

# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

*A Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right – Living the Truth in Charity*

## SAINT PATRICK ORATORY

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 13, AD 2022

#### MASS TIMES

**Sunday:** 8:30am Low Mass  
10:30am High Mass  
**Monday to Saturday:** 8:00am Low Mass

#### CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass **EVERY DAY**  
& **DURING** each weekly Holy Hour of Adoration

#### Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

**Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz,**  
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute  
**Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico,** Provincial  
Superior of the Institute's U.S. Province

#### DEVOTIONS

**17th-25th of each Month:** Novena to the Infant King  
**Wednesday:** Litany to St. Joseph after 8am Mass  
**Friday:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm  
**First Friday:** additional Mass at 6pm preceded by  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5pm  
**Saturday** (except 1st Saturday): Prayers to our Mother  
of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass  
**First Saturday:** after Holy Mass, Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Benediction with  
Spiritual Conference (unless an announcement  
indicates otherwise)

#### Clergy and Staff of Saint Patrick Oratory

**Rev. Canon Joel Estrada** Pastor & Rector  
**Abbé Kevin Kerscher** Pastoral Assistant &  
Clerical Oblate  
**David Hughes** Organist & Choirmaster

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**  
**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK IS FOR**  
**HOLY MOTHER CHURCH &**  
**ST. JOSEPH & ST. BENEDICT**

**Sunday, March 13**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30am Low Mass - † Rev. Fr. Thomas Hickey  
 (2nd. anniv.), by Stefanczyk family  
 10:30am High Mass - † Rev. Fr. Thomas Hickey  
 (2nd. anniv.), by John Foege  
 6pm Vespers & Benediction

**Monday, March 14**

**Feria of Lent**

8am Low Mass - Peter Mulville, by Colleen Poole

**Tuesday, March 15**

**Feria of Lent**

8am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

**Wednesday, March 16**

**Feria of Lent**

8am Low Mass - Jonathan Galotti,  
 by Cunningham family

**Thursday, March 17**

**ST. PATRICK (Titular Feast of the Church)**

8am Low Mass - Special Intention  
 6pm Solemn Mass - Deceased Pastors &  
 Parishioners of Saint Patrick Church

**Friday, March 18**

**Feria of Lent**

8am Low Mass - † Mary Burrows,  
 by Sharon R. Szczerba  
 5pm Holy Hour of Adoration  
 6pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration of Relic  
 of the True Cross

**Saturday, March 19**

**ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8am High Mass & Consecration - Minor &  
 Shaheen family members birthday blessings,  
 by family E. Minor

**Sunday, March 20**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*  
 10:30am High Mass - † Judi Colodonato,  
 by Sebestyen family  
 6pm Vespers & Benediction

**St. Patrick Church Donations**

Week of March 6: **\$7,176.70**

Please mail or drop off your regular offertory envelopes to  
 Saint Patrick rectory or donate securely online at  
[www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory](http://www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory)  
 We truly depend on your help and assistance for the  
 upkeep of our church & operations.  
*May God reward your generosity!*

Please write your donation to **“SAINT PATRICK PARISH”**

**Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales**

*Patron Saint of the Institute of Christ the King*

**“Make yourself familiar with the angels and  
 behold them frequently in spirit; for without  
 being seen, they are present with you.”**

