



# 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 (except during the summer months)  
**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

## Masses this Week

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - June Vendetti

*requested by your friends at Saints Cyril & Methodius*

Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

### **Whit Monday**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank & Betty Burt

*requested by Gary & Diana Burt*

### **Funeral Mass**

11:00 a.m. - ✠ Janet Lovely

Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Whit Tuesday**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Glenn Hough

*requested by Mr. George Hough*

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Ember Wednesday of Pentecost**

7:45 a.m. - Lisa Seeley

*requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice*

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Whit Thursday**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mark Vendetti

*requested by June Vendetti*

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Ember Friday of Pentecost**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Anthony & Anna DeSilva

& All Souls

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

Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

### **Ember Saturday of Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Estera Alsenas

*requested by Jonas & Vicki Alsenas*

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

*requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice*



## Upcoming Events

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE  
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

### **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, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

FEAST OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun"*}

Solemn Choral Vespers at 6:00 p.m., followed by  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**

SUMMER EMBER DAYS

Traditionally days of fast & abstinence

{*still encouraged but no longer mandatory*}

### **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing of lilies in honour of Saint Anthony of  
Padua after Mass at 7:45 a.m.

### **Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Server practice for Corpus Christi after High Mass

### **Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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

*We will need as many servers as possible!*

### **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

SUNDAY AFTER CORPUS CHRISTI

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the  
High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

### **Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

*Please sign up to bring refreshments and remember to  
invite friends!*

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

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Procession with the relic of the True Cross

*Watch this space for the date of the annual church picnic.  
A fun time for all ages - you won't want to miss it!*

## THE HOLY GHOST AND THE CHURCH

The Church which, already conceived, came forth from the side of the second Adam in His sleep on the Cross, first showed herself before the eyes of men on the great day of Pentecost. On that day the Holy Ghost began to manifest His gifts in the mystic body of Christ, by that miraculous outpouring already foreseen by the prophet Joel (2:28-29), for the Paraclete “sat upon the apostles as though new spiritual crowns were placed upon their heads in tongues of fire” (S. Cyril Hier. *Catech.* 17). Then the apostles “descended from the mountain,” as St. John Chrysostom writes, “not bearing in their hands tables of stone like Moses, but carrying the Spirit in their mind, and pouring forth the treasure and the fountain of doctrines and graces” (*In Matt. Hom.* L, II Cor. 3:3). Thus was fully accomplished that last promise of Christ to His apostles of sending the Holy Ghost, who was to complete and, as it were, to seal the deposit of doctrine committed to them under His inspiration. “I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now; but when He, the Spirit of Truth, shall come, He will teach you all truth” (John 16:12-13). For He who is the Spirit of Truth, inasmuch as He proceedeth both from the Father, who is the eternally True, and from the Son, who is the substantial Truth, receiveth from each both His essence and the fullness of all truth. This truth He communicates to His Church, guarding her by His all powerful help from ever falling into error, and aiding her to foster daily more and more the germs of divine doctrine and to make them fruitful for the welfare of the peoples. And since the welfare of the peoples, for which the Church was established, absolutely requires that this office should be continued for all time, the Holy Ghost perpetually supplies life and strength to preserve and increase the Church. “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of Truth” (John 14:16, 17).

By Him the bishops are constituted, and by their ministry are multiplied not only the children, but also the fathers – that is to say, the priests – to rule and feed the Church by that Blood wherewith Christ has redeemed Her. “The Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops to rule the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own Blood” (Acts 20:28). And both bishops and priests, by the miraculous gift of the Spirit, have the power of absolving sins, according to those words of Christ to the Apostles: “Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, and whose you shall retain they are retained” (John 20:22, 23). That the Church is a divine institution is most clearly proved by the splendour and glory of those gifts and graces with which she is adorned, and whose author and giver is the Holy Ghost. Let it suffice to state that, as Christ is the Head of the Church, so is the Holy Ghost her soul. “What the soul is in our body, that is the Holy Ghost in Christ’s body, the Church” (St. Aug., *Serm.* 187, *de Temp.*). This being so, no further and fuller “manifestation and revelation of the Divine Spirit” may be imagined or expected; for that which now takes place in the Church is the most perfect possible, and will last until that day when the Church herself, having passed through her militant career, shall be taken up into the joy of the saints triumphing in heaven.

— from the encyclical *DIVINUM ILLUD MUNUS* of Pope Leo XIII (1897)

## CORPUS CHRISTI - Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

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

*Children who received their First Holy Communion last year or who this year are welcome to walk in the procession in their suits and dresses (the boys will carry a candle and the girls will scatter flower petals). Please contact Canon to participate.*

**Plan to invite your friends for this beautiful celebration!**



## 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 next parish 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.

### SOLEMN VESPERS OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

*followed by Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament*

The Oratory choir will sing choral  
Vespers, with music by  
Renaissance masters  
Palestrina and Lassus.



### “ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2025 is still underway.

Envelopes are available in church. Your participation helps our parish! Please make sure to turn in the envelope in the collection basket or in one of the candle donation boxes or drop it off at the rectory (do not mail directly to the diocese). Thanks to your generosity, we have reached our goal. This means that if you donate before June 30<sup>th</sup> anything we raise above the goal will be returned to the parish!



June 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

Pentecost Sunday