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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Passion Sunday
April 3, A.D. 2022**

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8am, 11am
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

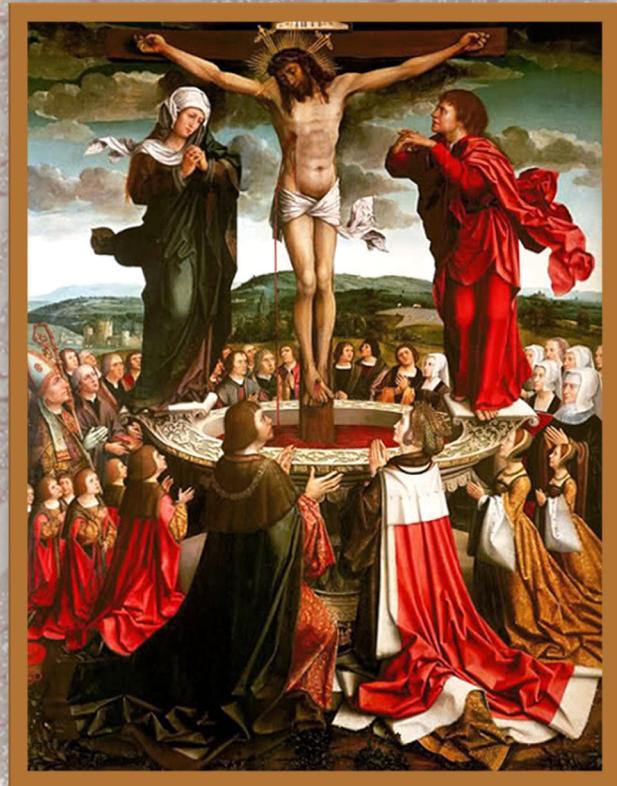
Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday: 8-8:45am

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Robin Mauser (Patrizio Family)

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monday of Passion Week, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Isidore

12PM + Eileen Schaefer (Stull Family)

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Tuesday of Passion Week, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Vincent Ferrer

12PM + The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Michael Pollock)

7PM Charlotte Callahan (Callahan Family)

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Wednesday of Passion Week, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM Stanley & Bernadette Schurdak & Family
(Christine & Bernard Brueggemann)

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Thursday of Passion Week, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM John & Leona Marcone (Pochapsky Family)

Friday, April 8, 2022 *Abstinence*

Our Lady of Sorrows, 3rd Class—White *Comm. of the Feria*

12PM + Dr. Robert Blume (Elizabeth Blume)

7PM Private Intention

Saturday, April 9, 2022

Saturday of Passion Week, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM + Dr. Escerro (Teresa Bentivegna)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Living & Deceased Members of Chester Family
(M/M Tom Cocchi)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Offertory	\$12,117.00
Parish Share	\$1,650.00
ICRSS Provincial Appeal	\$340.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$549.00
Easter Flowers	\$785.00
Food Pantry.....	\$15.00

Thank you for your continued generous support of the parish.

On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Offertory Envelopes

The parish greatly appreciates the generous donations received each week from parishioners and visitors alike. If you are a parishioner who makes donations using a check, please consider using your collection envelopes so the office can easily record your donations for tax purposes. When you submit a check without an envelope, staff must take an extra step to identify your envelope number so your donation is accurately recorded. The parish is very fortunate and grateful for the financial support received each week.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication. **Please note the change in lead time.** PARISH NEWS—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

WEEKLY GET TOGETHER—Join your fellow parishioners for **coffee and doughnuts** (75¢ each) in the school building on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30am, while Catechism Classes are in session. If you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, service, or cleanup, please contact Tom Smith: tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com or call (412) 606-9866.

MASS INTENTIONS—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9a.m. Mass. Please contact JillianL.Kaufman@gmail.com for more information.

Benedictus Books

There are 200 April Benedictus booklets available at the side entrance for use by our parish family. Feel free to take a booklet home with you, to use during this beautiful Easter season. If you are able, please consider contributing to defer the cost of the booklets by placing a donation in the designated collection box.

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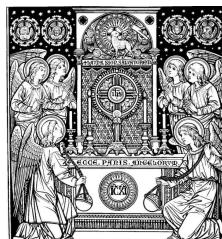
Summertime Coffee & Donuts

With the Catechism year ending in May, the parish needs someone to take over the responsibility of running the weekly coffee/donut social hour between the Sunday Low and High Masses. This opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners is an important part of parish life. If you are interested and can commit, please contact Tom Smith at (412) 606-9866 or tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

This is the final day to submit Mass intentions during this open period. Please be aware there are no Sunday Masses available at this point, but you may request weekday Masses after April 22nd. Revised Mass Intention Request Forms are available at the Church entrances for your use. Finally, the parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, then your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

Holy Hour of Adoration



In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7th.