- Mar. 13** Confirmation Class after 10:30am Sunday Mass
- Mar. 15** St. Patrick Men’s Association Rosary & Conference Night starting at 6:30pm
- Mar. 16** **CANCELLED** Catechism Class at 5:30pm in Saint Patrick’s Hall
- Mar. 17** **Titular Parish Feast of Saint Patrick, 1st Class**, 8am Low Mass & 6pm **Solemn High Mass**
- Mar. 18** 5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 19** Feast of St. Joseph, 8am High Mass, Litany, & Consecration
- Mar. 20** Coffee & Doughnut Social after the 10:30am Mass
- Mar. 21** 1st Class Feast of St. Benedict, patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence Available
- Mar. 23** **Connecticut March for Life, Rally** starts at 12noon in front of the Capitol (North Side) 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford
- Mar. 25** **Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady**, 8am Low Mass, **4:30pm** Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, & **6pm** High Mass
- Mar. 26** **Lætare Saturday Saint Patrick Irish Dinner** at 5pm in St. Patrick’s Hall, you must have reserved and paid for your seats by Mar. 6 deadline
- Mar. 27** **Confirmation Examinations** after 10:30am Sunday Mass
- Apr. 1** **1st Friday: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE**  
**4:30pm** Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, **6pm** High Mass
- Apr. 2** **1st Saturday:** 8am High Mass followed by devotions & conference
- Apr. 3** 1st Communion Catechism after 10:30am Sunday High Mass
- Apr. 6** **“Organ at the Oratory” Recital Series** at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
- Apr. 8** 5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross
- Apr. 10** Palm Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am Blessing of Palms, Procession, & High Mass
- Apr. 17** Easter Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am High Mass & Benediction, (no Vespers)
- Apr. 24** 8:30am Low Mass & 10:30am Confirmations followed by Mass and Reception in the Hall
- May 1** **“Organ at the Oratory” Recital Series** at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
- May 7** **1st Friday**, 5pm Adoration & Confessions followed by 6pm High Mass
- May 8** **1st Saturday**, 8am High Mass followed by devotions & conference

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Consider that in the Transfiguration of Our Lord, His witnesses, Saints Peter, James and John were transformed in some way; they had a glimpse of a glory as would come to them after their life of fidelity to God, through hardships and trials.

Our Lord had told the apostles of His coming Passion before He gave them this encouraging experience of seeing the Transfiguration. Christ as man had the glory of the beatific vision from the first instant of His existence in Mary's womb. But He was not to have the "overflow of heavenly glory into His body" until His Resurrection from the dead.

In the Transfiguration, our Lord showed by way of anticipation the clarity of His bodily glory. This was the essential clarity of true heavenly glory, here manifested in a new mode, that is, as miraculously produced. In the glory following the Resurrection, the clarity of the glorified body is not a miracle; it belongs to the glorified body as such.

Our Lord chose as witnesses to the Transfiguration, not only the three Apostles, but Moses and Elias who appeared visibly.

As at the baptism of Christ by St. John, so here on the mountain of Transfiguration, the voice of God the Father proclaimed the divine Sonship of Christ. The baptism of Christ by St. John foretold the true baptism which brings grace; the Transfiguration foretold the triumph of grace in glory. Both grace and glory are available to man, but only through the Son of God who became man. Hence it is notably suitable that the divinity of Christ should be divinely proclaimed on these two occasions: the baptism by St. John, and the Transfiguration on the mount. (reflection of the *Summa Theologiae*, IIIa. Q. 45)

St. Francis de Sales saw the Transfiguration as a "glimpse of heaven." During this season of Lent, may our eyes, our minds and our hearts be transfigured and transformed. May we see more clearly the glory of a God who always loves us, who redeems us, who heals us, who forgives us, who challenges us, who pursues us, who strengthens us and who inspires us. May we grow in our ability, through the quality of our lives, to make that "glimpse of heaven" visible in the lives of others.

"The more you know and the better you understand, the more severely will you be judged, unless your life is also the more holy. Do not be proud, therefore, because of your learning or skill. Rather, fear because of the talent given you. (from *Imitation of Christ*)"

