

Newsletter

Knights of Columbus
Council 12833
Mater Ecclesiae

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of every month.



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NOCTURNAL ADORATION

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" says Jesus (Matthew 26:40).

Adoration is a sacrifice and a commitment. All are welcome to participate. So please consider volunteering for one hour at night which might very well become your most precious hour of the month, one hour of adoration, in complete silence and peace with our Lord.

This month's Nocturnal Adoration will begin at 10:00 pm on First Friday, 5th September, and continue until 7:00 am on First Saturday, 6th September.

Contact our Nocturnal Adoration coordinator, PGK Danny Fean, on +1 856 981 3258 for details. All new members are encouraged to schedule a time for adoration.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of officers for the new Columbian year, previously scheduled for 30th August, has been postponed.

COLOUR CORPS

We have two extra sets of Regalia, so if you have taken the Fourth Degree and own a tuxedo, you are welcome to participate in future events. Contact our Colour Corps commander, GK Jim Delaney, on +1 856 693 1143 for details.

HOAGIE SALE

Our next Hoagie sale will take place on Saturday 13th September at the usual location, the intersection of Branch Avenue and Erial Road in the center of Pine Hill. We will begin at 10:00 am. Please plan to come out for this sale and help your Council earn funds needed for the various activities which we support.

LECTURER'S CORNER

We are so fortunate to have the Latin Mass at *Mater Ecclesiae*. Do you ever wonder about and try to recall from years ago, when the Latin Mass was common, what the priest does in preparation for celebrating the Mass? Do you think of the symbolism?

As you know from the Old Testament, the sacrifice of animals, notably lambs, was acceptable and pleasing to God while other sacrifices to Him were not. And so for generations from Adam to Christ such bloody animal sacrifices were offered to God. Then Christ sacrificed His own Blood *in a perfect sacrifice* and continues this perfect sacrifice in the Holy Eucharist.

When we receive Our Lord, it must be done with the greatest reverence and upmost attention we can give to God.

In light of the above, the Church has continued to keep guard and to form its priests, who offer the perfect sacrifice, and how it is offered. And we are given insight into the various roles and the expectations of the priest, who approaches the Altar to say Holy Mass, by observing the various vestments with which he is clothed:

. First the priest puts on the **amice**. This is a piece of rectangular linen which he first touches to his head and then wraps around his neck. It used to be worn around the head as it symbolizes a helmet, but since the introduction of the biretta it is now only wrapped around the neck. It is a symbol of a helmet because the priest is in a battle, not just in his daily life by fighting against sin, but against the devils as Holy Mass is the greatest weapon to fight them.

- . Next the priest vests with a **white alb** to indicate the purity and innocence he must have when saying Mass.
- . Thirdly, the priest is clothed with a **cincture** which is a cord wrapped around his waist, and represents the chastity and continence required of a priest to be ***in persona Christi*** (in the person of Christ). It symbolizes that the priest will not marry in imitation of Christ who was perfectly chaste.
- . After the cincture, the priest puts on the **maniple** and wears it over the left arm to symbolize the labor and hardship he must accept in his arduous daily duties.
- . Following the maniple, the priest is clothed with a **stole** worn around the neck and crossed over the chest in the form of the cross. It shows that he is invested with the authority of God to engage in priestly action.
- . Lastly, the priest puts on the **chasuble** which symbolizes the charity or unselfish motives he is to have in serving the Lord in all his actions.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

It is the intent of the Council that distribution of this monthly newsletter is to be by e-mail to the greatest extent possible to reduce expenses. If you received this month's newsletter by surface mail but do have internet access, it is requested that you send an e-mail to: wrtg@verizon.net. In this way future editions of the newsletter can be sent to you by e-mail. This month **12** copies of the newsletter have to be sent by surface mail.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 8th September.

Join with your brother Knights in reciting Our Lady's Rosary at 7:30 pm; the meeting follows at 8:00 pm.

Vivat Jesus!