

# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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

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# First Sunday of Advent 27th November AD 2022

#### **Mass Times**

Sunday: 8:30am Low Mass

10:30am High Mass

Monday to Saturday: 8:00am Low Mass

## Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, STD, JCD Vicar General in the Institute of Christ the King Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico

Provincial Superior of the Institute's U.S. Province

## Clergy and Staff of Saint Patrick Oratory

Rev. Canon Joel Estrada Pastor & Rector
Abbé Kevin Kerscher Clerical Oblate
David Hughes Organist & Choirmaster

Tomasz Matusiewicz Office Administrator

#### Confessions

Thirty minutes before each Holy Mass daily & during each weekly Holy Hour of Adoration

#### **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 First 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

Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Benediction with Spiritual Conference (unless an announcement indicates otherwise)

### Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

Patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

"The slow pace of our perfection has to be borne with patience,
provided that on our part we always do whatever we can to continue advancing."

Liturgical Schedule

Please note additional evening Masses this week for our Novena to the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, 27th November 2022 First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Low Mass - Pro Populo 10:30am High Mass - †Paul Grochowski, by Steve Bloniarz 6pm Vespers & Benediction

Monday, 28th November 2022 Advent Feria

8am Low Mass - Jeanette Norris, by Edward Robertson

Tuesday, 29th November 2022 Advent Feria

8am Low Mass - Matt Wood, by Bianca Czaderna 6pm Low Mass - Rev. Canon Michael Stein, by Rector

Wednesday, 30th November 2022 St. Andrew

8am Low Mass - Claudia, Pier & Roberta Cirillo, by Bianca Czaderna

6pm Low Mass - Rev. Canon Luke Zignego, by Rector

Thursday, 1st December 2022

Mass of Jesus Christ Sovereign & Eternal Priest

8am Low Mass - Nickless family, by Bianca Czaderna

6pm Low Mass - Prior General of ICRSS

Friday, 2nd December 2022 Mass of the Sacred Heart

8am Low Mass - Intentions of Jacqueline Noel 5pm Holy Hour of Adoration 6pm High Mass - Prior General of ICRSS

Saturday, 3rd December 2022 Mass of the Immaculate Heart

8am High Mass - Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, by Insik Clara Vessia

Sunday, 4th December 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Low Mass - In Thanksgiving, by Mary Newman

10:30am High Mass - Pro Populo

5:30pm **Organ at the Oratory** recital series followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations Week of November 20: \$5,648.14

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Tuesday, 29th November—Wednesday, 7th December Immaculate Conception Novena. Please see schedule in bulletin.

Tuesday, 29th November

Society of the Sacred Heart Autumn Meeting, 7pm in Saint Patrick's Hall, following the Novena Devotions. RSVP

Friday, 2nd December

1st Friday, 5pm Adoration followed by 6pm High Mass

Saturday, 3rd December

1st Saturday, 8am High Mass with Novena Sermon, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, followed by

Breakfast & Advent Conference

Sunday, 4th December

"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series at 5:30pm, followed 6pm Vespers and Benediction

Thursday, 8th December

Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation. 8am Low Mass and 6pm High Mass and Benediction

Saturday, 10th December

Rorate Candlelight Dawn Mass, 6am High Mass followed by light refreshment. There will be no 8am Mass to-day.

Sunday, 11th December

1st Communion Catechism after the Sunday High Mass

Monday, 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe, 8am Low Mass followed by Blessing of Roses. Please bring your roses to be blessed as a sacramental.

Friday, 16th December

Teenage Night: For teens ages 11 and over. Please join us at Saint Patrick Hall from 6:30pm to 8pm for a teen get-together with spiritual talk, snacks, and activities. Parents welcome to help.

Saturday, 17th December

Christmas Decorating Day, starts after 8am Mass: we are in need of volunteers to help set up our Church for the upcoming Christmas Season.

