

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

A Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right – Living the Truth in Charity

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 20, AD 2022

MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8:30am Low Mass
10:30am High Mass
Monday to Saturday: 8:00am Low Mass

CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass **EVERY DAY**
& **DURING** each weekly Holy Hour of Adoration

Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz,
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute
Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial
Superior of the Institute's U.S. Province

DEVOTIONS

17th-25th of each Month: Novena to the Infant King
Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph after 8am Mass
Friday: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm
First Friday: additional Mass at 6pm preceded by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5pm
Saturday (except 1st Saturday): Prayers to our Mother
of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass
First Saturday: after Holy Mass, Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Benediction with
Spiritual Conference (unless an announcement
indicates otherwise)

Clergy and Staff of Saint Patrick Oratory

Rev. Canon Joel Estrada Pastor & Rector
Abbé Kevin Kerscher Pastoral Assistant &
Clerical Oblate
David Hughes Organist & Choirmaster

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 20

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

10:30am High Mass - † Judi Colodonato,
by Sebestyen family

6pm Vespers & Benediction

Monday, March 21

ST. BENEDICT

Patron of the Institute of Christ the King
Sovereign Priest (Plenary Indulgence Available)

8am Low Mass - Peter Mulville, by Colleen Poole

6pm High Mass - † Theresa Stefanczyk, by
Rosemary & Michael Perrone

Tuesday, March 22

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - Special Intention,
by Cunningham family

Wednesday, March 23

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - Gillian Gould Hamilton,
by Lynne O'Lunaigh

Thursday, March 24

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - † John Cronin, by Grace Barbiero

Friday, March 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8am Low Mass - Martin A. & Ann C. Shugrue, &
their sons James M. Shugrue, by Patrick Shugrue
4:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

5:30pm Stations of the Cross & Veneration of
Relic of the True Cross

6pm **High Mass** - Conversion of the Jewish
People to the True Faith, by Patrick Murphy, Jr.

Saturday, March 26

Feria of Lent

8am Low Mass - † Guy Di Stefano,
by Sharon R. Szczerba

Sunday, March 27

FOURTH "LÆTARE" SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - *Pro Populo*

10:30am High Mass - Cerullo family,
by Dana Caro-Herman

6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations

Week of March 13: **\$5,526.75**

Please mail or drop off your regular offertory envelopes to
Saint Patrick rectory or donate securely online at
www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory
We truly depend on your help and assistance for the
upkeep of our church & operations.

May God reward your generosity!

Please write your donation to "**SAINT PATRICK PARISH**"

Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

Patron Saint of the Institute of Christ the King

**"If we say a little it is easy to add, but having
said too much it is hard to withdraw and never
can it be done so quickly as to hinder the
harm of our success."**

- Mar. 20** Coffee & Doughnut Social after the 10:30am Mass
- Mar. 21** 1st Class Feast of St. Benedict, patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence Available
- Mar. 23** **Connecticut March for Life Rally** starts at 12noon in front of the Capitol (North Side) 210 Capitol Ave., Hartford; free bus transportation departing at select towns; go to <https://rally.co/ct-march-for-life> & input **KOFC2022** at checkout
- Mar. 25** **Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady**, 8am Low Mass, **4:30pm** Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, & **6pm** High Mass
- Mar. 26** **Lætare Saturday Saint Patrick Irish Dinner** at 5pm in St. Patrick's Hall, you must have reserved & paid for your seats by Mar. 6 deadline
- Mar. 27** **Confirmation Examinations** after 10:30am Sunday Mass
- Apr. 1** **1st Friday: SPECIAL LENT SCHEDULE**
4:30pm Adoration & Confessions, **5:30pm** Stations of the Cross, **6pm** High Mass
- Apr. 2** **1st Saturday:** 8am High Mass followed by devotions, breakfast (**if there are able volunteers**), & conference
- Apr. 3** **1st Communion Examinations** after 10:30a Sunday Mass
- Apr. 3** **"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series** at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
- Apr. 8** 5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross
- Apr. 10** Palm Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am Blessing of Palms, Procession, & High Mass
- Apr. 17** Easter Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am High Mass & Benediction, (no Vespers)
- Apr. 19** St. Patrick Men's Association Rosary & Conference Night starting at 6:30pm
- Apr. 23** Confirmation students confession & rehearsal after 8am Mass
- Apr. 24** 8:30am Low Mass & 10:30am Confirmations followed by Mass & Reception in the Hall
- May 1** 1st Communion Catechism after 10:30am Sunday High Mass
- May 1** **"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series** at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction
- May 6** **1st Friday**, 5pm Adoration & Confessions followed by 6pm High Mass
- May 7** **1st Saturday:** 8am High Mass followed by devotions, breakfast (**if there are able volunteers**), & conference
- May 21** 1st Communion students 1st Confessions & Rehearsal after 8am Mass
- May 22** May Crowning & 1st Communion Mass starting at 10:30am

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Gospel of this Sunday, as soon as Jesus had cast out the devil, the man recovered his speech, for the possession had made him dumb. It is an image of what happens to a sinner who will not, or dare not, confess his sin. If he confessed it, and asked pardon, he would be delivered from the tyranny which now oppresses him. Alas! how many there are who are kept back by a dumb devil from making the Confession that would save them! The holy Season of Lent is advancing; these days of grace are passing away; let us profit by them; and if we ourselves be in the state of grace, let us offer up our earnest prayers for sinners, that they may speak, that is, may accuse themselves in Confession, and obtain pardon.

