

Missionarii Sancti Joannis Baptiste

Vox clamantis in deserto, parate viam Domini

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The Precious Gift of Christ's Mass

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING is traditionally aimed at helping the recipient fulfill their vocation in life. The highest and greatest of such gifts is Our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. He is the Gift of gifts. At Christmas (Christ's Mass) He comes to help us fulfill our calling to holiness of life and ultimately our calling to die to self and go to heaven. We imitate this in our gift giving as did the Magi, who gave Our Lord gifts that helped Him fulfill His mission of Priest, Prophet, and King. St. Nicholas secretly gave a dowry to three poor daughters of a destitute family so they could be properly married. Let's be sure to give gifts that really help others fulfill the duties of their state in life! Sadly, it has been the experience of most people in our times that many gifts actually distract one from their duties! There is a battle going on here in which we are called to engage in a fruitful manner. Here is one way.

Because of your generous gifts and support, we were able to close on our church property on September 16, 2015, and have begun to prepare it for Catholic use for the glory of God and for the honor of His Most Holy Mother, under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes.

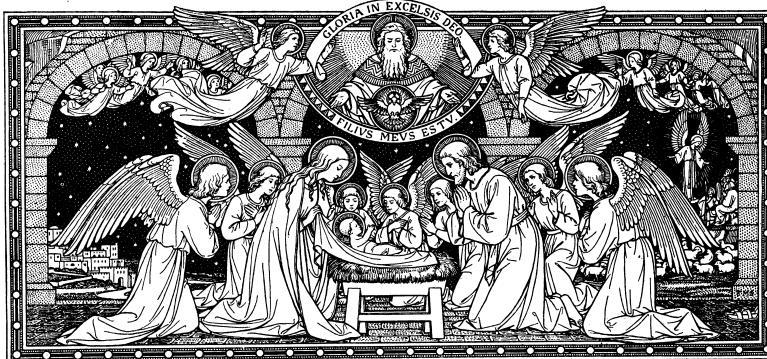
Since a year has passed, we would like to inform you of our progress (please see the pie charts on the reverse side). Over the last year, we have sought to use wisely the gifts that have come to us from both our apostolic labors and generous donations.

As you can see there are many aspects to founding a religious congregation and establishing a new chapel and residence, basically from the ground up.

Although the present structure, built as a Lutheran church, certainly retains a traditional look, nevertheless, it

will need to be brought into "Catholic-shape." We must furnish all the parts to fulfill its Catholic destiny. We are in the process of refurbishing pews, building a gothic altar, with matching pulpit and altar rail. Furthermore, we hope to obtain a rectory or religious house near our new chapel so that our small community can receive new members and form them properly as consecrated religious and future priests.

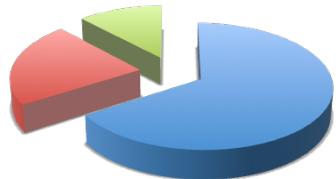
We, therefore, make an appeal to all of you to help us with your prayers and monetary donations. We are hoping to raise \$250,000 in the months to come.



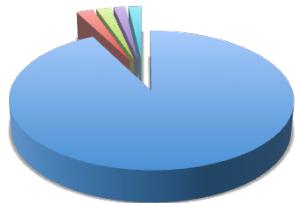
"My sweet and tender Jesus, if Thy Love can slay... it is today"—St. John of the Cross.

As of last year, December 1, 2014...

Income: \$293,553



Expenditures: \$460,320



Our gift to our benefactors is this: daily prayer and the offering of the Holy Mass for them on Christmas and its Octave. Furthermore, we will continue to do all we can to provide another home for the Traditional Liturgy in this part of the world as well as preach missions, conferences, and retreats. Please consider helping us with this important work for the glory of God, the honor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the salvation of souls.



NOVENA is nine days' of prayer said as a preparation for some particular feast, or in order to obtain some special favor. The model and the first of all novenas was that made in the Cenacle, after Our Lord's Ascension into heaven, by the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles in preparation for the coming of the Holy Ghost. The earliest ecclesiastical novena of which we have record is the Christmas Novena, which commemorates the nine months during which the Christ-child was carried in the womb of His Mother.

Should you wish to contribute to our work, please make out checks to:

The Missionaries of St. John the Baptist or MSJB
May God reward you!

Fr. Shannon Collins, MSJB & Fr. Sean Kopczynski, MSJB (www.msjb.info)



Novena for Christmas

December 16

O SHEPHERD that rulest Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, come to guide and comfort us. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 17

O WISDOM that comest out of the mouth of the Most High, that reachest from one end to another, and orderest all things mightily and sweetly, come to teach us the way of prudence! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 18

O ADONAI, and Ruler of the house of Israel, Who didst appear unto Moses in the burning bush, and gavest him the law in Sinai, come to redeem us with an outstretched arm! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory...*

December 19

O ROOT of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people, at Whom the kings shall shut their mouths, Whom the Gentiles shall seek, come to deliver us, do not tarry. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory...*

December 20

O KEY of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel, that openeth and no man shutteth, and shutteth and no man openeth, come to liberate the prisoner from the prison, and them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 21

O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the everlasting light, Sun of justice, come to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 22

O KING of the Gentiles, yea, and desire thereof! O Corner-stone, that makest of two one, come to save man, whom Thou hast made out of the dust of the earth! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 23

O EMMANUEL, our King and our Law-giver, Longing of the Gentiles, yea, and salvation thereof, come to save us, O Lord our God! *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

December 24

O THOU that sittest upon the cherubim, God of hosts, come, show Thy face, and we shall be saved. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

