



ST. BARTHOLOMEW CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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First Sunday of Advent - Year B

December 3, 2023



Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7th

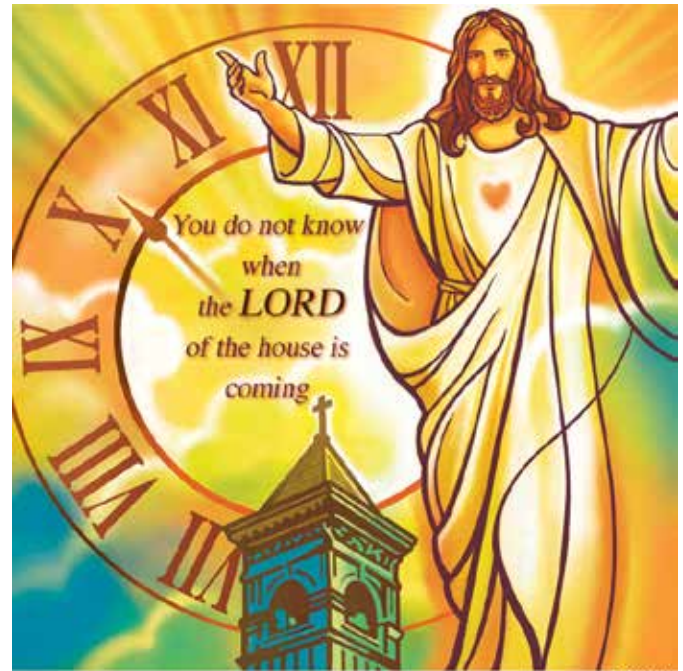
Vigil Mass at 7PM

Friday, December 8th

7 AM, 8:30 AM, 7 PM (Trilingual)

The feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception is celebrated on December 8, and honors the conception of Mary in her mother's womb without original sin.

Sadly, this is frequently misunderstood. Blessed Pope Pius IX's solemn definition of this doctrine, on December 8, 1854. Pius IX explained that Mary was preserved from original sin by a "singular grace and privilege" given her by God "in view of the merits of Jesus Christ" as Redeemer of the human race. Mary, like every other human being, needed the redemptive benefits of Christ; but, in anticipation of what God did for all through Christ, she alone was preserved from original sin "from the first moment of her conception."



Confession Night

December 12 @ 7 PM

Confession in various languages with our own parish priests and a few visiting priests.

"The main reason why many Catholics receive this Sacrament regularly is to experience the Love and forgiveness of God. A good Confession will cleanse your soul, improve your relationship with God and allow you to live in His light."

PASTORAL STAFF

Priests

Rev. Andrew Chan-A-Sue

Pastor

Rev. Youry Jules

Parochial Vicar

Deacons

Deacon Michel DuChaussée

Deacon David Bowen

Religious Education

Mrs. Mercedes Brown

School Principal

Mrs. Christine Gonzalez

School Counselor/

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Mr. Gerard John, LCSW, CCTP

Music Ministry

Mrs. Betty Bunnell

Mrs. Monique Abraham

Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko

Mr. Michael Martinez

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Rectory at least six months prior to the proposed date.

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Rectory at least three months before anticipated date to make arrangements. Baptisms in English are on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11:30 AM.

HOLY EUCHARIST (MASS)

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English)

6:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

French/Créole 1:00 PM

Weekday: 7:00, 8:30 AM
(7 PM - during Lent only)

Saturday: 8:30 AM

First Friday: French/Créole - 7:30 PM

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)

Saturday: **11:00 - 11:30 AM**

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Weekdays: When priests are available.
Anytime by appointment

ROSARY

Weekdays at 8:10 AM
(before 8:30 AM Mass)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

English

Wednesday, 7:30 PM - **Sacred Heart Center**

French/Créole

Friday, 7:30 PM, School Rm B

LEGION OF MARY

Sunday 11:30 AM, School Rm A (English)



PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome new parishioners to our parish family. Pick up a registration form at the rectory or print one from the website; later you will be invited to learn more about our parish and our many ministries.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

(In the Rectory Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday:

9:30 AM to 7:30 PM



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday - 9 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday - CLOSED

Pastoral Hispana

Misa en Español - Los Sabados - 6:30 PM
El Santo Rosario los Sabados a las 6:00 PM

Confesiones - Los Sábados, 11-11:30 AM; 4:30-5 PM

Bautismos - Para el curso pre-bautismal, llame con TRES MESES de anticipación a la Rectoría. Los Bautismos en Español son los 4º Domingos del mes.

