

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

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

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

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 22nd

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ★ Catherine R. Callahan requested by Edward Reyen 10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo ** No Vespers or Benediction today **

Monday, May 23rd

Rogation Mass

7:45 a.m. - Dominican Friars of Saint Mary Priory requested by Daniel & Emma Isabel

Tuesday, May 24th Rogation Mass

7:45 a.m. - ♣ Andrew Tschinkel requested by Andrew & Frances Tschinkel

Wednesday, May 25th

Vigil of the Ascension

7:45 a.m. - ♥ Monsignor Joseph Pekar requested by Edwrad Reyen 6:00 p.m. - Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, May 26th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

** holy day of obligation **

7:45 a.m. - ★ Bernadette Mogridge requested by Shannon & Katrina Cirilli 6:00 p.m. - Celebrant's Intention

Friday, May 27th

Saint Bede the Venerable

7:45 a.m. - James A. Redmond requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Saturday, May 28th

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

7:45 a.m. - Health of Odille & Sara Kinani requested by Louis Alanz

Sunday, May 29th

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

8:30 a.m. - ♥ Virginia Barch requested by Mr. & Mrs. F. X. Altiere III 10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo 6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 22nd

** No Vespers or Benediction tonight **

Wednesday, May 26th

ASCENSION EVE

Visit of Msgr. Wach, founder and Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King

6:00 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Come greet Msgr. Wach at the reception in the Parish Hall following the Mass!

Volunteers are needed during the day to clean the church and set up the hall.

Thursday, May 26th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD 7:45 a.m. Low Mass 6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass

Friday, June 3rd

FIRST FRIDAY

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Holy Hour at 5:00 p.m., followed by Low Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Spiritual conference (in the church hall) after the evening Mass: "Explanation of the Ceremonies of the Pentecost Vigil"

Saturday, June 4th

Pentecost Vigil ceremony beginning at 10:15 a.m. Please note that there will not be a 7:45 a.m. Low Mass or public First Saturday devotions. (The church will be open for private prayer an hour before the ceremony.)

June 6th to 10th

Canons away on annual retreat

Thursday, June 16th

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

High Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by outdoor Eucharistic Procession

MAY: MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is dedicated in a particular way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. All throughout this month, vases will be available in front of the statue of Our Lady of Grace so that you can bring fresh flowers.

THE MONTH OF MARY: THE PURIFICATION

Let us meditate attentively upon the virtues of which Mary gives us so moving an example in the mystery of her Purification in the Temple. First of all, what more profound humility can be imagined than that practised by Our Saviour and Our Lady in their visit to the Temple? He comes to be offered, like all the sons of sinful men; she, to be purified like all other women. With regard to our adorable Redeemer, it is of Faith that He, being essential purity, could not be under the obligation of this Law, which was promulgated for sinners. With regard to the Most Holy Virgin, what need had she to purify herself, who, from the instant of her Immaculate Conception, had been endowed with purity so excellent, and with such a fulness of grace, that the highest Seraphim and Cherubim could not be compared to her? And yet, behold, the Son and the Mother, notwithstanding their incomparable purity, present themselves in the Temple, as if they were sinners like other children of Adam! O truly wonderful act of humility! If the value of this act increases in proportion to the dignity of the person who humbles himself, how full of useful instruction to souls tending to perfection is the humility practised by the Sovereign Creator of all things.

He shows us that this virtue was so dear to Him that He preferred death rather than relinquish its practice; for after teaching that there can be no greater love than to give one's life for the object beloved, He lays down His life for the exercise of humility. By submitting to die He, the immortal God, practiced the most excellent and most sublime act of humility that can be conceived. Some persons deceive themselves by regarding humility as a virtue necessary merely to novices and beginners in the spiritual life, and the practice of which can be laid aside after some advance. But our adorable Saviour shows us how erroneous is this opinion, by humbling Himself unto death.

Oh, if we could well understand the necessity of perseverance in this virtue! How many, after beginning well, have miserably fallen away because they did not persevere in the practice of humility! But Jesus Christ did not say he who shall begin, but he who shall persevere until death, shall be saved: *Qui perseveraverit usque in finem hic salvus erit*.

