



Seraphic Adorers

of the Child Jesus

Newsletter

Winter 2021

O come in love and meekness, Our Savior now to be;
Come to be formed within us, and make us like to Thee.

Dear Family,

Another year has rolled past us and here we are, preparing for Christmas. Don't you want this to be spiritually the best Christmas ever? I know I do! Somehow, the joy we experience will be in proportion to what we give to our Little King. So, what can we do to better prepare to celebrate His birthday?

He found no room in the inn, but we desire Him to find room in our hearts. This is a busy time of year, so it is important to make quiet time during our day so that we may be able to listen to His gentle voice. We may begin by examining our hearts to see if He is truly *King* there. Let us sweep clean our little cave, removing all that clutters our hearts and minds, especially those attachments and fears that cripple us, and ask the Infant Jesus to replace it all with loving trust in His Heart.

Even if we take ten minutes of our day to read a little from the Scriptures or some other spiritual book, it would give us time to speak and listen to Him. I often ask our Lady to help me, sometimes using the sweet poem: *Lovely Lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray. God was just your little Boy, tell me what to say!* Mary is our loving mother and if we ask her, she will help us prepare our hearts for His coming. She prepared for His coming in Bethlehem those many years ago. He arrived on a cold winter's night and she wrapped him in warm, swaddling clothes. There was no welcome for Him at the inn, but she lovingly welcomed Him and held Him close to her heart. The shepherds and wise men came and adored Him while she tenderly held Him, whispering words of affection and love. For many long years, the Israelites waited and yearned for their Messiah and for nine months she lovingly carried Him below her heart while pondering what His human features might be. *O Emmanuel, come!* With what joy she must have kissed the human Face of God!

Let's make this the most glorious Christmas, where the Christ Child is not forgotten amongst the stockings, parties and the presents. We shall make ready His manger while waiting in joyful expectation, so when His birthday arrives, we may offer Him a loving welcome and give Him the gift that He so longs for- **our hearts!** We desire to crown Him King of our hearts and Lord of our lives.

"In my heart may You always find shelter and a warm inn where You may dwell."

Mother Angelica

Mother Mary Agnes of Jesus



Venite Adoremus, Dominum!





Puppy Update
 Gabriel and Raphaella have grown into good watch dogs. Michaela has gotten as large as Gabriel, but she is still a puppy who wakes us up every morning with a toy in her mouth ready to play!



Welcome Sr. Kateri



On October 16th, the feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, we welcomed Sr. Kateri into our community to continue her discernment of the consecrated life as a Seraphic Adorer of the Child Jesus. Please keep her in your prayers as she seeks God's Will in her life.



Christmas Prayer
Begins November 30th
 Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.
 At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires. Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother. Amen.



For the Love of God

Dear Friends,

This year we were blessed with the clearing of our property so that the sisters would have more space outdoors and to make room for a garage which we need for the long, Wisconsin winter months. We humbly ask you to consider contributing to our mission. Please don't forget us in this season of gift-giving! We depend totally on Divine Providence, which means that we ask the Child Jesus to inspire you, His faithful, to generously support us as we continue His work. Contemplative religious are the *heartbeat of the Church* and are those who have as a priority to pray for the needs of the entire Church and the world. In these dark days, prayer is needed more than ever, so we ask you to remember us! May God reward you!



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