



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2020

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, through him all things were made and redeemed.
Amen*

Through Mary to Jesus!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ! We hope all is well as we enter the month of December.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of December 2020

For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer (See also <http://popesprayerusa.net/>)

The feasts on the General Roman Calendar celebrated during the month of December are:

3. Francis Xavier, Memorial
6. Second Sunday of Advent, Sunday
7. Ambrose, Memorial
8. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the United States of America , Solemnity
9. Juan Diego
11. Damasus I,
12. Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA), Feast
13. Third Sunday of Advent, Sunday
14. John of the Cross, Memorial
20. Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday
21. Peter Canisus
23. John of Kanty
25. **Christmas, Solemnity**
26. Stephen, Feast
27. Holy Family, Feast
28. Holy Innocents, Feast
29. Thomas Becket,

The feasts of St. Nicholas (December 6), St. Lucy (December 13) and St. John the Evangelist (December 27) are superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

celebrated during the month of December are:

Focus of the Liturgy



The Gospels for the Sundays in December are taken from St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John are from Year B, Cycle 1 of the readings.

December 6th -2nd Sunday in Advent

The Gospel is about John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness.

December 13th - 3rd Sunday in Advent

The crowds question St. John the Baptist asking him who he is.

December 20th - 4th Sunday in Advent

This Gospel recounts the story of the Angel Gabriel's appearance to Zechariah in the temple.

December 27th - Holy Family

This Gospel recounts the prophecy of Simeon.

Highlights of the Month

The liturgy of Advent focuses on remembering Christ's first coming at Bethlehem which then directs our mind to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. The readings focus on the people of the Old Testament awaiting the Messiah, John the Baptist, heralding the way for Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary and her maternal preparations.

The main Feasts of Advent are St. Francis Xavier (December 3), St. John Damascene, (December 4), St. Ambrose (December 7), Immaculate Conception (December 8), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Damascus (December 11), Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12), St. John of the Cross (December 14), St. Peter Canisius (December 21) and St. John of Kanty (December 23).

Christmastide begins with the First Vespers (Evening Prayer) of Christmas on December 24th and ends on the Sunday after Epiphany. Christmas and Easter are the only solemnities with octaves attached in the revised calendar. The Christmas octave differs from Easter in that it includes some major feasts: St. Stephen (December 26), the Holy Innocents (December 28), St. Thomas Becket (December 29) and St. Sylvester I (December 31). The octave closes on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The Reason for the Season

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of



His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

CMD JESUS' WEEK CYCLE: A DAILY LIVING OF THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST THE KING AND EMMANUEL

The spirituality of the Jesus-week-cycle as Rev Fr Ignatius Mary Okoroji noted, was born of that belief Creation has been redeemed in Christ, and thus, finds its meaning and life only in Christ, the Redeemer.

Communitas Mater Domini imitates the Blessed Virgin Mary who has accompanied the life of Christ and as a handmaid of the Lord, devoted herself totally to the person and work of her son, under Him and with Him, by the grace of the almighty God, serving the mysteries of redemption (LG. 56). Mary accompanied the person of Christ from conception to Ascension and Pentecost, not only with great devotion; rather she embraced this Jesu-life-cycle as her occupation. CMD will live their lives in total consecration to Jesus' mission. This means that CMD will live the week in the sense of full cycle of Creation and Redemption in Christ. This is because right from birth of Christ, Creation has been reconfigured to Christ, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..."(Acts 17:28).

Since Christ is the yardstick to measure time, CMD would make Him the yardstick of daily life. Each day of the week, therefore, will be lived in a systematic fashion that unfolds a Christ-salvific vision from Annunciation to His Ascension and Pentecost. CMD will only observe these mysteries spiritually in the weekly cycle, just as the Church observes every Sunday spiritually as the Easter Day of Resurrection. (Cf. M&A.197-223)

CMD NEWS FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES: NIGERIA AND CAMEROON

We continue to thank God for a successful beginning and ending of the Novena to the Christ the King in the month of November. As a special Spirituality for CMD, it was done with great prayer and devotion to Our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the whole world. We celebrated with cutting of cake and gala night that marked the feast of Christ the King.

Christ the King celebration at St. Joseph Community, Attakwu, Enugu State.

The celebration was preceded with a solemn Novena to Christ the King, and celebrated Vespers which began at 7:00PM we celebrated the Christ the King Gala night which took place in the Community premises. In attendance were St. Maximilian Kolbe Community, Nekede, and Christ the king Community, Isienu. We rejoiced with songs, recitals from the Philosophy students and everyone was filled with joy as the King is the Universe was exalted and adored.