Let us also listen, with holy fear, to what our Savior tells us with regard to our invisible enemies. They are so powerful and crafty that our resistance would be useless, unless we had God on our side, and His holy Angels, who watch over us and join us in the great combat. It was to these unclean and hateful spirits of hell that we delivered ourselves when we sinned: we preferred their tyrannical sway to the sweet and light yoke of our compassionate Redeemer. Now we are set free, or are hoping to be so; let us thank our Divine Liberator; but let us take care not to re-admit our enemies. Our Savior warns us of our danger. They will return to the attack; they will endeavor to force their entrance into our soul, after it has been sanctified by the Lamb of the Passover. If we be watchful and faithful, they will be confounded, and leave us: but if we be tepid and careless, if we lose our appreciation of the grace we have received, and forget our obligations to Him who has saved us, our defeat is inevitable; and as our Lord says, our "last state is to be worse than the first."

Would we avoid such a misfortune? Let us meditate upon those other words of our Lord, in today's Gospel: "He that is not with me is against me." What makes us fall back into the power of Satan, and forget our duty to our God, is that we do not frankly declare ourselves for Jesus, when occasions require us to do so. We try to be on both sides, we have recourse to subterfuge, we temporize: this takes away our energy; God no longer gives us the abundant graces we received when we were loyal and generous; our relapse is all but certain. Therefore, let us be boldly and be unmistakably with Christ. He that is a soldier of Jesus should be proud of his title!

LENTEN REGULATIONS TO OBSERVE

1. **Ash Wednesday** (March 2, AD 2022) and **Good Friday** (April 15, AD 2022) are days of **COMPLETE ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT AND ARE ALSO DAYS OF FAST**, that is, only one full meal is allowed with no eating between meals. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs but they together should not equal that of the full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (unless a 1st class feast, ie. solemnity, falls on Friday, per canon 1251)
3. The obligation to **abstain from meat** binds on all who have reached the age of 14.
4. The obligation to **fast** binds all between the ages of 18 and 59.
5. Unless there is a just reason, the obligation to do penance is a serious one and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself from this obligation in the Lenten season. **Practices of Lenten penances and acts of mortification, increased devotion and prayer, and acts of mercy, charity and almsgiving, are worthy elements of our preparation for Easter.**
6. Abstinence on all Fridays of the year (outside of the Lenten season), though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **"especially recommended"**.
7. Fasting on weekdays of Lent, though not obligatory under pain of sin, is **"strongly recommended"** (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, November 18, 1966).
8. Catholics, after having received their 1st Holy Communion, are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season (between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday).
9. Catholics are also bound to confess mortal sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. We must be well disposed to receive our Lord each time at Holy Communion and therefore **it is strongly recommended to go to confession frequently (at least once a month).**

Let us be witnesses of faith

The devil is real and we must be on our guard. The greatest achievement of the devil is that he has deceived so many into thinking that he does not exist! He is very happy to be thought of as a cute little red guy with catlike ears, a pointy tail, and matching pitchfork. Of course, he does exist, but deception is second nature to him, for he is the “Father of Lies.” Our Lord tells us today, “He who is not with me is against me; and he who gathers not with me, scatters.” It is good for us to receive such teaching, because one of the greatest errors of our time is the idea that “compromise” is always a good and virtuous thing. We are in the world but we are not of the world. We have to earn a living. We have to live in peace with our neighbor; these people around us may not be Catholic, but that must not change the nature of our faith, of our behavior, nor our responsibilities. If we must earn our living among pagans, that is not an excuse to be a pagan. Nonetheless, all of our responsibilities in the world ought to be carried out with the intention of “having the Word of God and keeping it”. We cannot keep the Commandments by only keeping a few of them; nor by keeping most of them; not even by keeping the most “popular” ones. The demands of truth and morality operate at all the levels of our society. As baptized Catholics, particularly if we have been confirmed, we have the duty to support objective truth and morality. Each of us has the duty to keep the Commandments, and sometimes we have an obligation to remind others of the same responsibilities politely and tactfully, of course, but firmly. Let us ask our Blessed Mother for the strength to be courageous witnesses of the Faith. She is indeed blessed because, by fidelity to the Word of God, she deflected the devil and cast him away from the world.

FROM THE RECTOR'S SCRIPTORIUM, REVEREND CANON JOEL JOSEPH ESTRADA

Dear Faithful of Saint Patrick Oratory,

What are the prayers we say after Mass?

After a Low Mass (when it is celebrated without the organ), the Celebrant leads the faithful in reciting the Leonine Prayers. They are called such after Pope Leo XIII, who after being granted a vision of Satan's plan to attack the Church from within and from without, asked these prayers to be said: Three *Hail Marys*, the *Hail Holy Queen*, a prayer for the safeguard of Holy Mother Church, the *St. Michael Prayer*, and an Invocation to the Sacred Heart (said thrice).

We continue to maintain praying the St. Michael Prayer after all Masses by decree of the Archbishop of Hartford.

Are there not more prayers after every Mass that we say here at St. Patrick Oratory?

Yes. At St. Patrick's, more prayers are recited after every Mass, and not just during a Low Mass. This is because we are an Apostolate of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, a worldwide Society of Apostolic Life, in addition to being an Oratory established by the Archdiocese. As such, we recite the *Memorare* (a favorite prayer of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of the Institute). We recite this prayer in union with all of the Institute of Christ the King Apostolates across America for the intention of our U.S. Superior. In addition, at all Masses (except for feasts of 1st Class, Octaves, anniversaries of the dedication of our own St. Patrick Church [January 18] and the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Hartford [May 15], *Requiem* Masses, and some 2nd Class feasts), we add an additional collect, secret, postcommunion, after the collect of the day and after any occurring commemorations of saints for the Sovereign Pontiff as commanded by our Institute.