



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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## *Church of Saints Cyril & Methodius*

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### Clergy & Staff

#### **Institute of Christ the King**

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Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)

### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass  
**Monday-Friday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass  
**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

### Regular Devotions

**Every Thursday:** Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.  
**First Friday:** Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Masses this Week

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

### ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Joseph G. & Anna Adam  
*requested by Marian Adam*

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Saint Bibiana

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Ghassan Kinani & Family  
*requested by Louis Alanz & Sara Kinani*

Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Saint Francis Xavier

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John Tvardzik Brent  
*requested by Grace Monks*

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Peter Chrysologus

7:45 a.m. - Rebecca Johnson  
*requested by J. Kim*

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

### Votive Mass of Jesus, Eternal High Priest

7:45 a.m. - Special Intention  
*requested by Colleen M. McCarty*

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Nicholas

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Leo Whitmore  
*requested by George & Nancy Whitmore*

### Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. - Christopher, Dennis & Matthew Pryor  
*requested by Linda Pryor*

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

### Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Marie Reyen  
*requested by Edward Reyen*

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY

{*Second Sunday of Advent*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo  
10:15 a.m. - Jude, Gerard, Joe, Simon,  
Janelle, Michael & Dominic  
*requested by Jude Manoni*



## Upcoming Events

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

NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Sermon every day by a visiting guest preacher  
\* Make plans to attend and to invite your friends \*  
*Confessions 30 minutes before each Novena service*

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

ADVENT SUNDAY {"Invite-a-Friend Sunday"}  
Solemn Mass with guest celebrant & preacher  
Father Richard Cipolla, followed by social hour  
*Advent book sale in the church hall*  
\*\* Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m. \*\*

Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Solemn "First Mass" of Canon Paul McKown with  
Novena sermon at 6:00 p.m., followed by First  
Blessings of a newly ordained priest and reception  
in the church hall  
*Please sign up to bring refreshments for the reception*

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY  
Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

ADVENT EMBER DAYS  
Traditionally days of fast and abstinence

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Solemn "O Antiphon" Vespers & Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m., followed by  
reception with seasonal treats in the church hall

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

CHRISTMAS EVE  
Office of Prime after the morning Mass

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Annual young adults Epiphanytide brunch hosted  
by Canon Altieri

**Adult Theology Class**  
*will resume after the new year*

## REMAINING NOVENA SERMONS

✠ **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> • 10:15 a.m.** *Solemn Mass & Sermon* ✠  
Father Richard Cipolla • “Our Lady of Guadalupe”  
*After Mass: join us downstairs in the church hall for Sunday coffee hour*

✠ **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> • 6:00 p.m.** *Sermon & Benediction* ✠  
Father Joseph Gill • “Our Lady of Good Success”

✠ **Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> • 6:00 p.m.** *Sermon & Benediction* ✠  
Father Brian Gannon • “Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal”

✠ **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 p.m.** *Sermon & Benediction* ✠  
Father Columba Thomas, O.P. • “Our Lady of Lourdes”

✠ **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 p.m.** *Sermon & Benediction* ✠  
Father Colin Blatchford • “Our Lady of Champion”

✠ **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> • 6:00 p.m.** *Solemn Mass & Sermon* ✠  
Canon Paul McKown, I.C.R.S.S. • “Our Lady of Pontmain”  
*After Mass: First Blessings of a newly ordained priest & social in the church hall*

✠ **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> • 8:30 a.m.** *Low Mass, Sermon & Benediction* ✠  
Canon Paul McKown, I.C.R.S.S. • “Our Lady of Fatima”

### ADVENT CLOTHING DRIVE

This Advent, the Oratory will be collecting items for the center run by the Daughters of Charity of the Precious Blood here in Bridgeport. The items being collected are:

cold-weather clothing and accessories for children and adults (all sizes). Please drop off your items in the receptacle at the back entrance to church. Thank you for your charity to those in need this Advent!

### “ACCOUNTABILITY SUNDAY”

In keeping with diocesan policy, you can find the annual posting of the parish financial summary on our website (it will appear under the “Bulletins” tab, in conjunction with this Sunday’s bulletin).

### ADVENT READING MATERIALS

Be sure to visit our Advent bookstall today in the church hall! Please use exact change or make out your checks to “Institute of Christ the King.” Also, available for you in church (free of charge!) are copies of *Benedictus*, a superb monthly resource for praying with the traditional Mass and Breviary, filled with Catholic prayers, culture, customs, and devotions.

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

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our coffee hour today! 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 7 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. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held 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.

### First Solemn Mass with Canon McKown

We are happy to welcome (now) Canon Paul McKown back to the Oratory on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** for a Solemn Mass and Novena sermon. Please plan to attend the reception after Mass (you can sign up to bring refreshments). If you would like to make a contribution for the parish gift for Canon, please make out your check to "Institute of Christ the King."

### Institute Christmas Cards

**\$20 per pack**

*Please make out checks to:*

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING

### Christmas Oplatki

**\$3 each**

*while supplies last*

### NEW VOCATION VIDEO SERIES

Please visit:

<https://traditionfortomorrow.com/oblates>  
to find out more about the oblates, the religious brothers of the Institute of Christ the King.  
It will feature new segments every Friday.

### Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy and then pick them up the following Sunday. Please place your name on the items so they do not go astray!

December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Advent Sunday