More so, on Sunday, the celebration of the Solemnity mass of Christ the King started at 10:00 AM. The Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Augustine Ewulu MSM. After the Homily, seven Aspirants were inaugurated and welcomed into three months Aspirancy in the Community of Mater Domini by the General Superior, Rev Joseph Mary Uchenna Udegbe CMD. The Aspirants were invited before the Altar in a candlelit ceremony to recite the CMD prayer for Vocation and Perseverance and the Crown of Victory Covenant prayer. We sang and danced to the Chapel Exaltation led by Rev. Fr. Augustine. All the brothers gathered in front of the Adoration Chapel with the General Superior for the cutting of the 'CHRIST THE KING CAKE' and we toasted to Christ the King Wines.



Christ the King celebration from CMD Immaculate Conception Novitiate Community, Cameroon.

This year's event was a special one for the Novices of Cameroon because it was the first time the new community experienced a total different land but similar culture. The event took place on the 22nd of November, 2020. It was of two fold. Mass was held at nearby parish –St. Patrick's, Ngeme., officiated by Fr. Mgr. Jervis Kebi Kewi and Fr. Michael Agbaeche. Where the former was a visiting priest, (newly elected secretary general to the bishops' conference of Cameroon) and the chief celebrant; the latter was the Parish priest. After the mass at about 11am, the process began from the Parish through the major road. During the procession, Christ the King was honored, adored and worshiped at intervals. The procession came to an end with a benediction at the parish at about 10mintues past the hour of 1pm.

The second fold commenced with the evening prayers (praises and vespers) at 6pm on the dot. After which we sang and processed in solemn joyful dance with flower presentation, flute and Shofar to the statues of Christ the King, decorated within the community and placed in front of the altar of the main chapel. This spiritual exercise with the vespers lasted for about 1hour 15mins; at the end of which we took some pictures. At the end of this came the presentation and cutting of the solemnity's decorated cake.

Celebration of Christ The King In St. Francis Community Fadan Kagoma Kafanchan.

The celebration began with the celebration of the mass officiated by the community priest friend Rev Fr Waziri Samson of Kafanchan Diocese. After the mass, benediction began and followed with solemn procession within the community as exalted songs of the Christ the King were sung. Having many neighbors who joined the celebration, the priest blessed the edibles and the Christ the King cake was cut and shared.

Christ the King Gala USA- November 28,2020

Celebrated by worshipping, singing and praising Our King and danced to the Magnificat with all !

DJ for Christ the King



Christ the King Cake



Feast served with Gold for our King



USA CMD Event Calendar 2021- mark your calendar

All Healing Masses begin-11 am Flame of Love Rosary – 12 noon mass- Please bring your own water, salt, oil and



sacramental's to be blessed.

First Saturday Healing -Branchville, NJ-Mass- Sanctuary of Mary 252 Wantage Ave, Branchville, NJ 07826

January 2 2021 July 3 2021
February 6 2021 August 7, 2021
March 6 2021 September 4, 2021
April 3 2021 October 2, 2021
May 1, 2021 November 6, 2021
June 5 2021 December 4, 2021

Third Saturday Healing Mass -North Brunswick, NJ -Our Lady of Peace- Harding Ave., North Brunswick, NJ

January 16, 2021 August 21, 2021
February 20, 2021 September 18, 2021
March 20, 2021 October 16, 2021
April 17, 2021 November 20, 2021
May 22, 2021 December 18, 2021
June 19, 2021
July 17, 2021

Reminders:

Sign up on cmd4healing@gmail.com for newsletters and updated information. Check our website cmdorg.org for frequent updates. Sign up for whats app notifications or prayers on our website "help" chat. Volunteers needed. Please check out Father Ignatius book "God's Foot is on the World" order on Amazon. Mass cards available online. Support our Seminarians and donate or go to smile amazon and support Communitas Mater Domini. We encourage you to learn more about CMD and join us in our daily prayers on the prayer line as well as Saturday nights for our Youth discussions

ALL Novena's 8 pm on CMD prayer line – speakers after
Tel. 712-770-4340

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May 13-22, 2021- Novena to the Holy Spirit- (Nine Day Novena) May

June 15-July 15- 2021- Sacred Scriptures Novena and Convocation- (30 day Novena) July 16,17 and 18th

(Gala) location and details will be announced.

November-14th-November 26th,2021-Christ the King Novena (12 Day Novena)

(Gala) 27th. Location and details will be announced.

On behalf of CMD we wish everyone a very blessed advent season and look forward to the coming of Our Lord and Savior during this special month of December.

May the Lord Bless you and your families as you keep Christ as the light and center of your life.

Through Mary to Jesus

