



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
A Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right — Living the Truth in Charity

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Second Sunday of Lent 5th March AD 2023

Mass Times

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

Superiors of the Institute of Christ the King

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

Clergy and Staff of Saint Patrick Oratory

Rev. Canon Joel Estrada	Pastor & Rector
Abbé Kevin Kerscher	Pastoral Assistant
David Hughes	Organist & Choirmaster
Tomasz Matusiewicz	Office Administrator

Confessions

Thirty minutes before each Holy Mass daily & during each weekly Holy Hour of Adoration

Devotions (consult next page for Lenten schedule)

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 First 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)

Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

Patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

“ Do not act like the spider, who represents the proud; but imitate the bee, who is the symbol of the humble soul. The spider spins its web where everyone can see it, and never in secret. It spins in orchards, going from tree to tree, in houses, on windows, on floors—in short, before the eyes of all. In this it resembles the vain and hypocritical who do everything to be seen and admired by others... bees are wiser and more prudent, for they prepare their honey in the hive where no one can see them. Besides that, they build little cells where they continue their work in secret. ”

SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK IS FOR
HOLY MOTHER CHURCH, Ss. JOSEPH &
BENEDICT & REQUESTOR'S INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday, 5th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - Deceased members of Bury family, by Steve Bury

10:30am High Mass - *Pro Populo*

5:15pm "Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction

Monday, 6th March

MONDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - James Pavlick, Sr., by Rosemary, James Jr., Maura, & Jordan,

Tuesday, 7th March

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS - PATRON OF THE
INSTITUTE - PLENARY INDULGENCE AVAILABLE

8am Low Mass - † Alix-Marie Ménoret,
by Maria Ménoret

6pm Low Mass - Marianna Perrino,
by Michael G. Ursini

Wednesday, 8th March

WEDNESDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - Daniel Keogh,
by Bob & Eileen Wilkinson

Thursday, 9th March

THURSDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - April Maloney,
by Hugh Maloney

Friday, 10th March

FRIDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - Gillard family,
by John & Maryellen Perugini
5pm Holy Hour of Adoration
6pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, 11th March

SATURDAY IN THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - Pasquale Perrino,
by Michael G. Ursini

Sunday, 12th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - Bryan & Kristofer Maloney,
by Hugh Maloney

10:30am High Mass - *Pro Populo*
6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations

Week of February 26th: \$7,093.30

Please donate securely online at
www.osvhub.com/stpatrick-parish-and-oratory
May God reward your generosity!

Sunday, 5th March

"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series: Heinrich Biber's Rosary Sonatas, starts at 5:15pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction

Tuesday, 7th March

1st Class Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence available

Friday, 10th March

5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday, 12th March

Deadline to purchase tickets for Mar. 18th Dinner

Friday, 17th March

Titular Parish Feast of St. Patrick, 1st Class,
8am Low Mass, 4:30pm Adoration & Confessions, 5:30pm Stations of the Cross, approx. 6:15pm High Mass

Saturday, 18th March

Lætare Saturday Saint Patrick Irish Dinner starts at 5:30pm (doors open at 4:30pm), call Priory for tickets. No tickets sold at door!

Sunday, 19th March

1st Confession Practicum Class for 1st Communion students after 10:30am High Mass, please meet at Main Confessional

Monday, 20th March

Transferred 1st Class feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass

Tuesday, 21st March

1st Class feast of Saint Benedict, Patron of the Institute, 8am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass, Plenary Indulgence Available

Saturday, 25th March

Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lady, 8am High Mass

Sunday, 26th March

Lesson in Liturgy (20 min.) followed by Coffee Social after the High Mass

1st Saturday, 1st April

1st Saturday. 8am High Mass, followed by Devotions. No breakfast nor conference.

Sunday, 2nd April

Palm Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am Blessing of Palms, Procession & High Mass
"Organ at the Oratory" Recital Series at 5:30pm followed by 6pm Vespers & Benediction

2nd Sunday of Lent

Consider that in the Transfiguration of Our Lord, His witnesses, Saints Peter, James and John were transformed in some way; they had a glimpse of a glory as would come to them after their life of fidelity to God, through hardships and trials.

Our Lord had told the apostles of His coming Passion before He gave them this encouraging experience of seeing the Transfiguration. Christ as man had the glory of the beatific vision from the first instant of His existence in Mary's womb. But He was not to have the "overflow of heavenly glory into His body" until His Resurrection from the dead.

In the Transfiguration, our Lord showed by way of anticipation the clarity of His bodily glory. This was the essential clarity of true heavenly glory, here manifested in a new mode, that is, as miraculously produced. In the glory following the Resurrection, the clarity of the glorified body is not a miracle; it belongs to the glorified body as such.

Our Lord chose as witnesses to the Transfiguration, not only the three Apostles, but Moses and Elias who appeared visibly.

As at the baptism of Christ by St. John, so here on the mountain of Transfiguration, the voice of God the Father proclaimed the divine Sonship of Christ. The baptism of Christ by St. John foretold the true baptism which brings grace; the Transfiguration foretold the triumph of grace in glory. Both grace and glory are available to man, but only through the Son of God who became man. Hence it is notably suitable that the divinity of Christ should be divinely proclaimed on these two occasions: the baptism by St. John, and the Transfiguration on the mount. (reflection of the Summa Theologiae, IIIa. Q. 45)

St. Francis de Sales saw the Transfiguration as a "glimpse of heaven." During this season of Lent, may our eyes, our minds and our hearts be transfigured and transformed. May we see more clearly the glory of a God who always loves us, who redeems us, who heals us, who forgives us, who challenges us, who pursues us, who strengthens us and who inspires us. May we grow in our ability, through the quality of our lives, to make that "glimpse of heaven" visible in the lives of others.

