

## 2026 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Don't forget to pick up your Offertory Envelopes  
today after Mass in the vestibule.

Envelopes will not be mailed to individual locations.

## 2026 INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING CALENDARS

Institute calendars are available in the back of the church,  
for a free will donation.

Please place your donation in the collection basket.

## JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE—STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Flocknote is voluntary and you will not be added automatically.

If you'd like to sign up, text **SJOM** to 84576 from your cell phone

**OR visit this website:**

<https://stjosephoratorymerrill.flocknote.com/StJosephOratoryP>

## ST. JOSEPH ORATORY OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday - Wednesday - Friday

Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holy Days of Obligation

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**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### Introit

Drop down ye dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just.  
Let the earth be opened, and bud forth a Savior. The heavens show forth the  
glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

Glory be to the Father . . .

Drop down ye dew, ye heavens . . .

### Collect

Stir up Thy power, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and delay not: and with Thy  
great might come to our aid, so that what is hindered by our sins may be has-  
tened by Thy merciful goodness.

Through our Lord . . .

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 4:1-5*

Brethren: Let a man so account us as servants of Christ and stewards of the  
mysteries of God. Now here it is required in stewards: that a man be found  
faithful. But with me it is a very small matter to be judged by you or by man's  
tribunal. Nay, I do not even judge my own self. For I have nothing on my  
conscience, yet I am not thereby justified; but he who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore, pass no judgment before the time, until the Lord comes, Who will



both bring to light the things hidden in darkness and make manifest the counsels of hearts; and then everyone will have his praise from God.

### Gradual & Alleluia

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord, and may all flesh bless His Holy name. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, O Lord, and delay not; forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

### Gospel

*Luke 3:1-6*

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea, and Herod tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of the district of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked ways shall be made straight, and the rough ways smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.'

### Offertory

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

### Secret

Look with favor, O Lord, we beseech Thee, upon the offerings here present, that they may be profitable for our devotion and for our salvation. Through our Lord . . .

### Communion

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bring forth a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

### Postcommunion

Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that each partaking of this Sacrament may increase within us its saving effect. Through our Lord . . .

### WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



*"Every man has enough on which he ought to judge himself without taking it upon him to judge his neighbor."*

### BURSAR'S BOX

Sunday, December 14th: \$ 3, 773.00

**Total for the Month of December: \$ 8, 647.00**

**Please make checks payable to "Institute of Christ the King" with Oratory on the memo line.**

All checks made out to "Our Lady of Czestochowa" are given to the Salvatorian Fathers. By order of the bishop, **\$1200/ week** is given in rent to the Salvatorian Fathers.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Day, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 8:00am
- **Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**: Octave Day of Christmas, Holy Day of Obligation, Mass at 8:00am
- **Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**: First Friday of the Month. Confessions at 6:00 pm and Holy Mass at 6:30 pm.

### ST. JOSEPH SUPPER CLUB

St. Joseph Supper Club is open to all single adults (18+) and couples who would like an easy, structured way to get to know fellow parishioners better. Participants will be assigned in small groups who take turns hosting one another for meals.

**For more information and to sign up,** please email Augusta Taylor at [stjosephsupperclub@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephsupperclub@outlook.com).

**Deadline** for participation in the January-April 2026 cycle is **Sunday, December 21.**