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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 (except during the summer months)

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

May 11th 2025

Third Sunday after Easter

Masses this Week

Sunday, May 11th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Salvatore & Francesca Lagana
& All Souls

requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. DeSilva

Monday, May 12th

Saints Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras

7:45 a.m. - Alessandro Alvarado

requested by Jean Zamora

Tuesday, May 13th

Saint Robert Bellarmine

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Rolando Murdocca

requested by Joseph & Mary Murdocca

Wednesday, May 14th

Mass of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Douglas Hamar & Family

requested by Rod Hamar

Thursday, May 15th

Saint John Baptist de la Salle

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rosa

requested by Mr. George Hough

Friday, May 16th

Saint Ubaldus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen

requested by Grace Monks

Saturday, May 17th

Saint Paschal Baylon

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Edward, Marianne,

Edward & Adeline Reyen

requested by Daniel Orazio

Sunday, May 18th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Jesse Michael Alvarado

requested by Jean Zamora



Upcoming Events

Month of May

Throughout the month of May, please feel free to bring fresh flowers to place at the statue of Our Lady of Grace in the transept

Sunday, May 11th

{Mothers' Day}

First Holy Communion & May Procession at the 10:15 a.m. High Mass. *Carry your flowers in the procession, then present them to Our Lady afterwards.*

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14th

Our rector, Canon Altieri, will be interviewed on the Veritas Catholic Network at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 15th

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

Sunday, May 18th

After the High Mass, Te Deum & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the occasion of the enthronement of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Tuesday, May 20th

Adult theology talk at 7:00 p.m. in church hall

Theme: "Personal Prayer"

Monday, May 26th

ROGATION DAY

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

Thursday, May 29th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1st

Monthly social in the church hall after High Mass
Visit from the Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus, the Sisters of the Institute of Christ the King

Saturday, June 7th

VIGIL OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun Eve"*}

Vigil ceremonies & Mass beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Church will open at 9:15 a.m., with confessions held at 9:45 a.m. There will not be an early Mass.

Thursday, June 19th

CORPUS CHRISTI

Solemn Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.

MARY, THE PERFECTION OF MOTHERHOOD

God is love, and so that we may have some idea of this love, He gives a share of it to mothers. The heart of a mother with her unwearied tenderness, the constancy of her solicitude, the inexhaustible delicacy of her affection is a truly divine creation, although God has placed in her only a spark of His love for us. Yet, however imperfectly a mother's heart reflects the divine love towards us, God gives us our mothers to take His place in some manner with us. He places them at our side, from our cradles, to guide us, guard us, especially in our earliest years when we have so much need of tenderness.

Hence imagine with what predilection the Holy Trinity fashioned the heart of the Blessed Virgin chosen to be the Mother of the Incarnate Word. God delighted in pouring forth love in her heart, in forming it expressly to love a God-Man.

In Mary's heart were perfectly harmonised the adoration of a creature towards her God, and the love of a mother for her only Son.

The supernatural love of Our Lady is not less wonderful. As you know, a soul's love for God is measured by its degree of grace. What is it that, in us, hinders the development of grace and love? Our sins, our deliberate faults, our voluntary infidelities, our attachment to creatures. Each deliberate fault narrows the heart, and strengthens egotism. But Our Lady's soul is of perfect purity; unstained by sin, untouched by any shadow of a fault, she is full of grace: *Gratia plena*. Far from encountering in her any obstacle to the unfolding of grace, the Holy Spirit ever found her heart wonderfully docile to His inspirations, and therefore full of love.

What must have been the joy of the soul of Jesus to feel Himself loved to such an extent by His Mother! After the incomprehensible joy arising for Him from the Beatific Vision and from the look of infinite complacency wherewith the Heavenly Father contemplated Him, nothing can have rejoiced Him so much as the love of His Mother. He found in it a more abundant compensation for the indifference of those who would not receive Him. He found in the heart of this young Virgin a fire of undying love that He Himself further enkindled by His divine glances and the inward grace of His Spirit.

Jesus gave Himself to Mary in such an ineffable manner, and Mary corresponded so fully that after the union of the Divine Persons in the Trinity, and the hypostatic union of the Incarnation, we cannot conceive one greater nor deeper.

— from Blessed Columba Marmion, *Christ in His Mysteries*, chapter IX



Prayer for the Holy Father



God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look mercifully upon Thy servant Leo, whom Thou hast chosen as shepherd to preside over Thy Church. Grant him, we beseech Thee, that by his word and example, he may edify those over whom he hath charge, so that together with the flock committed to him, may he attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our parish social next month. 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.

PRAYERS & BEST WISHES

for

Norbert Heise

and

Dominique Burt

who are receiving their
First Holy Communion
today at Mass.



Liturgy Corner: WHAT IS A HOUSELLING CLOTH?

You may have noticed a linen cloth now attached to our communion rail. This is our new "houseselling cloth" (sometimes spelled with one *l* and sometimes with two). It takes its name from an archaic English word for communion (*housel*), much as *christen* is still often used for "baptize" and *shrive*, *shrove* refers to confession. The rubric of the missal (*Ritus servandus* X, 6) prescribes: "if anyone is to receive communion during Mass ... a server extends a white linen cloth or veil before them." In practice, this linen cloth is attached directly to the communion rail and then flipped up when needed. Symbolically, it links the communion rail to the altar. The use of the houseselling cloth is even older than the communion plate, but it serves the same purpose: to catch any host which by misadventure might happen to fall. What to do: after kneeling down, place your hands under the cloth at about the height of the top of the railing, with your palms up, in order to make a little "platform." Don't bring your hands up too high: the communion plate will still be placed directly beneath your chin as usual.

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