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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

Masses This Week

Sunday, March 6th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Joseph & Catherine Monks

requested by Grace Monks

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, March 7th

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Patron of the Institute of Christ the King

7:45 a.m. - Thomistic Institute

requested by Alex Koons

Tuesday, March 8th

Lenten Feria

7:45 a.m. - Roderick Hamar & Lillian Gustilo

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Wednesday, March 9th

Ember Wednesday

7:45 a.m. - Sam Vendetti

requested by June Vendetti

Thursday, March 10th

Lenten Feria

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Thomas Collins

requested by Katie Prendergast

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Friday, March 11th

Ember Friday

7:45 a.m. - Concie Rajammanan

requested by Frank & Desiree Altieri

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 12th

Ember Saturday

7:45 a.m. - R.L. Johnson

requested by Julie Kim

Sunday, March 13th

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Living Members of St. Joseph Branch 19

requested by St Joseph Branch 19

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

TODAY MARCH 6:

Special Second Collection

"Many Apostolates, One Mission"

Please pick up an envelope from the ushers.

Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA!



Upcoming Events

TODAY, March 6th

2nd Collection for the Institute

Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m.

Monday, March 7th

Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, 1st Class

Secondary Patron Saint of the Institute of Christ the King. Plenary indulgence available under the normal conditions.

Saturday, March 12th

ALTAR SERVERS MORNING: **9am** Spiritual Conference, Server Training, on site Recreational Activity, Brown Bag Lunch

Saturday, March 19th

Feast of St. Joseph & Consecration to St. Joseph

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Monday, March 21st

Feast of Saint Benedict, 1st Class

Secondary Patron Saint of the Institute of Christ the King. Plenary indulgence available under the normal conditions.

Lætare Sunday, March 27th

Reception and Potluck in the Church basement after the 10:15 High Mass. Join us and enjoy new-found friendships!



From Canon Michael Stein

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius,

Welcome to Lent! May this Holy Season be the occasion to leave a vice behind, to grow in a needed virtue for our state in life, and to increase our piety.

Please keep in mind the needs of the Institute of Christ the King serving you here and across America. The 2nd collection today is for the U.S. Province. Thank you for your generosity!

Last, but certainly not least: today is Abbé McKown's birthday! Please reassure him of your daily prayers and let us express our heartfelt gratitude for his edifying dedication.

In Christo Rege, Canon Stein

ALTAR SERVERS MORNING

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

Calling all current Servers AND
new/prospective Servers!

Saturday, March 12th join us for an Altar Boy Morning. You are more than welcome to join us for 7:45am Mass and Lauds, but the official start time for the event will be 9am. Pack a Brown Bag Lunch!

Activities will include: spiritual conference, server training, on site recreational activity, brown bag lunch Parents welcomed to stay.

LADIES' GUILD

Dear Members of the Guild,

You have been most patient in waiting for the trimestrial schedule of events to resume.

Every trimester, in theory, we should have a full group gathering that would include a spiritual conference, a list of needed projects, and a recreational activity/outing.

I would like to propose Saturday, March 26th as such a day. Since that is a few weeks from now, I am open to your suggestions as to how we might organize the day.

Grateful for your dedication, Canon Stein

Second Collections Policy

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you know, we are the great lovers of Tradition (with a capital "T") and of traditions (with a lower case "t") & customs. When a custom, however, loses its reason for existence or becomes outdated then we must move on. Having a 2nd collection at every single Sunday Mass has become such a matter. Its original purpose of coming to the aid of paying certain bills is outdated by both the health of the parish and by the marked envelopes that you can simply put in the normal collection. Also, when we have a 2nd collection at every Sunday Mass, it defeats the purpose of having exceptional collections when the need arises, such as those marked by the Diocese or the Institute of Christ the King. Lastly, and most importantly, **there are other things we should be doing after receiving Holy Communion.**

Thus, with the unanimous approval of the Trustees, there will be only exceptional 2nd collections.

Signed, Pastor & the Trustees of the Slovak Roman Catholic Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Bridgeport

In Summary: Today, March 6th, Exceptional 2nd Collection for the Institute of Christ the King (cf. pg 2)

Moving forward, you can simply put 2nd Collection envelopes in the regular collection should you still want to use them.

