

# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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## SAINT PATRICK PARISH AND ORATORY

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### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, AD 2020

#### Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

**Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz,**  
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute

**Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico,** Provincial  
Superior of the Institute's U.S. Province

#### Clergy and Staff of the Parish and Oratory

**Rev. Canon Joel Estrada,** Pastor and Rector

**Abbé Kevin Kerscher,** Pastoral Assistant and  
Clerical Oblate

**David Hughes,** Sunday Organist and Choirmaster

**The Archbishop of Hartford has extended his dispensation from the obligation of assisting Sunday Masses and Holy Days of Obligation through February 16, 2021.**

#### MASS TIMES (registration is required for Sunday Mass)

<b>Sunday:</b>	6:30am	Low Mass
	8:30am	Low Mass
	10:30am	High Mass
<b>Monday to Saturday:</b>	8:00am	Low Mass

#### CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass **every day**  
(*except before Sun. 6:30am*) & during each Holy Hour

#### DEVOTIONS

**Fridays:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm

**First Friday:** additional Mass at 6pm preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5pm

**First Saturday:** after Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Benediction with Spiritual Conference

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sanctuary Candles burning this week are for  
Frank & Clara Maisto & Madeline Torsiello

### Sunday, November 29

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:30am LOW MASS - *Pro Defunctis*

8:30am LOW MASS - *Pro Populo*

10:30am HIGH MASS - Rev. Canon Benoît Jayr

### Monday, November 30 (IC NOVENA BEGINS)

#### St. Andrew

8:00am Low Mass & Sermon - John & Jill  
Pastone, by Felicity Pastrone

### Tuesday, December 1

#### Advent Feria (Mass of 1st Sunday of Advent)

8:00am Low Mass & Sermon - In atonement for  
all offenses against the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
& Immaculate Heart of Mary

### Wednesday, December 2

#### St. Bibiana

8:00am Low Mass & Sermon - Mrs. Logan

### First Thursday, December 3

#### Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal & High Priest

8:00am Low Mass & Sermon - Tim & Christina  
Watkins, by Margaret Watkins

### First Friday, December 4

#### Mass of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord

8:00am Low Mass & Sermon - Katherine  
Kerscher, by Abbé Kevin Kerscher

5:00pm Holy Hour of Adoration

6:00pm Low Mass & Sermon - Prior General

### Saturday, December 5

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:00am Low Mass with Sermon & Devotions -  
Tania Merentis & family, by Sean Vallely

### Sunday, December 6

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6:30am LOW MASS - *Pro Defunctis*

8:30am LOW MASS - *Missa Pro Populo*

10:30am HIGH MASS - Thirza Ancilla Domini  
Grant, through the intercession of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary & Pope Venerable Pius XII,  
by James & Dian Grant

## FROM THE PASTOR & RECTOR,

### REV. CANON JOEL ESTRADA

Dear Faithful of the Parish & Oratory,

**ADVENT**, meaning literally a “coming,” is a joyful preparation and expectation for the coming of the Savior, a period of personal purification and penance. It is the start of a new liturgical season, the New Year of Holy Mother Church. It is a new opportunity to intensify and enliven the process of our sanctification by immersing ourselves in the spirit and liturgy of the season. The spiritual life begins with the purgative way and Advent being the first liturgical season is the time to start rooting out vices, learning to control our appetites and begin to seriously practice virtue. We have not yet entered the Christmas Season (which begins on Christmas Day). To help us “make straight the paths of the Lord,” we should remember that Christ comes to us in three different ways. St. Bernard says “He comes in the flesh and in weakness; He comes in spirit and power; and He comes in glory and in majesty.” That is, His first coming on earth was through the Incarnation, His second when He enters our souls through sanctifying grace, and His third will be at our particular judgment and the general judgment at the end of the world. **It is easy to see why the Church discourages the inappropriate and early feasting and celebrating that is so inherent in a pagan, materialistic and instant gratification world.** While it is true that physical preparations must be made in advance of Christmas, they are of little importance compared to the cleaning, decorating, and clothing of our souls which is of primary importance. **We should clean up our soul through the Sacrament of Penance**, scrubbing it bright with sacrifices and mortifications. We should decorate and clothe our souls with sanctifying grace through the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist. Children as well, can be taught quite early on to offer up their little sacrifices for the coming of the Christ Child, and their daily treats, candy, and celebrations postponed until Christmas actually arrives.

**Let us not mix the Advent and Christmas seasons together for they are clearly two distinct seasons.**

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PREPARATORY NOVENA SERMON THEMES “MARY IMMACULATE AS OUR MOTHER” AS EXPRESSED IN HER LITANY

From November 30th to December 8th, united with our Prior General and all the apostolates of the Institute throughout the entire world, join us in the Novena in honor of our Lady’s Immaculate Conception, the Principal Patroness of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. At daily Mass there will be a sermon on the various titles of Our Lady. Following Holy Mass there will be the Novena Devotions.

