



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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**Office Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)

### 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 6:00 p.m.

**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

{*Saint Teresa of Avila*}

8:30 a.m. - Julie Kim

*requested by Julie Kim*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint Hedwig**

7:45 a.m. - Julie Kim

*requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline*

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque**

7:45 a.m. - Kara Barnard

*requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline*

Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint Luke the Evangelist**

7:45 a.m. - K.L. Obenauf

*requested by Julie Kim*

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint Peter of Alcantara**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Bonifacio T. Malanao

*requested by Gemma Malanao*

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint John Cantius**

7:45 a.m. - Joseph & Domenic DeBiase

*requested by June Vendetti*

Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Lady on Saturday**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ George & Leone Whitmore

*requested by George & Nancy Whitmore*

Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **VOTIVE MASS OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH**

{*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ James "Hooker" McMahon

*requested by Paul McMahon*



## Upcoming Events

*Unfortunately Canon has laryngitis and is unable to speak above a whisper. The Sunday 10:15 a.m. Mass today will once again be a Low Mass with organ and motets instead of the usual High Mass. You will find today's sermon as a bulletin insert.*

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

No Vespers or Benediction

October—Month of the Holy Rosary

Daily Rosary devotions (Monday to Friday) will begin as soon as Canon recovers his voice!

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

Adult Theology class in the church hall at 7:00 p.m.

*Theme: "The Life of Grace"*

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

*Titular feast of the Institute—plenary indulgence*

After the 10:15 a.m. High Mass, there will be an indoor Eucharistic procession and the Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart, followed by Benediction

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

ALL SAINTS DAY {*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

November 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

Prayer visits to local cemeteries after daily Masses

*Please feel free to make suggestions for sites!*

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

ALL SOULS DAY

Low Masses at 7:45 a.m. & 8:25 a.m.

High Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

ALL SAINTS PARTY

During the social hour after High Mass, children are invited to dress as their favorite saint

November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup>

Novena of the Immaculate Conception

*Sermon every day by a visiting guest preacher*

## DIocese of BRIDGEPORT 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The diocese of Bridgeport, having been founded in 1953 (out of part of the archdiocese of Hartford), is celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment this year. Bishop Caggiano is leading the diocesan celebrations in thanksgiving for this event, which will also be commemorated in every parish in the diocese. This is an opportunity for us to pray for His Excellency and for the entire diocese, in particular for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life; for the return of lapsed Catholics to the



practice of the sacraments; and for an increase in conversions to the Catholic faith. Next week-end the diocesan-wide celebrations will take place, and that Sunday we will accordingly celebrate a Votive Mass for the Dedication of a Church, followed by the act of consecration of the diocese to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.



**Sat, October 28th – 4:00-7:00pm**  
*Al Fresco at the Italian Center in Stamford*

Everyone is invited – families, young adults, older adults, children – to a joy-filled evening of faith, food, and fellowship!

Joe Heschmeyer, of Catholic Answers, will give a talk on the Eucharist (yes, it really is Jesus!). Tickets are available here: <https://Octoberfest2023.givesmart.com>.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

*If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay careful attention to these guidelines, which are intended to promote the common good and to facilitate the very complicated work of scheduling. The pastor is morally bound to see to it that all our parishioners have the same opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and personal intentions, which is the reason for the directives explained below. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by these norms.*

- ◆ We are still accepting Mass intentions for the calendar year 2024.
- ◆ Please make sure only to **use the special forms** which are available in church in order to fill out your Mass requests.
- ◆ For the time being, we are only able to accept Mass intentions from regular parishioners.
- ◆ In the first round of scheduling, there is a **strict limit of 10 (ten) Mass intentions per household**. If a greater number is submitted, all the requested intentions will be returned. After the new year, we will inform you in the bulletin if there are any remaining available spots for 2024.
- ◆ You may request specific dates, which will be accommodated to the extent possible, but we cannot make any promises about dates.
- ◆ It is not possible to reserve multiple Sundays.
- ◆ As a spiritual good, there is no “price” for a Mass. However, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, Mass offerings are used for the material support of the clergy. Therefore, a **minimum stipend of \$10** is suggested per Mass.
- ◆ It is not possible to request a Mass by 'phone or e-mail. No Mass will be scheduled until the **written request and accompanying Mass offering** are received in the office. These may be submitted in the collection basket, by mail, or by coming in person to the office during office hours.

# A Prayer for the Synod

by *Bishop Athanasius Schneider*



ORD JESUS CHRIST, Our God and Saviour, You are the Head of the Church, Your spotless Bride and Mystical Body. Look mercifully upon the profound distress to which Our Holy Mother Church has been subjected. Doctrinal confusion, moral abomination, and liturgical abuse have, in our day, reached an unprecedented height. “The heathens have come into your inheritance, having defiled your holy temple, and laid Jerusalem in ruins” (Ps 79:1). Churchmen who have lost the true Faith and become promoters of a worldly globalist agenda, are intent on changing Your truths and Commandments, the Divine Constitution of the Church, and the Apostolic tradition.

O Lord, with humble spirit and contrite heart we beseech You, prevent the enemies of the Church from exulting in a victory over the authentic Catholic Church obtained by imposing a counterfeit church under the guise of “synodality.” Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to the aid of Your Church with Your almighty strength. For where sin and apostasy in the Church abounds, the victory of Your grace will abound the more.

We firmly believe that the gates of Hell will not prevail against Your Church. In this hour, in which our beloved and holy Mother Church is suffering her Golgotha, we promise to remain with her. Graciously accept our interior and exterior sufferings, which we humbly offer in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, as a reparation for our own sins and for the sins of sacrilege and apostasy within the Church.

O Lord, send forth your Holy Angels under the command of Saint Michael the Archangel, to bring your heavenly light to the Pope and synod participants, and to frustrate the plans of your enemies within the synod assembly. O Lord, look mercifully upon the little ones in the Church, look upon the hidden souls who sacrifice themselves for the Church, look upon all the tears, sighs and supplications of the true children of the Church, and through the merits of the Immaculate Heart of Your Most Holy Mother, arise, O Lord, and by Your intervention grant Your Church holy shepherds who, imitating Your example, will give their lives for You and Your sheep. O Lord, we beseech You: Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us a holy Pope, zealous in promoting and defending the Catholic Faith, we implore You, grant it! Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us holy and intrepid bishops, we implore You, grant it! Through the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us holy priests, who are men of God, we implore You, grant it! In You, O Lord, we rest our hope: let us never be put to shame. To You, O Lord Jesus Christ, be given all honour and glory in Your Holy Church. You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit: God, forever and ever. Amen.

