Wednesday, December 23, 2020 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent Saint John of Kanty, Priest

"O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the hope of all nations and their Savior: come and save us, O Lord our God!" (Today's "O" Antiphon)

"Lo, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the day of the Lord comes." Regarding John the Baptist, Jesus would tell the disciples, "And if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one who is to come" (Matthew 11:14). The miracle baby is born and Zechariah writes, "John is his name"; and he begins to speak again, praising God! "Then fear came upon all their neighbors." We are overwhelmed at the miracles of God. How important that we, too, who hear about astonishing things take "them to heart', 'lift up [our] heads and see' 'the hand of the Lord'" in them. "[Our] redemption is near at hand!" Wisdom from St. John of Kanty: "Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause."

God Love You!

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