief priests and scribes, Herod learned that the Messiah would be born "in Bethlehem of Judea." The wise men set out for Bethlehem, Herod asking that they report back when they had found the newborn King, so that he too might worship Him. When the wise men did not return to Herod, having been warned in a dream, the cruel king sent out soldiers to kill all male children in Bethlehem who were two years old and younger. Receiving a message from an Angel in sleep, Saint Joseph took the Child Jesus and His Most Blessed Mother and fled into Egypt. The children killed by Herod's soldiers are venerated in Holy Mother Church as Martyrs who died not only for Christ but also in place of Him. In England, this feast used to be called Childermas, and the Feast of Holy Innocents was traditionally a Holy Day of Obligation at Bethlehem.



Events and Holy Days

Any events going on in Roberts Cove and in Branch during the month of the newsletter will be featured in this space. If you wish to have an event for the month listed, then please send all the information to ampdupuis@yahoo.com by the third Sunday of the month before the event is scheduled to take place.

December 24 – Christmas Eve

December 25 – Christmas Day
Merry Christmas!

December 31 – New Year's Eve

January 1 – New Year's Day
Happy New Year!

January 2 – Epiphany of the Lord

January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 5 – Saint John Neumann

January 9 – Baptism of the Lord



Monthly Devotional

December is the month devoted to the Divine Infancy of the Christ Child. During this month it is our Roman Catholic duty to learn more and to pray to the Divine Christ Child. May we spend this month renewing our efforts to know, love and serve the Divine Christ Child in this life so that we may, by His Infinite Grace, rejoice with Him in the life to come.

Prayer to the Divine Christ Child Jesus

O Divine Christ Child Jesus, I pray Thou wilt give Thy servant Thy Grace to love Thee more and more, with a love like Thy Blessed Mother had for Thee. O Grant me Thy Grace to have the time often, if not daily, to attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and to witness with the eyes of the converted sinner, Saint Mary Magdalen, to behold Thee Crucified, and to see Thy Sorrowful Mother and Saint John at the foot of the Cross on the Hill of Calvary. Then, O Loving Christ Child, bestow upon me, as food for my soul, Thy Precious Body and Sacred Blood, as at the Last Supper Thou didst give to Thy Holy Apostles. After a good Confession and when death is near, O Divine Christ Child, meet me at the last moment of my life and bid me to come with Thee and show me Thy Celestial Palace Thy Heavenly Father hast prepared. Amen.

Archive Dive

This month, instead of looking at the history of the Church Parish, we look at the history of the candy cane and what it really symbolizes. This legend was found online.

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy at Christmas time that would serve as a witness to his Christian faith. He wanted to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy; white to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus; hard to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church; firmness to represent the promise of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior. He thought it could also represent the staff of the Good Shepherd, with which he reached down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scouring Jesus received, by which we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life. Unfortunately, the candy became known as a candy cane – a meaningless decoration seen at Christmas time. But the true meaning is still there for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.



"Kneeling before the Tabernacle I can think of only one thing to say to Our Lord: 'My God, You know that I love You.' And I feel that my prayer does not weary Jesus; knowing my weakness, He is satisfied with my good will."

–Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)