



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

St Paul's Oratory

X Sunday after Pentecost: July 28th, 2024

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Sunday July 28st: Xth Sunday after Pentecost: 2nd Class.

8:00am: Low Mass: *Pro Populi.*

10:30am: High Mass: *for Gerard.*

5:30pm: No Vespers.

Monday July 29th: St. Martha: 3rd Class.

7:30am: Low Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

Tuesday July 30th: St. Abdon & Sennen: commemoration.

7:30am: Low Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

Wednesday July 31st: Requiem.

7:30am: Low Mass: *Thomas Groccia. †*

1st Thursday August 1st: Eternal Priesthood of Our Lord: Votive Mass.

7:30am: Low Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

1st Friday August 2nd: Sacred Heart: Votive Mass.

7:30am: Low Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

6:00pm: High Mass: *Cardinal Burke.*

1st Saturday August 3rd: Immaculate Heart of Mary: Votive Mass.

9:00am: Low Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

Sunday August 4th: XIth Sunday after Pentecost: 2nd Class.

8:00am: Low Mass: *Pro Populi.*

10:30am: High Mass: *for the souls in Purgatory.*

5:30pm: No Vespers.

"It is not virtue to be silent by nature, though it is a virtue to bridle one's tongue by reason."

St. Francis de Sales.



Events coming soon...

August 8th: *After Mass: veneration of the relic of St. John-Mary-Baptist Vianney.*

August 10th: *After Mass: veneration of the relic of St. Lawrence.*

August 15th: *Assumption of Our Lady.*

August 18th: *Solemnity of the Assumption & Procession.*

August 23rd: *Adult Catechism: the Gift of Counsel.*

August 26th-30th: *General Chapter.*

October 27th: *First Communion (2nd batch...)*

Abbe Kevin will be out of town, visiting is family, from July 30th until August 15th. Can altar boys' families make sure than there will be a Servant for the daily Mass?

Hymns & Kyriale for the Mass.

Asperges Me. #132

Kyriale: XI. #122

Credo: III. p.30

Communion: Jesu Dulcis Memoria #628

Recessional: Holy God we praise Thy Name #461

Confessions half hour before each Mass.

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Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 2.228.00

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August 10th, St Lawrence, deacon & martyr.

Lawrence was born in Spain, in 225, and thereafter crossed paths with the future Pope St. Sixtus II. By 257, both of them had made their way to Rome, where Sixtus made him Archdeacon of the local Roman church, at the young age of 32. Roman persecution of Christians hit a new high just a year later, when Emperor Valerian issued an edict, that all bishops, priests, and deacons needed to get beheaded.

St. Sixtus was arrested in the middle of celebrating Mass on August 6. As he was led to the executioner, Lawrence called out after him, yelling, "Why could it not have been me?" Sixtus yelled back not to worry: he would follow him in 3 days. Sixtus was prophesying, because the next day, Lawrence was called before the Roman Prefect, who gave Lawrence an offer: either he could hand over the riches of the Church, or else he would be beheaded.

Lawrence requested that the Prefect grant him 3 days to gather up the Church's wealth. When the 3 days were up, Lawrence swallowed hard, steeled his will, and marched to the Prefect's door, many of the needy marching behind him. When the Prefect demanded to know where the wealth of the Church was, Lawrence responded: "Behold in these poors the treasures which I promised to show you; to which I will add pearls and precious stones, those widows and consecrated virgins, which are the Church's crown."

Needless to say, the Prefect was upset, and declared that decapitation was too good for Lawrence, and instead ordered that a human-sized grill be placed over hot coals so that he could charbroil Lawrence alive. According to legend, Lawrence did not once scream out in pain throughout the slow, agonizing process. I am not sure I buy that claim, but regardless, Lawrence did manage to get one more taunt in before giving up the ghost, he called out to the executioner: "I am well done on this side, turn me over!"

For that last quip, Lawrence was named not only the patron saint of BBQ, but also of comedians.

The wisdom of St. Francis de Sales for a troubled world - 2

Moreover, every sin harms the sinner, and may, when grave, endanger his eternal welfare. This is another reason to "grieve", for sorrow is the response God expects us to give. But many of us might be tempted to exclaim: "Such a deed is so abominable that never, absolutely never, would it have tempted me". The ABCs of humility reminds us that we are capable of the most horrible crimes were it not for the fact that God's grace has protected us either in not allowing the Devil to tempt us, or in giving us the grace to defeat his diabolical attack.

Peter was sincere when, at the Last Supper, he declared himself ready to give his life for Christ. Alas, he lacked humility and soon afterwards, scared by the remark of a maid, he denied that he knew Him. There are sins that some of us have not committed: let us humbly thank God for having given us the grace we needed.

What is the Christian attitude toward the sins of others? We should make a crucial difference between the sin and the sinner. Sin is always detestable for the reasons mentioned above. St Benedict writes in his Holy Rule that the Abbot should "oderit vitia, diligat fratres...hate the vice, love the brother" (Chapter 64). In his dealing with his sons, he should always remember that the sinner is God's child – badly stained by sin, but redeemable as long as he lives. If he responded to God's grace which is never refused, and repented, there will be greater joy in Heaven than for someone who is not (or rather does not seem) in need of mercy.

Sin cannot be rehabilitated. This is made clear by St. Paul in his Epistle to the Romans: murderers, adulterers, thieves, blasphemers cannot enter the Kingdom of God. No one should be accused of being "homophobic" for condemning the practice of any form of sexual perversion.

To be continued...

Dr. Alice von Hildebrand