

18TH CENTURY ITALIAN LOUIS XVI CARVED GILTWOOD RELIQUARY MIRROR

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Add a touch of Old World elegance to a mantel, console, or tabletop with this exquisite antique Italian reliquary mirror. Crafted in Italy circa 1780, the decorative religious object is beautifully carved in wood and finished in its original gold leaf, showcasing the refined neoclassical ornamentation characteristic of the Louis XVI period.

The ornate reliquary features an oval center fitted with its original mercury glass, framed by a delicate beaded border. The upper section is crowned with an elaborate pierced ribbon motif, gracefully intertwined and flanked by deeply carved acanthus leaves and scrolling foliage. The sculptural composition rests on a tapered triangular pedestal base embellished with a carved sunburst medallion on the front and supported by three small rounded feet.

Traditionally associated with Catholic devotional practices, reliquaries were designed to preserve and display sacred relics. This decorative example reflects the artistic influence of ecclesiastical furnishings, combining religious inspiration with the graceful proportions and classical motifs of the late 18th century.

The antique giltwood reliquary mirror is in excellent condition commensurate with age and use, retaining its original gold leaf finish with a rich, beautifully aged patina. A wonderful decorative accent for a library, entryway, mantel, or collection of religious antiques.

Dimensions: 12"W x 19"H.

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