



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### 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 {*except summer*}

**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

August 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Jeannette Dowd  
*requested by Susan Dowd*

Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>

**Mass of the Assumption**

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Mario Ciardiello  
*requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eric J. Ciardiello*

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

**Saint John Eudes**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Genny Romanowski  
*requested by Paul McMahon*

Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Bernard**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mark & Marion Dengre  
*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

**Saint Jane-Frances de Chantal**

7:45 a.m. - Madeleine Sophia Burt  
*requested by Erika & Justin Burt*

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

7:45 a.m. - Bishop Caggiano  
{anniversary of episcopal consecration}  
*requested by Neo Neal Bernardo Natividad*

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Saint Philip Benizi**

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Darius Pysk  
*requested by Erwa Szeloch*

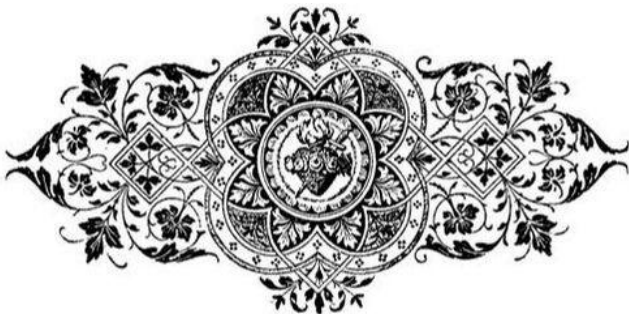
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**

{*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Grace Tvardik  
*requested by Grace Monks*



## Upcoming Events

*Please note that during the summer months, there is no evening Mass (or confessions or devotions) on First Fridays, only the usual morning Mass and confessions.*

### Fridays of the Summer Months

*that is, between the two feasts of the Holy Cross celebrated on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & September 14<sup>th</sup>*

Weather blessing with the relic after Low Masses

### Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

### Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### August 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

Canon will be away at the Institute's annual general chapter meeting in Gricigliano  
*Daily Mass as usual but no Vespers or Holy Hour*

### Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

First Saturday devotions & Benediction after Mass

### Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

"INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY"

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass  
*Solemn Vespers & Benediction*

### Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after Mass at 7:45 a.m.

### Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS  
Procession with the relic of the True Cross after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass

### September 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>

"Pilgrimage for Restoration" to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. For information, visit:

<https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org>

### Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

*The theme for this year is THE SACRAMENTS*

## Preparing for the Feast of Christ the King: 1925-2025

*This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institution of the feast of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 by means of the encyclical QUAS PRIMAS, which exposes the errors of secularism and explains the doctrine of the social kingship of Christ. As a preparation for the celebration of the feast in this jubilee year, in the weeks ahead we will be printing excerpts from the encyclical.*

In the first Encyclical Letter which We addressed at the beginning of Our Pontificate to the Bishops of the universal Church, We referred to the chief causes of the difficulties under which mankind was laboring. And We remember saying that these manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations. Men must look for the peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ; and that We promised to do as far as lay in Our power. In the Kingdom of Christ, that is, it seemed to Us that peace could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of Our Lord. We were led in the meantime to indulge the hope of a brighter future at the sight of a more widespread and keener interest evinced in Christ and his Church, the one Source of Salvation, a sign that men who had formerly spurned the rule of our Redeemer and had exiled themselves from his kingdom were preparing, and even hastening, to return to the duty of obedience.

2. The many notable and memorable events which have occurred during this Holy Year have given great honor and glory to Our Lord and King, the Founder of the Church.

3. At the Missionary Exhibition men have been deeply impressed in seeing the increasing zeal of the Church for the spread of the kingdom of her Spouse to the most far distant regions of the earth. They have seen how many countries have been won to the Catholic name through the unremitting labor and self-sacrifice of missionaries, and the vastness of the regions which have yet to be subjected to the sweet and saving yoke of our King. All those who in the course of the Holy Year have thronged to this city under the leadership of their Bishops or priests had but one aim – namely, to expiate their sins – and at the tombs of the Apostles and in Our Presence to promise loyalty to the rule of Christ.

4. A still further light of glory was shed upon his kingdom, when after due proof of their heroic virtue, We raised to the honors of the altar six confessors and virgins. It was a great joy, a great consolation, that filled Our heart when in the majestic basilica of St. Peter Our decree was acclaimed by an immense multitude with the hymn of thanksgiving, *Tu Rex gloriae Christe*. We saw men and nations cut off from God, stirring up strife and discord and hurrying along the road to ruin and death, while the Church of God carries on her work of providing food for the spiritual life of men, nurturing and fostering generation after generation of men and women dedicated to Christ, faithful and subject to him in his earthly kingdom, called by him to eternal bliss in the kingdom of heaven.

5. Moreover, since this jubilee year [1925] marks the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea [325], We commanded that event to be celebrated, and We have done so in the Vatican basilica. There is a special reason for this in that the Nicene Synod defined and proposed for Catholic belief the dogma of the consubstantiality of the only-begotten with the Father, and added to the Creed the words “of whose kingdom there shall be no end,” thereby affirming the kingly dignity of Christ.



## 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 next social. 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.

### Thank You

to everyone who helped make the recent parish picnic such a success! Divine providence favored us with excellent weather, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Our **next parish social** will be on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> after the High Mass. Please invite your friends to these monthly gatherings! They provide the perfect opportunity to introduce newcomers to the Oratory and the beauty of the traditional Latin Mass.

### Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday. Please place your name on your items and pick them up promptly, so that they do not go astray.

### Adult Theology Class

Our faith formation program will resume on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and continue on alternate Tuesdays, as will be announced in the bulletin. The theme this year is "The Sacraments." Stay tuned for information about First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for children.

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