



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

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*

Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Louis IX, King of France**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Sylvester & Theresa Anderson  
*requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello*

Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>

**Mass of the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

{Saint Zephyrinus}

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Adam  
*requested by Marian Adam*

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Joseph Calasanctius**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank & Esther Giorgio  
*requested by Mr. & Mrs. George Hough*

Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Augustine**

7:45 a.m. - Price Family Intentions  
*requested by Suzanne Price*

Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

**Decollation of Saint John the Baptist**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank Berden, Jr.  
*requested by John Tkacik*

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>

**Saint Rose of Lima**

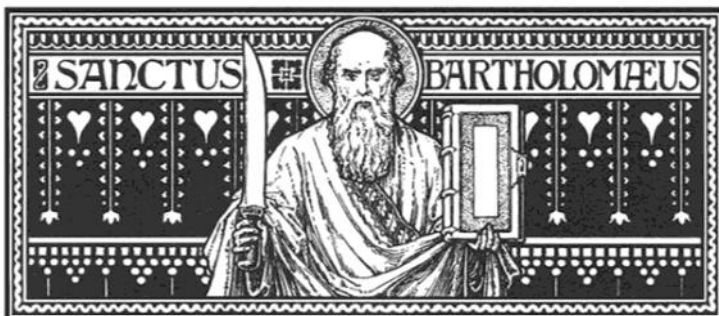
8:30 a.m. - Mary Judith Palaia  
*requested by the Tourigny Family*

Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Salvatore Murdocca  
*requested by Joseph & Mary Murdocca*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## 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

### 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*

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

Mass request forms will be available for 2026

*Please do not submit any requests before this date.*



## 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 continue to print excerpts from the encyclical.*

6. Since this Holy Year therefore has provided more than one opportunity to enhance the glory of the kingdom of Christ, we deem it in keeping with our Apostolic office to accede to the desire of many of the Cardinals, Bishops, and faithful, made known to Us both individually and collectively, by closing this Holy Year with the insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This matter is so dear to Our heart, Venerable Brethren, that I would wish to address to you a few words concerning it. It will be for you later to explain in a manner suited to the understanding of the faithful what We are about to say concerning the Kingship of Christ, so that the annual feast which We shall decree may be attended with much fruit and produce beneficial results in the future.

7. It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of “King,” because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign “in the hearts of men,” both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his “charity which exceedeth all knowledge” (Eph 3:9). And his mercy and kindness which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father “power and glory and a kingdom” (Dan 7:13-14), since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

8. Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King? He it is that shall come out of Jacob to rule (Num 24:19), who has been set by the Father as king over Sion, his holy mount, and shall have the Gentiles for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession (Ps 2). In the nuptial hymn, where the future King of Israel is hailed as a most rich and powerful monarch, we read: “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter of righteousness” (Ps 44). There are many similar passages, but there is one in which Christ is even more clearly indicated. Here it is foretold that his kingdom will have no limits, and will be enriched with justice and peace: “in his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace...And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth” (Ps 71).



## 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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