## LENTEN REGULATIONS TO OBSERVE

1. **Ash Wednesday** (March 2, AD 2022) and **Good Friday** (April 15, AD 2022) are days of **COMPLETE ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND ARE ALSO DAYS OF FAST**, that is, only one full meal is allowed with no eating between meals. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs but they together should not equal that of the full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (unless a 1st class feast, ie. solemnity, falls on Friday, per canon 1251)
3. The obligation to **abstain from meat** binds on all who have reached the age of 14.
4. The obligation to **fast** binds all between the ages of 18 and 59.
5. Unless there is a just reason, the obligation to do penance is a serious one and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself from this obligation in the Lenten season. **Practices of Lenten penances and acts of mortification, increased devotion and prayer, and acts of mercy, charity and almsgiving, are worthy elements of our preparation for Easter.**
6. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year (outside of the Lenten season), though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **"especially recommended"**.
7. Fasting on weekdays of Lent, though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **"strongly recommended"** (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 18, 1966).
8. Catholics, after having received their 1st Holy Communion, are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday).
9. Catholics are also bound to confess mortal sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. We must be well disposed to receive our Lord each time at Holy Communion and therefore **it is strongly recommended to go to confession frequently (at least once a month).**

## St. Philip Neri & the Chicken

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who lived in the 16th Century. Known as the “Third Apostle of Rome” after St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Philip Neri was a saintly priest.

One day a woman visited St. Philip Neri. Known for her wicked tongue and gossip, often stirring up the pot sharing other peoples’ faults, St. Philip gave her some money to go buy a chicken at the store. After the chicken was killed, St. Philip asked her, as she walked back, to pluck all the feathers off the chicken. The woman was delighted that the saintly St. Philip had asked her to do something for him. She went to buy the chicken, got it and as she walked back to St. Philip, she plucked every feather off and when arrived, handed him a freshly plucked chicken. He thanked her and then asked her another favor. “Now go back once more, and gather all the feathers of the chicken you just plucked.” She objected, “That is impossible, Father. The wind has scattered the feathers in every direction.” Then St. Philip Neri responded, “Let this be a lesson for you, for it is exactly the same with your wicked words. Just as the chicken feathers have been scattered by the wind in every direction, so have your wicked words been scattered in every direction by other people, repeating your stories!” Let us remember this story when we are tempted to repeating to others what they did not need to hear about a situation. Here St. Paul gave sound advice centuries earlier than St. Philip Neri, “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may import grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Ghost of God... Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:29-31)

The next time we are about share information that could hurt another person’s reputation (even if it is true) let us think of the plucked chicken with its feathers everywhere and God asking us to retrieve every last feather that the wind of gossip has scattered. Gossip hurts everyone.

## FROM THE RECTOR’S SCRIPTORIUM, REVEREND CANON JOEL JOSEPH ESTRADA

Dear Faithful of Saint Patrick Oratory,

**Please join us for our Church’s titular feast of Saint Patrick this Thursday, March 17. Please remember we are consecrating our church to Saint Joseph on his feast day this March 19. Venite!**

During Lent we face a daily struggle and there are many rocks blocking our path. Recalling the Gospel of today, we must struggle to ascend our personal Mount Tabor; we must fight for our personal transfiguration. This is why it is so important to be frequently healed by confession and abundantly fed by Holy Communion. We can go both up and down a slope. We can spiritually progress, but we can also spiritually regress. We can be transfigured by the love of God or we can be disfigured by the attachment to sin. Like progress, regress is not sudden and dramatic; regress is a slope, a slippery slope. Let us take heart, let us remember that being discouraged during Lent may be just the result of the human condition or it may be the devil trying to lead us away from God and into despair. A bit of difficulty in keeping a good Lent is not unusual. But a victory without battle is not a victory. It is why we ask for God’s help and we trust Him to give the graces that are necessary.

Remember the penances we need to practice for this season of Lent. Penance consists in contrition of the soul and mortification of the body. The soul has willed the sin; the body has cooperated in its commission. Also, the body will share with the soul either the delights of heaven or the torments of hell. Therefore both should pay homage to the Creator. The soul must be resolved to give up every sin; it must heartily grieve over those already committed; it must hate sin and shun the near occasions of sin. Penance has more than atoning value. When our own little crosses are borne in union with the suffering Savior, we truly help Christ in uniting ourselves closer to Him. Let us take heart, keep the faith, and make a good Lent!