Matrimonio - Llame a la Rectoría lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta.

Legión De María - Se reúnen en Salón B en la escuela los sábados a las 4:30 PM.
Julia Cisneros 305-928-9097

Coro Hispano - Ensayo los Sabados a las 4:00 PM en la escuela (salón de música) con el Director Mr. Rodolfo Gramcko
305-505-1451



AVIS pour les Membres de la Communauté Haitienne

Messe en Créole / Français

1:00 PM chaque dimanche

7:30 PM chaque premier vendredi du mois avec Bénédiction du Très Saint Sacrement

Confession: Samedi 11-11:30 AM, 4:30-5 PM

Visite des malades: Contactez Père Youry au presbytère de l'église.

Baptême: 2è dimanche du mois à 11:30 AM.
Contactez le Père Youry trois mois avant la date prévue.

Mariage: Contactez le Père Youry, six mois avant la date prévue.

Prière Charismatique:

Vendredi de 7:30 à 10:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

Légion De Marie: Jeudi, de 6:00 à 7:00 PM (à l'école)
Samedi à partir de 4:00 PM (à l'école)

Répétition de Chorale: Samedi de 5:30 à 7:00 PM (salle B de l'école)

La Sainte Famille: Dimanche à 3:00 PM (à l'école)



EUCCHARIST



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 - THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- (Sat) 5:00 PM + Lelith Williams
+ Jura J. Krammer
+ Syllas Powell
- 6:30 PM Hermando Y Tami (L)
+ Edgardo Moreno
- (Sun) 7:30 AM + Benjamin Pineda
+ Ram Laurenz Montino
+ Therese Silva-Hadley
+ Perseus Jacildo
- 10:00 AM Presade Edralin (L)
Andrea Buenaventura (L)
+ Constance D. CHerry
+ Eutiche Philantrophe
- 1:00 PM James Daniel (T)
+ Yvette Bijon
+ Luca Thezan Fequiere
- 5:00 PM + Rose Anne Lambert
+ Antoine Lambert
+ Circée Laguerre Hector
+ Lucie Laguerre

Monday, December 4 - St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 AM Paula & Nicholas Ramsammy (T)
+ Fernande Blemur
- 8:30 AM + Stephan Cartwright
+ Lillieth Powell
+ Leord Ashor Williams

Tuesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

- 7:00 AM Julie Barraquio (L)
Marina Bitanga (L)
- 8:30 AM Janika & Collin Ramsammy (T)
Krystena & Chloe Ramsammy (T)
Shawnta Lightbourn (T)

Wednesday, December 6 - St Nicholas, Bishop

- 7:00 AM Robetto & Lucille Anthony (T)
Ian & Joseph Anthony (T)
- 8:30 AM Eva Bonny Antoine (T)
+ Menelas Barreau
+ Dcsd Mbrs of Mimy family

Thursday, December 7 - St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 AM Etna Eyma & family (T)
+ M/M Jean-Charles
- 8:30 AM Yvania Jean-Charles (T)
Jessy Kannikal (T)
+ Alain Michel Eveillard
- 7:00 PM Mbrs of the Legion of Mary (L)
+ Souls in Purgatory



Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:00 AM Immacula Maryse St Fort (T)
+ Romarico Edrali
+ Ignacio Suarez
- 8:30 AM Marie Chalalles Michel (T)
Martine François (T)
Bernadette Darang (L)
+ Lhermite François
- 7:00 PM Lourdes Antoine (T)
Mireille Lormine (T)
Gladys Gaston Bouquet (L)
Marie-Joliette Perard (T)

