



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

Saint Patrick Oratory

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Third Sunday of Lent 12th 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

“ You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves. ”

SANCTUARY LAMP THIS WEEK IS FOR
KRYSTIAN KOZEK,
REQUESTED BY MARIAN & LUCYNA KOZEK

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

Monday, 13th March

MONDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - † Rev. Fr. Thomas Hickey
(3rd yr. anniv.), by Rector

Tuesday, 14th March

TUESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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

Wednesday, 15th March

WEDNESDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - Alyssa, Leah, John & Anna
Perugini, by John & Maryellen Perugini

Thursday, 16th March

THURSDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - † Linda Simms,
by Doug Simms

Friday, 17th March

ST. PATRICK, CHURCH TITULAR FEAST

8am Low Mass - In Thanksgiving,
by Doug Simms

4:30pm Holy Hour of Adoration

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

approx. 6:15pm High Mass - *Pro Populo*

Saturday, 18th March

SATURDAY IN THE THIRD WEEK OF LENT

8am Low Mass - Healing of Gavan Cyr,
by John Kozak

Sunday, 19th March

FOURTH LÆTARE SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30am Low Mass - Holy Souls in Purgatory,
by John & Maryellen Perugini

10:30am High Mass - In Thanksgiving to St.
Joseph & the Holy Family, by Minor family

6pm Vespers & Benediction

St. Patrick Church Donations

Week of March 5th: forthcoming

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

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 Priors
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

Friday, 24th March

5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross

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

Friday, 31st March

5pm Holy Hour & 6pm Stations of the Cross

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

Sunday, 9th April

Easter Sunday, 8:30am Low Mass, 10:30am
High Mass & Benediction, no Vespers

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** (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).**

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, 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.

On Sunday, we recite the prayer for vocations to the Archdiocesan priesthood.

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

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 of Pontifical Right in Canonical Form, 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 intentions of our U.S. Provincial Superior. In addition, at all Masses (except for feasts of 1st Class, 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, post-communion, for the Sovereign Pontiff as commanded by our Institute (i.e. “Oratio Imperata”) following the collect of the day and any occurring commemorations of saints.

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—
**ASK THEM TO STOP
ASSISTED SUICIDE.**

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legislators, please go to:
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