



# 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

## Masses this Week

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

### PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Jesse Butwell  
*requested by Richard & Rita Cleary*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

### Monday of Passion Week

{Saint John of Damascus}

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mark & Marion Denegre  
*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

### Tuesday of Passion Week

{Saint John of Capistrano}

7:45 a.m. - Laurie & Bob Furey  
*requested by J. Kim*

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Catherine Dunne  
*requested by Raymond Dunne*

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

### Thursday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Nelson Family  
*requested by Mary L. Nelson*

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

### Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

{Friday of Passion Week}

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank Berden, Jr.  
*requested by John Tkacik*

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

### Saturday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Encarnacion R. Tudon  
*requested by Gary & Diana Burt*

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - JoEllen & Larry Pline  
*requested by Julie Kim*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

PASSION SUNDAY

Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

*Please see the separate flyer for the complete list of Holy Week service times and confession schedule.*

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Server practice (for Palm Sunday) at 8:45 a.m.

Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Confessions at 6:00 p.m.*

Server practice (for Holy Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

*Confessions at 6:00 p.m.*

Server practice (for Good Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

MAUNDY THURSDAY

*Please use the sheet in the narthex to sign up for a slot of Adoration at the altar of repose (church will be open till 10 p.m.).*

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after both Masses

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion Catechism class after Mass

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Confirmation Catechism class after Mass

### MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT-WASHING

13 men are needed to volunteer to have their foot washed at the Mandatum ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday.

## LITURGY CORNER: What is Passiontide?

The last two weeks of Lent are known as Passiontide: this is the third and final stage of the preparation for Easter that began with Septuagesima and developed with Lent. Passiontide includes two Sundays, known as Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday. The second week of Passiontide is Holy Week, which itself culminates with the Sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The spirit of penance in the liturgy or of *stripping away* intensifies during Passiontide: at Septuagesima, violet vestments were introduced and the *Gloria in excelsis* and *Alleluia* disappeared from the Mass; with Lent, the organ was silenced and flowers no longer decorate the altar, and the deacon and subdeacon traded in their joyful dalmatics for folded chasubles. Now, in this second part of Lent, the joyful Psalm 42 is omitted from the prayers at the foot of the altar, and the *Gloria Patri* is no longer said at its normal place in Mass (after the *Asperges*, at the Introit, at the psalm *Lavabo* when the priest washes his hands). In these last two weeks of Lent, the Lenten Preface is replaced at Mass by the Preface of the Holy Cross (also used on the feasts of the Holy Cross and the Precious Blood), as the thought of Our Lord's impending sufferings comes to fill our mind. *O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God; Who didst establish the salvation of mankind on the tree of the Cross; that whence death came, thence also life might arise again, and that he [the devil], who overcame by the tree, by the tree also might be overcome.* At Vespers we sing the beautiful hymn *Vexilla Regis* in honor of the Cross, the victorious standard of Christianity:

*Vexilla Regis prodeunt;  
Fulget Crucis mysterium,  
Qua Vita mortem pertulit,  
Et morte vitam protulit. ...*

*O Crux, ave, spes unica,  
Hoc Passionis tempore  
Piis adauge gratiam,  
Reisque dele crimina.*

Abroad the regal banners fly,  
Now shines the cross's mystery;  
Upon it Life did death endure,  
And yet by death did life procure. ...

O Cross, our one reliance, hail!  
This holy Passiontide avail  
To give fresh merit to the saint,  
And pardon to the penitent.

The most notable feature of Passiontide, however, is the covering of the images in the church: the crucifixes are all covered and, if it is not possible to cover all the images, at least the ones that adorn the altars or serve as a particular focus of devotion, should be covered. In the Middle Ages, this covering was done in some places at the beginning of Lent, and often a giant curtain, the "Lenten veil," was drawn across the sanctuary during this whole season, to remind us that we have been driven from paradise by Adam's sin, and it will be reopened to us only by Christ's victory over sin and death at Easter (in the liturgy, the nave, the place where the people sit, represents the Church on earth, and the sanctuary represents heaven). The veiling of the images is also a reference to the Gospel of Passion Sunday: "They therefore took up stones to cast at Him; but *Jesus hid Himself*, and went out from the temple" (John 8:59). The cross is unveiled liturgically on Good Friday, and if any other images had been veiled, they are uncovered during the *Gloria* at the Easter Vigil, as the bells are rung.

### "ONE IN CHRIST" - The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2023 has now begun. This is an excellent opportunity for Lenten almsgiving. It is also a concrete way for the Oratory to participate in the life of the diocese and to express our gratitude to the bishop for establishing the Oratory and for his ongoing support. Envelopes will be available soon in church if you have not already received one at home. So far, we have reached 30% of our goal.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit: [2023BishopsAppeal.org](https://2023BishopsAppeal.org),  
or call (203) 416-1470 or scan the code with your mobile 'phone.



## We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next social hour. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 5 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Please hold all conversations outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

### ALTAR BOY PRACTICES

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:45 a.m.**  
*for Palm Sunday*

**Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
*for Holy Thursday*

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
*for Good Friday*

*A practice for the Easter Vigil will be held before the ceremony on Holy Saturday itself.*

### SOLEMN CHORAL VESPERS

**Today, Passion Sunday, at 6:00 p.m.**

featuring the *Vexilla Regis* of Antoine Brumel (+1512), a *Magnificat secundi toni* of Orlando di Lasso (+1594), and the *Ave Regina caelorum* of Francesco Soriano (+1621)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.**

After the Stations, there will be the veneration of the relic of the Cross and time for confessions



March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

Passion Sunday