November 30:	Mother of God
December 1:	Mother of Christ
December 2:	Mother of the Church
December 3:	Mother of Divine Grace
December 4:	Mother Most Pure
December 5:	Mother Most Amiable & Most Admirable
December 6:	Mother of Good Counsel
December 7:	Mother of Our Creator
December 8:	Mother of Our Savior

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA PRAYER

Oh, Virgin Immaculate, \* who wast pleasing in the Lord’s sight \* and didst become His Mother, \* look graciously upon the wretched who implore thy mighty patronage. \* The wicked serpent, against whom the primal curse was hurled, \* continues none the less to wage war \* and to lay snares for the unhappy children of Eve. \* Ah, \* do thou, our blessed Mother, \* our Queen and Advocate, \* who from the first instant of thy conception \* didst crush the head of our enemy, \* receive the prayers that we unite single-heartedly to thine \* and conjure thee to offer at the throne of God, \* that we may never fall into the snares that are laid for us, \* in such wise that we may all come to the haven of salvation; \* and in the midst of so many dangers \* may holy Church and the fellowship of Christians everywhere \* sing once more the hymn of deliverance, victory and peace. \* Amen. (Raccolta 1957 ed.)

### CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest invites you to enroll your loved ones in our Christmas Novena of Masses. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered from Christmas Eve through the Octave of our Lord's Nativity at the Institute's U.S. Provincial Headquarters upon the altar of the Holy Infant King for those enrolled and their intentions. This Christmas, give those on your Christmas list the Eternal Gift. Enroll them in the Institute's Christmas Novena of Masses today! May Christ our Holy Infant King bless you always and fill your year with His heavenly grace.

ENROLL ONLINE AT [ICKSP.ORG](http://ICKSP.ORG)

## Saint Patrick Parish and Oratory Donations

Week of November 22: **\$4,109.60**

Please mail or drop off your regular offertory envelopes to Saint Patrick rectory or donate securely online at

[www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory](http://www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory)

We truly depend on your help and assistance for the upkeep of our church & operations.

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

*Patron Saint of the*

*Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

“You must choose: is it better that there should be thorns in your garden in order to have roses, or that there should be no roses in your garden in order to have no thorns?”

## Mass Intention Book AD 2021 is OPEN!

We are accepting Mass intentions (preferably without any specific date) for next year. We are first asking for a soft limit of 6 intentions per family in order to accommodate everyone's requests & gradually accept more, if permitting. The pastor has now fixed the suggested Mass stipend at \$10 for each intention (*this stipend, or whichever the requestor gives, benefits the priest celebrating the Mass for his livelihood*). In addition, Mass intention requests must now be accompanied with the stipend in order for the requests be actually reserved & scheduled in the Mass intention book.

## Advent Giving Program 2020

Due to Covid-19, instead of dropping off wrapped gifts to the church to help our charitable organizations for Christmas, we are asking parishioners to make a donation to these organizations. Please make sure to mark in the memo: “St. Patrick Christmas Gift”.

You may send your donations to:

**St. Vincent de Paul Shelter**, PO Box 1612, Waterbury, CT 06721

**Wellmore Behavioral Health**, 141 East Main St., 4th Floor, Waterbury, CT 06702

Receive updates & spiritual reflections via email. Simply text **STPATRICKPARISH** to **84576** to sign up, then follow prompt to include your full name.

## Upcoming Events

**Today!** - Lesson in Liturgy after 10:30am Mass

**Nov. 30 to Dec. 8 - Solemn Novena to the Immaculate Conception**

**Dec. 4 - 1st Friday**, 8am Mass, 5pm Holy Hour, 6pm Mass

**Dec. 5 - 1st Saturday**, 8am Mass and devotions, spiritual conference: on Advent; *afterwards*, **St. Brigid Women's Guild Meeting**

**Dec. 6 - 1st Sunday**, Litany of St. Joseph after each Mass

**Dec. 8 - Children's Catechism Class at 4:30pm & **Great Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass**

**Dec. 12 - Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas & the Philippine Islands**, sermon delivered in **Spanish** & American English, followed by traditional blessing of **roses**; please bring your roses to have them blessed & become holy sacramentals

**Dec. 13 - 2nd Sunday**, Litany of Loreto after each Mass, & 1st Comm. Class after 10:30am Mass (last class of the year, resumes Jan. 10)

**Dec. 15 - St. Patrick Men's Association Meeting** at 6pm, Rosary & Catechetical Lesson

**Dec. 19 - Christmas crèche installation & decoration gathering; **GENEROUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE****

**Dec. 22 - Children's Catechism Class at 5:30pm** (last class of the year, resumes Jan. 12)

**Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**, 8am Mass

**Dec. 25 - Christmas Day: **Ticketed event ONLY****

**Dec. 27 - St. John's Traditional Wine Blessing**, bring your unopened grape wine bottles/cases/pallets to be blessed & transformed into a holy drink

**Dec. 31 - Holy Hour & Te Deum**, 5pm

**Jan. 1 - Octave Day of Christmas** 8:30am Low Mass & 10:30am High Mass, **Veni Creator** chant

**Jan. 2 - 1st Saturday**, 8am Mass and devotions, spiritual conference

**Jan. 3 - “**Rudiments of the Faith**” Sunday:** in accordance with statute 259 of the 1st Synod of the Hartford Archdiocese, the Rudiments of the Faith sermon is to be read on a Sunday in January at all Masses in place of the usual sermon in all parishes.

**Jan. 5 - Vigil of the Epiphany: Solemn Blessing of the Epiphany Water**, bring your water & salt **ahead of time** to have them be exorcized into a very power sacramental

**Jan. 6 - Feast of the Epiphany**, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass

**Jan. 7 until Feb. 1 - Epiphany Home Blessings during weekdays. Please reserve your day with the Pastor.**