



# 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

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

Palm Sunday

## Masses this Week

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

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

**Monday of Holy Week**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Grace Tvardzik

*requested by Grace Monks*

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

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Marion K. & George Payne

*requested by George & Nancy Whitmore*

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Spy Wednesday**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Elaine Tourigny

*requested by Jacob Tourigny*

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

12 noon - Priests & Seminarians of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

*requested by Canon Altieri*

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**GOOD FRIDAY**

12 noon - "Mass of the Presanctified"

{*The holy sacrifice is not offered on this day - no intention* }

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER VIGIL**

3:00 p.m. - Karina McMahon

*requested by Paul McMahon*

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

**EASTER SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. - Helen & Joe Dlugos

*requested by Joe Dlugos*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

*Palms will be available later on for those who were not able to attend the Blessing & Solemn Mass.*

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.

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

*After morning Mass, volunteers are needed to set up the church hall for the Mandatum ceremony.*

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Thursday)

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

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

12 noon - Solemn Mass, Procession, Vespers & Stripping of the Altars (Adoration until 10 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. - Mandatum ceremony (in church hall)

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Friday)

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

**GOOD FRIDAY**

12 noon - Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

5:30 p.m. - Confessions

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

7:00 p.m. - Tenebræ (Matins & Lauds of Saturday)

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**HOLY SATURDAY**

2:00 to 2:30 p.m. - Confessions

3:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

*followed by Blessing of Easter baskets - Compline*

*(Please drop off baskets on the designated table BEFORE the Vigil ceremony and collect afterwards.)*

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

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Blessing of Easter eggs after both Masses—please place them on the designated table before Mass.*

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after both Masses

Octave of Easter: April 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. (confessions *afterwards*)

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

First Holy Communion Catechism class at 9:00 a.m.

# The Symbolism of the Beasts of Palm Sunday

*excerpt from a sermon by Saint Francis de Sales*

The ancient Fathers are not in agreement as to whether Our Lord rode on the ass or on the colt, and there is a great diversity of opinions among the Doctors on this subject, but it is not a point to be discussed in this place. The majority of the ancient Fathers maintain that Our Lord mounted both the ass and the colt on which no one had ever ridden (Mark 11:2). Others disagree, and each tries to give reasons to prove his own case. For myself, I agree with those who think that our Master mounted both the ass and the colt—not both at the same time, but first one and then the other. Some say that the ass represents the Jewish people, and the colt, the Gentiles. This is certainly not without foundation since, as they remark, the ass had already borne burdens and the colt had borne nothing, just as God had already “burdened” the Jewish people with His Law, while the Gentiles had not yet received it. Since Our Lord was coming to impose His yoke upon the Gentiles, He mounted the colt (Mark 11:7). I find this very touching. But let us return to the reasons why our Saviour chose these animals to mount.

The first is because of its humility. The ass, though heavy, sluggish and lazy, has great humility. It is neither proud nor vain; in this it is unlike the haughty horse. Is not a vain and proud man compared to a horse (Psalm 31: 9), which is fiery and arrogant? Not only does it kick, but it also bites, and is sometimes so furious that none dare approach it. When the rider mounts it, it pricks up its ears, as if to hear what is said of it. It raises its head, tosses its mane and tail, and even excites vanity in the man who rides it! No sooner does he hear his horse’s hoofs on the pavement than he straightens himself up proudly, raises his head, and looks around to see if there are any ladies at the windows admiring him! Indeed, which is more vain—the horse or its rider? Oh, how foolish and childish all this is!

Now Our Lord, who was humble and came to destroy pride, chose not to use this proud animal to carry Him. He chose the most simple and the most humble of all animals because He so loved lowliness and humility that only a humble mount could serve Him. God dwells and abides only in the simple and humble of heart (Isaias 57:15). Wishing to show His esteem for this virtue, He chose lowliness and abjection for the day of His triumph. He emptied and humbled Himself. He would not have been humiliated and despised by others except He willed it. He Himself emptied Himself, choosing abjection. He who was the Father’s equal in all things, without ceasing to remain what He was, chose to be the reproach and outcast of the people (Psalm 21:7; Isaias 53:3). Though humbled in this way, He nevertheless could affirm His equality with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for He was, with them, one Substance, one Power and one Wisdom. Nor did our Blessed Saviour do a disservice to the truth when in the very depth of His contempt and humiliations He said: “The Father and I are equal in power; the Spirit and I are equal in goodness. We are but one Power, one Wisdom, and one Goodness.” For in all ways They were equal. While in this glory, He humbled Himself, in entering Jerusalem not on a horse or other conveyance, but on an ass and a colt, which were covered only with the poor mantles of His Apostles.



## MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT-WASHING

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

## “ONE IN CHRIST” - 2023 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal for 2023 has now begun. Envelopes are now available in church. Your participation helps our parish!

## 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 social hour on Low Sunday. 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).

### BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

EASTER BASKETS (containing butter, meat, bread, etc.) will be blessed after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday (please drop off your basket no later than 2:45 p.m. and place it on the table by the Sacred Heart statue). Along with the parish's Easter Lamb, EASTER EGGS (only) will be blessed after Mass on Easter Sunday. Decorating Easter eggs is a wonderful family activity for Holy Saturday — then bring them to church the next day for blessing!

### ALTAR BOY PRACTICES

**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.*

### HELP WITH EASTER EGG HUNT

Can anyone bring “obstacles” (rocks, logs, etc.) for the Easter egg hunt (to be delivered by Holy Saturday)? Volunteers will be needed before both Masses on Easter Sunday to place the eggs on the lawn. Please contact Canon!



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Good Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

Because of Tenebræ (7:00 p.m.), confessions will be held at **5:30 p.m.** and NOT after the Stations.



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