Genuine virtue may be distinguished from that which is only apparent, as true balsam is distinguished from false. Balsam is tested by dropping it into water; if it sinks to the bottom of the vessel it may be considered very pure and precious. We may know if a person be truly prudent, generous and noble, by observing if these virtues tend to make him humble, modest, submissive; for in such a case they are truly valuable gifts; but if they stay only on the

surface, and love to show themselves and to win admiration, they are so far false and counterfeit.

The Angels, and, after them, our first parents, prevaricated through pride. Upon this account, Our Lord, like a wise and loving physician of our souls, applied the remedy to the root of the evil, and came into the world to plant in the place of pride the beautiful and useful virtue of Divine humility, become very necessary on account of the contrary vice being so general. Indeed, so common an evil is pride, that humility can never be sufficiently inculcated; and on this account, our adorable Saviour and our Immaculate Lady would obey the law, not made for them, to teach us to esteem this virtue. For us, who deserve only humiliation and contempt, to abase ourselves is no great thing. However, humiliation acquires an inestimable value when embraced by Jesus Christ and His Most Holy Mother; and this humiliation was continual with them throughout the whole course of their life. Wherefore the Apostle, speaking of the humility of Our Redeemer, said that 'He humbled Himself unto death, even to the death of the Cross' - Humiliavit semitipsum usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. But if we miserable creatures humble ourselves on some slight occasion, we quickly seek by every means in our power to indemnify ourselves for the transient exercise of this virtue, and the very thought of persevering in the practice of it alarms us. We are convinced, it is true, that we are very imperfect, and yet we desire to be looked upon as holy and perfect, notwithstanding the example of Mary, who consented to be clothed in the semblance of a sinner, although confirmed in grace and possessed of a more than angelic purity.

Observe any other daughter of Eve, and see how eagerly she seeks for honour and esteem; and although this defect be common to all mankind in general, it seems to be more marked in the female sex. Now, Our Lady and glorious Mistress is not the Daughter of Eve according to the spirit, but only according to the flesh, and therefore she always persevered in the most profound humility, and could say in her sacred Canticle of the Magnificat that on this account 'All generations would call her blessed' - Beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

How beautiful is it to behold the Holy Virgin presenting herself and the Infant Jesus in the Temple, and making her offering of two doves! Happier is she than all the princes of earth! And what shall I say of the aged Simeon, who takes the Divine Infant in his arms? Let us also embrace Him, let us live and die in these tender embraces. — Father Gaspar Gilli, A Month of Mary according to the Spirit of Saint Francis de Sales

Save the date: Feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday June 16th at 6:00 p.m.

High Mass featuring the *Missa Pange lingua* of Josquin des Prez (c. 1450-1521) and polyphonic motets

Following Mass, there will be an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Four men of the parish will be needed to carry the canopy, and we will require a large number of servers. Feel free to invite your friends!



VISIT OF MONSIGNOR WACH

We look forward to receiving a visit from the Institute's founder and prior general, Monsignor Gilles Wach, who will offer Solemn Mass for the Vigil of the Ascension, Wednesday May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Please sign up to bring refreshments for the brief reception which will follow the Mass.

We hope to see you there!

SEMINARY APPEAL

Thank you very much for your generous participation in the special collection held on Good Shepherd Sunday. Through your beneficence, we were able to raise \$7,328. Your prayers and material support for our seminarians go a long way in preparing a new generation of traditional Catholic priests trained in the spirit of Saint Francis de Sales—so necessary during these trying times!

New Institute Radio Program

Divine Mercy Radio, based out of North Carolina, is announcing a new radio production from the Institute Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

This radio series, called Lessons in Latin: the History of the Parts of the Mass, is a multi-part series sharing the beauty and the history of the parts of the Mass.

You can tune in ON-LINE (Catholic540am.org) or ON-APP (search "Divine Mercy Radio NC").

The program airs at 11:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Eastern time. Tune in on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to hear our program.

The Annual Bishop's Appeal has now begun. This is an important way for the Oratory to take part in the life of the diocese at large and to show our gratitude for the bishop's continued support of our community. If you have not yet participated please consider making an offering.

2022 Bishop's Appeal as of May 6 th	
Parish Goal:	\$11,000
Total Pledged:	\$8,755 (80%)
Donors to Date:	32

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your mobile phone.



May 22nd 2022

Fifth Sunday after Easter