



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass

**Monday-Saturday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays  
before both Masses) & First Fridays from  
5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

### Devotions

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6 p.m.,  
preceded by Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration  
with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation  
& Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## LITURGY CORNER: What is Advent?

Advent is the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ, but it also invites us to prepare for his glorious Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, and it includes four Sundays: if the last Sunday falls on December 24<sup>th</sup> then the office of the Vigil of Christmas replaces that of the Fourth Sunday.

Although the penitential character of Advent is not as pronounced as that of Lent, the theme of penance is still present during this season. As during the other periods of the year, the Advent Ember Days (third week of Advent) are traditionally days of fasting, as is the Vigil of Christmas. During Advent, violet vestments are worn and flowers do not decorate the altar (except on feasts, of course, and on Gaudete Sunday, when rose vestments may be worn). At Solemn Mass, the deacon and subdeacon traditionally wear chasubles folded up in the front in place of their normal dalmatic and tunicle, which are joyful vestments. The Gloria is not sung at Advent Masses; the joyful Alleluia is still sung on Sundays (unlike in Lent) but it is not recited on weekday ferias (unlike during the rest of the year). The organ is only used to accompany the singing at Mass, but purely ornamental organ music is omitted in a spirit of penitential sobriety. In the Divine Office, the seasonal Marian antiphon *Alma Redemptoris Mater* is sung.



In the final week of Advent, the singing of the Magnificat at Vespers is accompanied by seven very beautiful antiphons (called the Great “O Antiphons”), applying to Christ various Old Testament titles for the Messiah, which are sung standing. In the mind of the Church, Advent is a reminder for us that the Promised One has truly come, but also that we must prepare for his Second Coming. These antiphons are very ancient, and it is from them that the verses of the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” are derived. They are the highlight of the Church’s novena for the Nativity of Our Lord. The last week of Advent, sometimes called Sapientiatide, takes its name from these Antiphons, the first of which is *O Sapientia*, “O Wisdom from on high.” Taking the first letter of each Antiphon, looking backwards from the Vigil of Christmas, gives the acrostic *Ero cras*, “tomorrow I shall be.”

### **Mass Intentions for 2022**

The Mass book for 2022 is still open. In order to make it possible for everyone to have a chance to submit their Mass intentions, please initially request no more than 12 intentions for the year. Additional requests can be made later, once we see how many openings remain. You can send your Mass intentions and stipend to the church address. Thank you for your understanding if the exact date you requested is not available.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Altar Serving News

- ◆ After the High Mass today, please come to the sacristy (especially torch bearers and “junior” acolytes) to be fitted for a new cassock.
- ◆ New servers are always welcome. All young men and boys of the parish (who have received their First Holy Communion) can be trained to serve at Low Mass, High Mass, and/or Benediction.
- ◆ ATTENTION! All servers or their parents: please contact Canon to let him know which Christmas Mass(es) you will be attending (Midnight Mass, 8:30 a.m. Low Mass, 10:15 a.m. High Mass), so that we can make a roster of servers and make sure all positions are filled for the feast of Our Lord’s Nativity.

### Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has participated so far in the Annual Catholic Appeal. This is an important way for the Oratory to take part in the life of the diocese at large. We still have not quite reached 50% of our goal. If you have not yet participated please consider making an Advent offering, so that we can meet our goal by the new year.

### Christmas Oplatki for Sale

Oplatki (traditional Christmas wafers) are for sale in the narthex and will be available while supplies last. Cost is \$3.

### Christmas Cards and 2022 Institute Calendars

Institute calendars and Christmas cards are available for purchase in the narthex: \$10 per calendar and \$20 per pack of cards.

### Catechism Classes for First Holy Communion

Parents whose children will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year are kindly asked to contact Canon Altieri by e-mail to sign up for the catechism classes that will start after the new year.

*Special Advent Double Issue!*

## Masses This Week

December 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:30 a.m. - Joseph & Anna Adam R.I.P.

*requested by Marian Adam*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Nicholas**

7:45 a.m. - Rod Hamar & Lil Gustilo

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Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Ambrose**

7:45 a.m. - Marie Reyen R.I.P.

*requested by Edward Reyen*

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M.**

{holy day of obligation}

7:45 a.m. - Ed Reyen

*requested by Anna Balash*

6 p.m. - Pro Populo

Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Advent Feria**

7:45 a.m. - Theresa Vecchio & Frank Vecchio

*requested by Joseph Fida*

Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Advent Feria**

7:45 a.m. - in Thanksgiving

*requested by Delimarie Malanao*

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Damasus**

7:45 a.m. - Health & Blessing for Marianne Bell

*requested by Edward Reyen*

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

{called, GAUDETE SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Cathleen Bradford R.I.P.

*requested by Shannon Cirilli*

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee and Refreshments after Mass, with spiritual talk on "The Liturgy of Advent"

*Helpers needed for clean-up afterwards!*

**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Act of Consecration & High Mass at 6 p.m.

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Office of Prime and Christmas Martyrology after Low Mass of the Vigil (around 8:30 a.m.)

Christmas Carols at 11:30 p.m., followed by Procession to the Crib & Midnight Mass

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

CHRISTMAS DAY

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

**Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing of wine in honour of Saint John after Mass

**Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD (New Year's Day)

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Coffee reception after the 10:15 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Epiphany water blessing (details t.b.a.)

**Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

High Mass & chalk blessing at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

Meeting of the Ladies Guild after Mass

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses

Epiphany brunch for Sursum Corda (Institute young adults group, 18-35) after the 10:15 a.m. Mass