Saturday, December 9 - Advent Weekend

- 8:30 AM + Carmene Oxi
+ Pecul St Georges
+ Pierre Jacques St Georges
+ Gerard Lalo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 - THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- (Sat) 5:00 PM Rubens J. James (L)
+ Howard Lee
- 6:30 PM Sick of our parish (L)
- (Sun) 7:30 AM Stephane Constant (T)
+ Carmen Clementina
+ Perseus Jacildo
- 10:00 AM + Joann Collins
+ Ange Marie Gousse
+ Ginette Gousse
+ Irma Baguidy
+ Roger Gousse
- 1:00 PM + M/M Robert Bijou
+ Jean-Louis Bijon
+ Jocelyne Bijon
- 5:00 PM Etna Eyma & family (T)
Myrlande Petion (T)
Rous Durosca (T)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday 12/3:** Is 63: 16b-17. 19b; 64: 2-7
Ps 80: 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 (4)
1 Cor 1: 3-9/ Mk 13: 33-37
- Monday:** Is 2: 1-5/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4b.
4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 8: 5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11: 1-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8.
12-13. 17/ Lk 10: 21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-6
Mt 15: 29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 and 8-9.
19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27
- Friday:** Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 98: 1. 2-4
Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38
- Saturday:** Is 30: 19-21. 23-26/ Ps 147: 1-2.
3-4. 5-6/ Mt 9: 35 -- 10: 1. 5a. 6-8
- Sunday 12/10:** Is 40: 1-5. 9-11/ Ps 85: 9-14
2 Pt 3: 8-14/ Mk 1: 1-8



**WATCH!
PREPARE!**

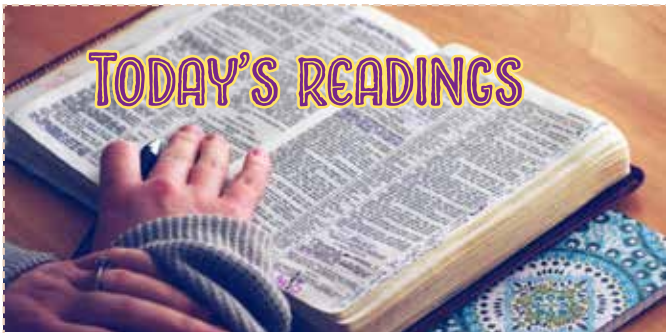


Remember the Departed

Anne Marie Bossé
Francis Mohammed 

*Victims of hatred and
violence, War,
abortion and
natural disasters.*

Please use your envelopes or donate online at our website. Our parish needs your support.



Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single, one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

"Watch!" The final word of today's Gospel binds together our readings on this first Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the LORD, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

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First Reading -- Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down! Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2-7

Responsorial Psalm -- "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Psalm 80

Second Reading -- We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Gospel Reading -- Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. Mark 13:33–37

Please pray for healing & comfort for the sick and for strength and endurance for all caregivers



Francis Mohammed	Patricia Khlon
Mildred Gallagher	Johnston family
Marilyn Constantine-Lane	Camal Mohammed
Carlos Fuentes	Cynthia Horvath
Cherry-Ann Edwards	Andy Fortune
Antonio Casas	Ryan Rodriguez
Quincie G. Cajuste	Pierre St Vil
Jennifer Evans	Kaitlyn Lottie
Gloria Beason	Erin Bacon
Low Joseph	Paulette Scuotto
Alexis Prue	Rain Pierre
Chery Ann Edwards	Jean-Robert Bijoux
Paulo Mendonça	Kathleen Def-Moreau
Joseph Ewald Marcelin	Jared Def-Moreau
Ashley Baker	Valarie De Freitas
Adriana Rodriguez	Jasmine Springer
Mary-Ann Printy	Joyce Desiato
André Paes Cardoso	Jeffrey
Jairo Frota	Patrice Legagneur
Busgith Vida	Natasha Retana
Candy Larsen	Jessi Menendez
Marie Georges Louis	Micheline Piquion
Abiah Tiday	Ursula Rodriguez
Lorraine Fuller	Robert Stewart
Marjorie Minott	Marie Françoise Baptiste

If you are new...



Stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a registration form if you are new to the area or the parish. It only takes a few minutes, then use your parishioner number when making a donation to support your parish community. Remember your donations are tax deductible and will be fully credited to your account. You can also donate online at our website: stbartholomew.com or by texting your amount to (954) 280-0901



Offering Envelopes

Collection on: 11/26/2023
Solemnity of Christ the King

Mass	Attendance	Collection
Sat. 5:00 PM	65	\$715.00
Sat. 6:30 PM	43	\$288.00
Sun. 7:30 AM	103	\$1,304.00
Sun. 10:00 AM	164	\$1,175.00
Sun. 1:00 PM	285	\$1,635.00
Sun. 5:00 PM	40	\$529.00
Loose Coins		\$17.50
Office		\$740.00
Thanksgiving	167	\$2,559.00
Online	22	\$1720
Maintenance		\$104.00
Main Collection	889	\$10,786.50
Candles		\$180.00
		\$431.00
Total		\$11,397.50

First Sunday of Advent Watch Out!

In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend. The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

First Sunday

Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42





Kids YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9
from 12 to 3 PM

Come have some fun at no cost



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 TO BENEFIT
 ST. BARTHOLOMEW DANCE MINISTRY

DANCERS FOR JESUS
 Praise Him with dance.
 Psalm 150:4

PRIZES:

- 1ST: 75" SMART FIRE TV
- 2ND: APPLE IPAD PRO 11'
- 3RD: HP ENVY 2 IN 1 LAPTOP 15.6"
- 4TH: APPLE WATCH SERIES 9 (41MM)

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- Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids
- Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

REMEMBER YOUR FAMILY, A LOVED ONE OR A FRIEND DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BY ORDERING A POINSETTIA IN THEIR NAME.

THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE CHURCH DECORATIONS DURING THIS JOYOUS AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE COST IS \$15.00 PER PLANT AND CAN BE DEDICATED TO A FAMILY, A COUPLE, OR AN INDIVIDUAL. YOU CAN PLACE YOUR ORDER AT THE RECTORY. ALL ORDERS MUST BE PREPAID.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 18th

St. Bartholomew Church
Invites You to Our Annual

Christmas PARTY

December 9th, 2023
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Parish Hall at
8005 Miramar Parkway
Miramar, FL. 33025

\$30 Donation - Dinner/Dance/Cash Bar

Live Music by Sound Factory
Angela and Mike

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit 6032

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HOPE

2023 † † ABCD
ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

Remember to complete your pledges for 2023

Please consider making an end of the year gift to the ABCD if you haven't already.

Although our ABCD goal was reduced from \$73,000 to \$57,000 we are still short on pledges. We need at least \$7,000 more to meet our goal. The main reason is last year 2022, we had 259 donors compared to 135 donors in 2023. Please donate if you have not already done so. Special ABCD envelopes are available at the entrance of Church.

Thank you
Fr Andrew

Immaculate Conception of Mary



“Hail Mary, full of grace.” For thousands of centuries, millions of times per day the Virgin Mary is greeted by the faithful with the greeting of the Archangel, that we hear resonating anew in today’s Gospel. The sons of the Church learn from the words of the Archangel Gabriel that the fullness of the mystery of God’s grace was realized in Holy Mary. St Paul the Apostle teaches us that the Father made all fullness dwell in His Incarnate Son (c.f. Col 1:12-20), which overflows from Christ’s head and spills out on His Mystical Body that is the Church. Before descending in Body, Christ’s fullness was spread in a unique and unrepeatable way on Mary, predestined from eternity to be the Mother of God.