"The more you know and the better you understand, the more severely will you be judged, unless your life is also the more holy. Do not be proud, therefore, because of your learning or skill. Rather, fear because of the talent given you. (from Imitation of Christ)"

LENTEN REGULATIONS

TO OBSERVE

1. **Ash Wednesday** (February 22, AD 2023) and **Good Friday** (April 7, AD 2023) 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 other 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).**

St. Philip Neri and the Chicken

St. Philip Neri was an Italian priest who lived in the 16th Century. Known as the “Third Apostle of Rome” after St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Philip Neri was a saintly priest. One day a woman visited St. Philip Neri. Known for her wicked tongue and gossip, often stirring up the pot sharing other peoples’ faults, St. Philip gave her some money to go buy a chicken at the store. After the chicken was killed, St. Philip asked her, as she walked back, to pluck all the feathers off the chicken. The woman was delighted that the saintly St. Philip had asked her to do something for him. She went to buy the chicken, got it and as she walked back to St. Philip, she plucked every feather off and when arrived, handed him a freshly plucked chicken. He thanked her and then asked her another favor. “Now go back once more, and gather all the feathers of the chicken you just plucked.” She objected, “That is impossible, Father. The wind has scattered the feathers in every direction.” Then St. Philip Neri responded, “Let this be a lesson for you, for it is exactly the same with your wicked words. Just as the chicken feathers have been scattered by the wind in every direction, so have your wicked words been scattered in every direction by other people, repeating your stories!” Let us remember this story when we are tempted to repeating to others what they did not need to hear about a situation. Here St. Paul gave sound advice centuries earlier than St. Philip Neri, “Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may import grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Ghost of God... Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:29-31) The next time we are about share information that could hurt another person’s reputation (even if it is true) let us think of the plucked chicken with its feathers everywhere and God asking us to retrieve every last feather that the wind of gossip has scattered. Gossip hurts everyone.

FROM THE RECTOR’S SCRIPTORIUM, CANON JOEL JOSEPH ESTRADA

Dear Faithful of Saint Patrick Oratory,

During Lent we face a daily struggle and there are many rocks blocking our path. Recalling the Gospel of today, we must struggle to ascend our personal Mount Tabor; we must fight for our personal transfiguration. This is why it is so important to be frequently healed by confession and abundantly fed by Holy Communion. We can go both up and down a slope. We can spiritually progress, but we can also spiritually regress. We can be transfigured by the love of God or we can be disfigured by the attachment to sin. Like progress, regress is not sudden and dramatic; regress is a slope, a slippery slope. Let us take heart, let us remember that being discouraged during Lent may be just the result of the human condition or it may be the devil trying to lead us away from God and into despair. A bit of difficulty in keeping a good Lent is not unusual. But a victory without battle is not a victory. It is why we ask for God’s help and we trust Him to give the graces that are necessary.

Remember the penances we need to practice for this season of Lent. Penance consists in contrition of the soul and mortification of the body. The soul has willed the sin; the body has cooperated in its commission. Also, the body will share with the soul either the delights of heaven or the torments of hell. Therefore both should pay homage to the Creator. The soul must be resolved to give up every sin; it must heartily grieve over those already committed; it must hate sin and shun the near occasions of sin. Penance has more than atoning value. When our own little crosses are borne in union with the suffering Savior, we truly help Christ in uniting ourselves closer to Him. Let us take heart, keep the faith, and make a good Lent!

CT BISHOPS' CALL TO ACTION:

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Assisted Suicide

CT General Assembly Senate Bill 1076

- Insurance companies will benefit from the cost savings. It is much cheaper to offer lethal drugs to patients in lieu of quality, long-term care or expensive life-saving treatment.
- This is not the practice of medicine, and patients should not have to consider this option when they are really seeking help, love, and true compassion.
- Our good doctors should not have to consider this option for their patients, and should continue to be held to a high standard of care.
- Patients should not be left alone at home or elsewhere to self-administer a non-FDA-approved mixture of lethal drugs without a doctor or nurse present.
- Instead, policymakers should improve hospice care, palliative care, disability support services, and mental health care.
- The tragic consequences have come true in Canada—in 2021, over 10,000 Canadians died due to lethal prescriptions. Is this CT's future?
- Pressures faced by Canadians, who took their own lives with lethal prescriptions, included fear of homelessness and lack of care.
- Suicide contagion is real. 1 in 3 U.S. teenage girls has contemplated suicide. States with assisted suicide laws are associated, on average, with a 6 percent increase in a state's total suicide rate.
- The American Medical Association stands strongly against assisted suicide because it would be "difficult to control and would pose serious societal risks."
- The Alzheimer's Association "deeply regrets" and ended its relationship with supporters of assisted suicide. AA asserts that palliative care is the highest quality of end-of-life care for those with advanced dementia.



**Your voices and testimony
are needed now to stop SB 1076 from
becoming law.**

Please Call or Email your State Legislators—
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