

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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

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FOURTH “LÆTARE” SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 27, 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

Sunday, March 27

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8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

10:30am High Mass - Cerullo family,
by Dana Caro-Herman

6pm Vespers & Benediction

Monday, March 28

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - Carlisa Caro, Dana Caro-Herman,
Renee Beecher, by Colleen Poole

Tuesday, March 29

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - Rejeunne & Raymond Lemieux,
by Francine Andros

Wednesday, March 30

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - †† Frank & Sebastiana Anastasio,
by Sharon R. Szczerba

Thursday, March 31

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - Matt Wood, by Joanna Czaderna

1st Friday, April 1

Sacred Heart of Our Lord

8am Low Mass - Deceased of the Courcy family,
by Steve Bury

4:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

5:30pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration of
Relic of the True Cross

6pm High Mass - Fr. William Evans & family,
by Dana Caro-Herman

1st Saturday, April 2

Immaculate Heart of Mary

8am Low Mass - Price family intentions,
by Scott & Suzanne Price

Sunday, April 3

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30am Low Mass - Gary Beecher, Jr.,
by Beecher family

10:30am High Mass - *Pro Populo*

5:30pm "Organ at the Oratory" Recital

6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations

Week of March 20: **\$4,213.20**

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
We truly depend on your help and assistance for the
upkeep of our church & operations.

May God reward your generosity!

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Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

Patron Saint of the Institute of Christ the King

**"Do not attempt to combat by argument the
little temptations that arise; instead, simply
bring your heart back to Jesus Christ
crucified."**

- 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, breakfast (if there are able volunteers),
& conference
- Apr. 2** After 1st Saturday Conference, veiling of statues
in the church (volunteers are requested)
- Apr. 3** 1st Communion Examinations after 10:30a
Sunday Mass
- Apr. 3** **"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. 19** St. Patrick Men's Association Rosary & Conference
Night starting at 6:30pm
- Apr. 23** Confirmation students confession & rehearsal after
8am Mass
- Apr. 24** 8:30am Low Mass & 10:30am Confirmations
followed by Mass & Reception in the Hall
- May 1** 1st Communion Catechism after 10:30am Sunday
High Mass
- May 1** **"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series** at 5:30pm
followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
- May 6** **1st Friday,** 5pm Adoration & Confessions
followed by 6pm High Mass
- May 7** **1st Saturday:** 8am High Mass followed by
devotions, breakfast (if there are able volunteers),
& conference
- May 21** 1st Communion students 1st Confessions &
Rehearsal after 8am Mass
- May 22** May Crowning & 1st Communion Mass starting at
10:30am followed by Reception

4th Sunday of Lent: the 5 Loaves

We find this Sunday called in several ancient documents, the Sunday of the Five Loaves. The miracle alluded to in this title not only forms an essential portion of the Church's instructions during Lent, but it also is an additional element of today's joy. We forget for an instant the coming Passion of the Son of God, to give our attention to the greatest of the benefits He has bestowed on us; for under the figure of these Loaves multiplied by the power of Jesus, our Faith sees that Bread which came down from heaven, and giveth life to the world. "The Pasch," says our Evangelist, "was near at hand;" and in a few days our Lord will say to us: "With desire have I desired to eat this Pasch with you." Before leaving this world to go to His Father, Jesus desires to feed the multitude that follows Him; and in order to do this, He displays His omnipotence. Well may we admire that creative power, which feeds five thousand men with five loaves and two fishes, and in such wise, that even after all have partaken of the feast as much as they would, there remain fragments enough to fill twelve baskets. Such a miracle is, indeed, an evident proof of Jesus' mission; but He intends it as a preparation for something far more wonderful; He intends it as a figure and a pledge of what He is soon to do, not merely once or twice, but every day, even to the end of time; not only for five thousand men, but for the countless multitudes of believers. Think of the millions who, this very year, are to partake of the banquet of the Pasch; and yet, He whom we have seen born in Bethlehem (the House of Bread), He is to be the nourishment of all these guests; neither will the Divine Bread fail. We are to feast as did our fathers before us; and the generations that are to follow us, shall be invited as we now are, to come and taste how sweet is the Lord.

But observe, it is in a desert place (as we learn from St. Matthew) that Jesus feeds these men, who represent us Christians. They have quitted the bustle and noise of cities in order to follow Him. So anxious are they to hear His words, that they fear neither hunger nor fatigue; and their courage is rewarded. A like recompense will crown our labors—our fasting and abstinence—which are now more than half over. Let us, then, rejoice, and spend this day with the light-heartedness of pilgrims who are near the end of their journey. The happy moment is advancing, when our soul, united and filled with her God, will look back with pleasure on the fatigues of the body, which, together with our heart's compunction, have merited for her a place at the Divine Banquet.

The primitive Church proposed this miracle of the multiplication of the loaves as a symbol of the Eucharist, the Bread that never fails. We find it frequently represented in the paintings of the Catacombs and on the bas-reliefs of the ancient Christian tombs. The Fishes, too, that were given together with the Loaves, are represented on these venerable monuments of our faith; for the early Christians considered the Fish to be the symbol of Christ, because the word Fish, in Greek, is made up of five letters, each of which is the initial of these words: Jesus Christ, Son (of) God, Savior. (Dom Prosper Gueranger)

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).**

Lætare Sunday: Rejoice!

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as “Lætare Sunday,” from the opening words of the Introit (entrance hymn) – “Rejoice.” You will note the rose colored vestments—a little less somber than the violet worn for most of Lent. The color change indicates that Lent is about half over, and suggests that it is a good day to take a “breather” from the Lenten exercises, and then to get back to it on Monday, making the best Lent you can until Easter Sunday.

At this midpoint of Lent, how are we doing? Have we lived up to the Lenten promises we made on Ash Wednesday? Or, have we failed on some of those promises? The beauty of these 40 days, and really our entire lifetime journey of faith, is that when we fall, our Lord Jesus Christ helps us get up. If we have messed up on our Lenten promises, we must pick ourselves up and try again. And, the place where we can all start, no matter where we are in our journey, is to strive today, and every day, fulfilling our call to love like Christ.

“Lætare”—rejoice not so much that Lent is half over, but that we are much closer to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection! During this period of Lent we should visit the Blessed Sacrament more often. He is always there, in the tabernacle, waiting for us. We can also make what is called a “Spiritual Communion” by desiring to receive Him if it were possible. On Lætare Sunday, because we have hope in Jesus, we rejoice; we have been freed from sin by Christ and we are moving with Jesus toward eternal life; from now on we can see our existence with joy!

As we see the real presence of Christ before us and come up to receive Him, let us reflect on this His love, in His very flesh and blood, given to us on the cross when He surrendered His life for ours. Then, let us take that real presence of Christ we receive today outside of the doors of our church and be the love of Christ to every person God puts within our path.

Let us be encouraged by Saint Francis de Sales: “Let us await our advancement with patience, and instead of disquieting ourselves because we have so little profited in the time past let us diligently endeavor to do better in the time to come.”

**FROM THE RECTOR'S SCRIPTORIUM,
REVEREND CANON JOEL JOSEPH ESTRADA**

Dear Faithful of Saint Patrick Oratory,

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.

Saint Patrick, pray for us.