



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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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, October 5<sup>th</sup>

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saint Placid & Companions*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Gemma Malanao

*requested by Gemma Malanao*

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Bruno

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Guadalupe & Maria Castillo

*requested by Gary & Diana Burt*

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

### Most Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Marc Paul & Brenda Greta Fajarda

& Family

*requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. DeSilva*

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Bridget of Sweden

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Daniel J. Patton, Sr.

*requested by Joseph & Mary Murdocca*

Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

### Saint John Leonardi

7:45 a.m. - Delimarie Malanao

*requested by Gemma Malanao*

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Francis Borgia

7:45 a.m. - Charlie Murrin

*requested by Richard & Rita Cleary*

Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

### Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. - Mary Marjorie DeSilva

*requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. DeSilva*

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

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Jane Gannon

*requested by the Thompson Family*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

### October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Devotions daily at 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)

*Please check weekly bulletin for any changes*

### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

“INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY”

Monthly coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass  
*Farewell celebration for Abbé Luke, who will be stationed this year at Saint Patrick's in Waterbury*

\* Second collection for diocesan seminarians \*

*Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.*

**\*Mass request forms will be available for 2026\***

### Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

*Musical Rosary Devotions at 6:00 p.m.*

Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m.: “Preparing to celebrate 100 Years of the Feast of Christ the King”

### Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall

“Understanding How the Sacraments Work”

### Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Liturgical practice for the feast of Christ the King, followed by father-son outing for the altar boys to Plasko's Farm for corn maze and hay ride

### Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Solemn Choral Vespers at 6:00 p.m., followed by celebratory banquet in the church hall

### Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

ALL SAINTS DAY

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

### Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

ALL SAINTS PARTY {“Invite-a-Friend Sunday”}

During the social hour after High Mass, children are invited to dress as their favourite saint

*Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.*

### Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

ALL SOULS DAY {*transferred*}

Low Masses at 7:45 & 8:30 a.m.

High Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

## IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Here we are already once again at the beginning of the Month of the Holy Rosary! The Rosary is a staple Catholic devotion that should be part of our spiritual life all year long, but especially in the month of October we should make a concerted effort. The Church has always recommended the Rosary not only as a pious devotion but also as a spiritual weapon in times of calamity. To help you observe the Month of the Rosary, we will have public **October Devotions** every weekday in October (Monday to Friday). The October Devotions are held at 6:00 p.m. on week-days and consist of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the Litany of Loreto, the October prayer to Saint Joseph (prescribed by Pope Leo XIII) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is my hope that you will invite friends and that **every family** will make an effort to attend these devotions **at least once a week**. As I have said before, we cannot complain about the state of world if we do not employ the means provided by heaven.

We will be saying farewell today to oblate brother **Abbé Luke Ball**, who has contributed much to the life of the parish during his year here. His new assignment is at Saint Patrick Oratory in Waterbury. We hope you will be able to come say farewell to him at the coffee hour today. While we are sad to say goodbye to Abbé Luke, we are happy to welcome third-year seminarian **Abbé Michael Quinn** from Maryland. He will be spending his "pastoral year" here at the Oratory.

In addition to the ordinary Jubilee which falls this year, 2025 also marks the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the encyclical *Quas primas*, by which Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of Christ the King in 1925, as an antidote to the secularism of the modern world. Naturally this is an important anniversary for our community, as this feast is the titular feast of the Institute of Christ the King, and the universal kingship of Christ over every aspect of human society is at the heart of our identity and mission. There will be a **spiritual conference on October 7<sup>th</sup>** to help you prepare for the feast in this centennial year. We hope you all will **plan to participate in the very solemn celebrations** which shall be held here for the feast itself at the end of the month, including solemn choral Vespers with visiting clergy and a festive reception in the church hall.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

*If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay careful attention to these guidelines, which are intended to promote the common good and to facilitate the very complicated work of scheduling. The pastor is morally bound to see to it that all our parishioners have the same opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and personal intentions, which is the reason for the directives explained below. Thank you for your cooperation!*

◆ Beginning on **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** we will start accepting Mass intentions for 2026. No intentions will be accepted before that date (no exceptions).

◆ Please make sure only to **use the forms** which will be available in church beginning Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in order to fill out your Mass requests (**one slip per Mass**).

◆ For the time being, we are only able to accept Mass intentions from parishioners of the Oratory.

◆ In the first round of scheduling, there is a **strict limit of 10 (ten) Mass intentions per household**. If a greater number is submitted, all the requested intentions will be returned. After the new year, we will inform you in the bulletin if there are any remaining available spots for 2026.

◆ You may request specific dates, which will be accommodated to the extent possible, but we cannot make any promises about dates.

◆ It is not possible to reserve multiple Sundays.

◆ A **minimum stipend of \$15** is suggested per Mass.

◆ It is not possible to request a Mass by 'phone or e-mail. No Mass will be scheduled until the **written request and accompanying Mass offering** are received in the office. These may be submitted in the collection basket, by mail, or by coming in person to the office during office hours.

## 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.

### UPCOMING SEMINARY COLLECTIONS

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

for the seminarians of the Diocese of Bridgeport

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

for the seminary of the Institute of Christ  
the King Sovereign Priest

### ALTAR BOY OUTING

**Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

After Mass we will have a quick breakfast meeting in the church hall before heading to Plasko's for the corn maze and hayride. **Please let Canon know if you will be participating in this fun father-son activity as soon as possible**, so we can get an accurate count. We hope you can make it!

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Join our visiting clergy  
and other guests for

**Solemn Choral Vespers  
& Benediction of  
the Blessed Sacrament**

*followed by a reception in the church hall*

Please contact the office if you are able to help with food or other preparations.

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost