



# 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

July 28<sup>th</sup> 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

### TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen  
*requested by Anna Balash*

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

### Saint Martha

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Tkacik  
*requested by John Tkacik*

Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

### Saints Abdon & Sennen

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Margaret & Daniel O'Donovan  
*requested by Colleen M. McCarty*

Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

### Saint Ignatius Loyola

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Darius Pysk  
*requested by Erwa Szeloch*

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

### Saint Peter in Chains

7:45 a.m. - Thomas Prendergast  
*requested by Kate Prendergast*

Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

7:45 a.m. - Joshua Paul Santiago  
*requested by Delimarie Malanao*

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

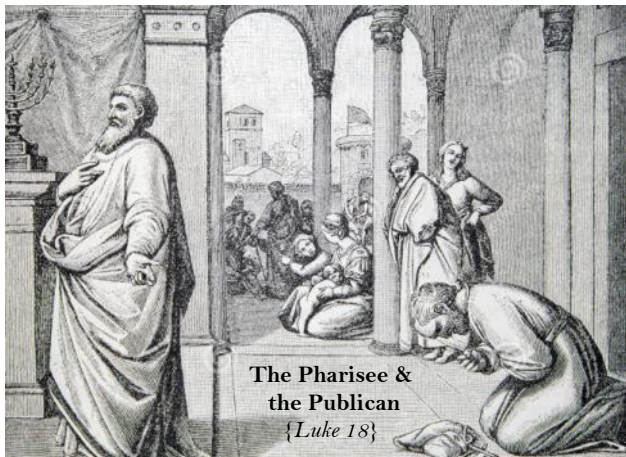
8:30 a.m. - Roderick Hamar & Lillian Gustilo  
*requested by Rod Hamar & Lil Gustilo*

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Canon Altiere  
*requested by Parishioners*



The Pharisee &  
the Publican  
{Luke 18}

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Mass at 7:45 a.m. only (reminder: no evening Mass, confessions or Benediction during the summer months)

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m. for Canon's Tenth Anniversary, followed by reception  
*Please sign up to bring refreshments if you can!*

Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Traditional blessing of grapes after Mass

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{*holy day of obligation*}

7:45 a.m. - Low Mass

6:00 p.m. - High Mass, followed by outdoor Marian procession & traditional blessing of herbs  
*Four men will be needed to carry the statue.*

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

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after the High Mass  
*Annual Parish Picnic at Old Mine Park*

September - Date to be Announced

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

### 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 make sure to collect your blessed items, as they sometimes accumulate or go astray if they are not picked up.

## HOW TO COMBINE DUE CARE FOR A GOOD REPUTATION WITH HUMILITY

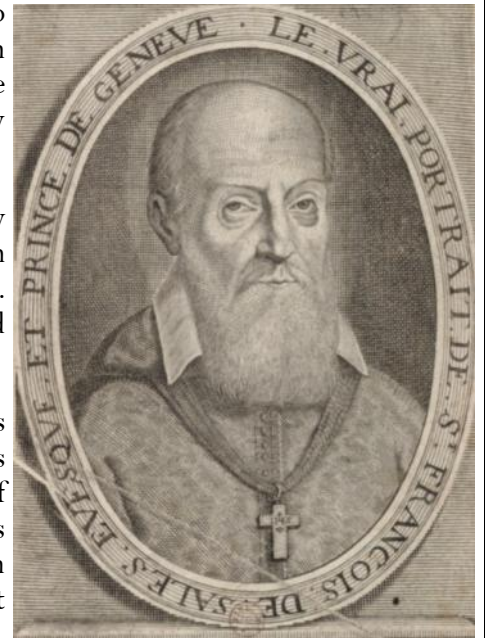
Praise, honour, and glory are not bestowed on men for ordinary, but for extraordinary virtue. By praise we intend to lead men to appreciate the excellence of certain individuals; giving them honour is the expression of our own esteem for them; and I should say that glory is the combination of praise and honour from many persons. If praise and honour are like precious stones, glory is as an enamel thereof. Now, as humility forbids us to aim at excelling or being preferred to others, it likewise forbids us to aim at praise, honour, and glory; but it allows us to give heed, as the Wise Man says, to our good name, and that because a good name does not imply any one particular excellence, but a general straightforward integrity of purpose, which we may recognise in ourselves, and desire to be known as possessing, without any breach of humility. Humility might make us indifferent even to a good reputation, were it not for charity's sake; but seeing that it is a groundwork of society, and without it we are not merely useless but positively harmful to the world, because of the scandal given by such a deficiency, therefore charity requires, and humility allows, us to desire and to maintain a good reputation with care.

Moreover, just as the leaves of a tree are valuable, not merely for beauty's sake, but also as a shelter to the tender fruit, so a good reputation, if not in itself very important, is still very useful, not only as an embellishment of life, but as a protection to our virtues, especially to those which are weakly. The necessity for acting up to our reputation, and being what we are thought to be, brings a strong though kindly motive power to bear upon a generous disposition. Let us foster all our virtues, my daughter, because they are pleasing to God, the chief aim of all we do. But just as when men preserve fruits, they do not only conserve them, but put them into suitable vessels, so while Divine Love is the main thing which keeps us in the ways of holiness, we may also find help from the effects of a good reputation. But it will not do to be over-eager or fanciful about it. Those who are so very sensitive about their reputation are like people who are perpetually physicking themselves for every carnal ailment; they mean to preserve their health, but practically they destroy it; and those who are so very fastidious over their good name are apt to lose it entirely, for they become fanciful, fretful, and disagreeable, provoking ill-natured remarks.

As a rule, indifference to insult and slander is a much more effectual remedy than resentment, wrath, and vengeance. Slander melts away beneath contempt, but indignation seems a sort of acknowledgment of its truth. Crocodiles never meddle with any but those who are afraid of them, and slander only persists in attacking people who are disturbed by it.

An excessive fear of losing reputation indicates mistrust as to its foundations, which are to be found in a good and true life. Those towns where the bridges are built of wood are very uneasy whenever a sign of flood appears, but they who possess stone bridges are not anxious unless some very unusual storm appears. And so a soul built up on solid Christian foundations can afford to despise the outpour of slanderous tongues, but those who know themselves to be weak are forever disturbed and uneasy. Be sure, my daughter, that he who seeks to be well thought of by everybody will be esteemed by nobody, and those people deserve to be despised who are anxious to be highly esteemed by ungodly, unworthy men.

Reputation, after all, is but a signboard giving notice where virtue dwells, and virtue itself is always and everywhere preferable. Therefore, if it is said that you are a hypocrite because you are professedly devout, or if you are called a coward because you have forgiven an insult, despise all such accusations. Such judgments are the utterances of foolish men, and you must not give up what is right, even though your reputation suffer, for fruit is better than foliage, that is to say, an inward and spiritual gain is worth all external gains. We may take a jealous care of our reputation, but not idolise it; and while we desire not to displease good men, neither should we seek to please those that are evil.



## 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 reception. 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.

### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Canon Altiere, the Rector of the Oratory, will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of his ordination with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m.

The reception after Mass (first Sunday coffee hour) will be partially catered, but please feel free to sign up to bring refreshments!

### PROPER ATTIRE IN CHURCH

Now that the warm weather is here, just a kind reminder about the importance of coming to church modestly and decently attired. This is a way for you to edify your neighbor and to show your respect for the house of God. **Revealing or tight-fitting clothing do not meet the norms for Christian modesty.**

Gentlemen and boys, please wear long trousers (not shorts) in church. Ladies and girls, please make sure that your dresses and skirts fall below the knees and do not wear clothing which exposes the back or shoulders or is low-cut. Although it is understandable to dress with summer comfort in mind, this cannot be the only consideration, as clothing also reflects our human dignity and respect for God and others.

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