Sunday, 18th December

Lesson in Liturgy given by the Rector, after the Sunday High Mass, followed by Coffee Social

Saturday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, 8am Low Mass (this Mass does not fulfill Holy Day Obligation). Christmas Confessions available starting at 11pm, Carols start at 11:30pm followed by 12am Christmas Midnight Mass & Social in the Hall

Sunday, 25th December

Christmas Day, 8:30am Low Mass & 10:30am High Mass with Benediction. There will be no public vespers in the evening and will be postponed to January 1st exclusive.

Tuesday, 27th December

St. John Traditional Wine Blessing after 8am Low Mass

Sunday, 1st January AD 2023

Sunday Masses scheduled as usual, 5pm Vespers & Benediction

Thursday, 5th January AD 2023

Vigil of the Epiphany 6pm Solemn Blessing of Epiphany Water

Wednesday, 18th January AD 2023

St. Brigid Women's Guild Rosary & Conference Night at 6pm





## Preparatory Novena to the Immaculate Conception 2022

This year's sermon theme: Mary in Fact and Figure

## November 29 - December 7

Join us for this important novena which makes a perfect way to share in the spirit of Advent!

Tuesday, November 29
Mirror of Justice
8 am Low Mass & Novena
6 pm Low Mass, Sermon, & Novena

Wednesday, November 30
Seat of Wisdom
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm Low Mass, Sermon,
& Novena

1st Thursday, December 1
Spiritual Vessel
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm Low Mass, Sermon,
& Novena

1st Friday, December 2
Mystical Rose
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm High Mass, Sermon,
& Novena

1st Saturday, December 3
Refuge of Sinners
8am High Mass, Sermon,
Rosary, Novena,
Benediction followed by
Morning of Recollection

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4
Tower of David
8:30am Low Mass, Sermon
& Novena
10:30am High Mass, Sermon,
& Novena

Monday, December 5
Ark of the Covenant
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm Low Mass, Sermon, & Novena

Tuesday, December 6
Gate of Heaven
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm Low Mass, Sermon, & Novena

Wednesday, December 7
Morning Star
8am Low Mass & Novena
6pm Low Mass, Sermon, & Novena

Confession available 30 minutes before each Mass

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# ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD 134 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06105-3784

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 19/20, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday Mass this weekend is the celebration of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church calendar prior to the beginning of Advent next week. I wish you a happy liturgical "new year." May it be a year of grace and blessing for us all.

There is one blessing in particular that we need to ask of God for the wellbeing of the Church. Today we are facing a very serious decline in the number of priests to serve our archdiocese. This year we lament the fact that there were no ordinations to the priesthood.

We are not the only diocese facing this situation, but that is scant consolation. We can learn, however, from those dioceses that are moving in the other direction. At an episcopal ordination in Ohio I asked the Archbishop of Cincinnati the reason for the success his archdiocese is having with priestly ordinations (He ordained seven priests this year). His answer: the vocation prayer that is said at his direction at every Mass on weekends in his archdiocese. Other bishops have spoken likewise.

Sometimes we may be tempted to make light of prayer, as if the pledge of prayers is just a pious gesture. However, it is Jesus Himself who spoke of "sheep without a shepherd," and said that we must "ask the harvest master to send laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 18:20). We cannot doubt the Lord Himself, and we need to heed his words. It is urgent that we pray together publicly for vocations to the priesthood.

For some time now I have directed that the St. Michael prayer be said immediately <u>after</u> the dismissal at Sunday Masses (after, as distinct from the liturgical prayer of the Mass). I was inspired to do so by Pope Francis, who had directed that it be prayed universally after the rosary for a set time. That time has passed but the timeliness of the St. Michael Prayer remains. Now that you have been introduced or re-introduced to it, it is my hope that you will continue to pray it privately.

In its place, beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26/27, I want us all to say the *Prayer for Priestly Vocations* that I am sending to your pastor to be made available in church. There is great power in praying together, as Jesus told when he said "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20).

Some may question why we are only praying for priestly vocations. More inclusive prayers can be offered by anyone at any time, and should be, but our public and urgent plea to the Lord is for priests, without whom there can be no sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Eucharist, the life's blood of our union with Christ.

May God answer our prayers, and may he bless you for all that you do to promote priestly vocations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair

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Archbishop of Hartford