Significantly in the first reading, from the Book of Genesis 3:9-15, 20, the liturgy recalls the figure of Eve, the mother of all the living. The Fathers of the Church saw in Mary, the new Eve that unties the knot bound by the first woman. The knot of disobedience tied by Eve, was untied by the obedience of Mary. As Eve was created in purity and integrity, also the new Eve was miraculously preserved from the contamination of original sin because she had to give humanity the Word, who was incarnated for our ransom.

Saint Irenaeus compares the virginity of the pure earth from which Adam was drawn to the virginity of the immaculate humanity of Mary from which the Second Adam was drawn. ‘And as the protoplast himself, Adam, had his substance from untilled and as yet virgin soil (for God had not yet sent rain, and man had not tilled the ground (Genesis 2:5) so did He who is the Word, recapitulating Adam in Himself, rightly receive a birth, enabling Him to gather up Adam [into Himself], from Mary, who was as yet a virgin’ (Adversus hereses III, 21:10).

Blessed Pope Pius IX on the 8th of December 1854 proclaimed the Dogma of the faith revealed by God that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the first instant of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin” (Denz.-Schonm, 2083). If the official proclamation of the dogma is relatively recent, the profession of faith by Christians and the liturgy is very ancient in this regard. Furthermore, four years later the same Virgin Mary, appearing in Lourdes to St Bernadette, confirmed the truth of the doctrine by presenting herself with the title ‘I am the Immaculate Conception’.

Mary’s predestination to this singular grace—consistent with the suspension of the universal decree by which every man, from the moment of his conception is contaminated with original sin—leads us to ponder in the deepest depths the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity’s salvific plan. God, One and Triune, had foreseen from the very beginning the future incarnation of the Word culminating in the redemption of human nature that had fallen into sin. He therefore predestined pure Mary, so that He could draw from her uncontaminated humanity, which the Son could adopt in order to re-establish in Himself the original purity of creation and reorientate it to eternal glory.

For this reason, in the second reading of the day's liturgy, from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6; 11-12, St Paul reminds us that God wants to see us holy and immaculate before Him. The purity of our origins seemed to be irredeemably lost. However, in Immaculate Mary, God found the perfect solution to reverse the disaster made from the misuse of our liberty, and returned humanity to the original purity that seemed hopelessly lost.

Mary's Immaculate Conception is a direct consequence of her Divine Maternity. St. Anselm of Aosta wrote: 'Assuredly, it was fitting that the Virgin be beautified with a purity than which a greater cannot be conceived, except for God's. For, toward her, God the Father was so disposed to give His only Son who was naturally one and the same common Son of God the Father and of the Virgin.' (De conceptu virginali et originali peccato, XVIII)

This link between the privilege of Divine Maternity and Mary's Immaculate Conception results also in her superiority with respect to us. She is a perfect image of the Church in heaven, the new triumphant Jerusalem, that won't have any marks nor will there be pain and death. This is why today's preface recites: '...she was to be a worthy mother of your Son, your sign of favour to the church at its beginning, and the promise of its perfection as the bride of Christ, radiant in beauty'. Also in heaven Mary is not and will never be only a disciple, but her Son's most exalted. She is and will always be the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church, the Queen of the Angels and Saints. Therefore, the preface of the Mass adds: '...You chose her from all creatures to be our advocate with you and our pattern of holiness.'

Mary was Immaculate because she had to be the Mother of God. She, herself has received the original grace of purity and the final state of the blessed life that we also, by collaborating with Divine Grace, hope one day to receive.

Immaculate Mary is full of grace. She is not only Christ's disciple, who with the help of grace has overcome the chains of sin, but she is totius Trinitatis nobile triclinium, the noble resting place of the Holy Trinity (St Thomas Aquinas, Exposito Salutationis Angelicae, I). The Immaculate, full of grace, will always be Mother and Queen for that elect part of the Church that we hope one day to join, that will one day joyfully sing before the Almighty.

—From the Dicastery for the Clergy

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Symbols and Representation: crown and monogram; lily; enclosed garden; crown of stars; glass (symbol of purity) lily often placed in a vase of transparent glass; lily of the valley.