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR A HOLY SEASON

This Holy Season of Lent, we offer you the opportunity to grow more deeply in the spiritual life with spiritual reading, *The Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales*. Whether you wish to commence a more profound life of grace or progress on the path of the Lord, these books are a perfect means to fulfill your Lenten resolution to advance in holiness!

They are offered at the special price of \$35 for the complete 4-volume set, or \$10 individually, and can be found in the front Vestibule of the Church. *Checks payable to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Oratory*

THANK YOU FROM MSGR. PEKAR

Recently, the clergy of Sts. Cyril and Methodius had the opportunity to visit Msgr. on his 91st birthday.

He is very grateful for all of your prayers and well-wishes. He desired that you know of his continued prayers for all of the faithful at Sts. Cyril and Methodius.

WEEKLY PUBLIC DEVOTIONS

- Every Thursday, 6pm Holy Hour
- Every Friday, 6pm Stations
- Every Sunday, 6pm Sung Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

March 6th 2022

First Sunday of Lent

Coffee Socials and Receptions: a Distinction

In order to facilitate Parish get-togethers and to increase the opportunities for growth as a charitable, spiritual family it is helpful to distinguish between “coffee socials” and “receptions.”

- Receptions, a.k.a. potlucks, are more demanding and require more organization and food.
- A Coffee Social simply means there’s coffee brewed downstairs and some pastries and/or fruit.

Coffee Socials can happen a lot more often and allow the faithful to congregate downstairs and enjoy like-minded conversations and newfound friendships.

COFFEE SOCIAL: TODAY, March 6th **NEXT RECEPTION/POTLUCK: Laetare Sunday, March 27th**

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS, FEAST MARCH 7

SAIN'T THOMAS was born in Roccasecca, Italy in 1225 and died in Fossanuova, Italy in 1274. Known as the *Angelic Doctor*, he is one of the Doctors of the Church, and she holds him in the highest regard for his doctrine, his love of the Truth, and for his profound wisdom. His insights brought the best out of the philosophy of the ancient Greeks putting it at the service of Eternal Word, God Himself.

His profound devotion for the Blessed Sacrament is seen in the Office and Mass of Corpus Christi, which he was commissioned to write by Pope Urban IV to be used by the Universal Church even unto this day. Many think of his writings as dry and incomprehensible, but his poetry speaks to the heart, especially in the hymns *Adoro te, devote* and *Pange lingua*, whose penultimate verse, the *Tantum ergo*, is sung at each Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

He is a patron saint of the Institute of Christ the King for his doctrine, his love of Beauty, which is the splendor of Truth, and his profound devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Francis de Sales, another patron saint of the Institute, quotes him very frequently. He is a model of the religious life, formed by prayer and work, both manual and intellectual.

May he continually intercede for us, helping us to grasp eternal Truths better, and to grow ever more fervent in our devotion, especially to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament!



What are the Prayers that the Altar Boys say together before and after serving Mass?

Server's Prayer BEFORE Mass:

O Jesus, here I am at the foot of Thy altar in order to offer to Thee the best moments of my day, together with my work, my joys, and sorrows.

I am a son of Thy sanctuary. Thou art my God, my beloved Savior. I give to Thee my heart. Grant me an angelic purity in order that I may be worthy to approach Thee.

Grant me the grace to assist at Mass with attention, piety, and recollection. Preserve me from all immature behavior, distractions, and negligence. I want to glorify Thy holy Church. I want to serve Thy priest as I would serve Thee Thyself. May my conduct be edifying for the faithful who are present.

O Virgin Mary, the Lady of altar servers, pray to God for me. My good angel, I entrust myself to thy protection. Amen.

Server's Prayer AFTER Mass:

O Most beloved Jesus, I thank Thee for the privilege of serving at Thy altar. I am very grateful for the gift of Holy Communion and for the joy of serving in Thy sanctuary! Grant me the grace to never forget Thy blessings. Help me to serve Thee in all that I do. May my thoughts, words, and actions always be pleasing to Thee. Amen.

Saint Francis de Sales, pray for us.

Saint Benedict, pray for us.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for us.

Saint John Neumann, pray for us.