Catechism Corner

From The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to fulfill this holy pope's desire to have a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.

The Precepts of the Church

In General

1 Q: Besides the Commandments of God what else must we observe? A: Besides the Commandments of God we must also observe the Precepts of the Church.

2 Q: Are we obliged to obey the Church? A: Undoubtedly we are obliged to obey the Church, because Jesus Christ Himself commands us to do so, and because the Precepts of the Church help us to observe the Commandments of God.

3 Q: When does the obligation to observe the Precepts of the Church begin to bind? A: As a rule the obligation to observe the Precepts of the Church begins to bind us as soon as we come to the age of reason.

4 Q: Is it a sin to transgress a Precept of the Church? A: Knowingly to transgress a Precept of the Church in grave matter is a mortal sin.

5 Q: Who can dispense from a Precept of the Church? A: Only the Pope, or one who has received from him the power to do so, can dispense from a Precept of the Church.

6 Q: Name the Precepts of the Church.

A: The Precepts of the Church are:

1. To hear Mass on all Sundays and on Holy days of obligation.

2. To fast during Lent, on Ember Days and appointed Vigils, and not to eat meat on forbidden days. (*N.B. Since the time of St. Pius X, the days of fasting have been reduced to two: Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, the days of abstinence to Ash Wednesday & Fridays.*)

3. To confess our sins at least once a year, and to receive Holy Communion at Easter each one in his own parish. (*N.B. Most catechisms divide this precept in two distinct precepts thus making the total number of precepts six.*)

4. To contribute to the support of the Church, according to local custom.

5. Not to solemnize marriage at forbidden times, that is, from the first Sunday in Advent until the Epiphany, and from the first day of Lent until Low Sunday. (*N.B. Since the time of St. Pius X, the closed seasons for solemnizing marriage has been reduced to Advent & Lent.*)

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

To live according to the spirit means thinking, speaking and working virtuously, not according to the senses or the desires of the flesh. Certainly we are susceptible to emotions, but we must keep them under control and not live according to them. But what are the virtues of the spirit? Faith, which shows us truths beyond the comprehension of the senses; hope, which makes us aim at the good that is invisible; and charity, which makes us love God above everything else and our neighbor as ourselves - not with a purely natural or self-interested love, but with a love that is pure, unchangeable and solidly founded on God.

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the Via Crucis or Way of the Cross. It is a great means to meditate on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Stations will be held at 6:30pm on the Fridays of Lent and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, April 15th, Stations will be held at 12 noon. Also the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual condition by praying the Via Crucis. This may be done privately or during public devotions (in which case, only one person needs to go from station to station). No specific prayers are prescribed, just meditation on the sufferings of Christ. The meditations of St. John Henry Newman will be used for this Friday's Stations.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 10

8AM Low Mass

10:30AM Solemn Blessing of Palms & Procession

followed by High Mass

(Blessed Palms will be available in the side entrance following the High Mass)

Holy Thursday, April 14

6-6:50PM Confessions

7PM High Mass

followed by the Procession to the Repository (with Adoration until Midnight), Vespers and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday, April 15

11AM-1PM Confessions

12PM Stations of the Cross

1PM Sermon on the Passion

1:30PM Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 16

6PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 17

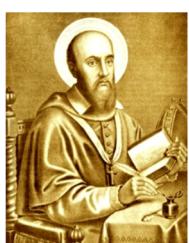
Normal Sunday Schedule

N.B. Confessions will not be heard during the Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Next Week—the Blessing of Palms

“We may have an idea of its importance by the solemnity used by the Church in this sacred rite. One would suppose that the Holy Sacrifice has begun, and is going to be offered up in honor of Jesus’ Entry into Jerusalem. Introit, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, even a Preface, are said as though they were, as usual, preparing for the immolation of the Spotless Lamb; but after the triple Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus! the Church suspends these sacrificial formulas, and turns to the Blessing of the Palms. The Prayers she uses for this Blessing are eloquent and full of instruction; and, together with the sprinkling with Holy Water and the Incensation, impart a virtue to these Branches, which elevates them to the supernatural order, and makes them means for the sanctification of our souls and the protection of our persons and dwellings. The Faithful should hold these Palms in their hands during the procession [...] and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith, and as a pledge of God’s watchful love.”—Dom Guéranger, *The Liturgical Year*.

The prescriptions of the rubrics for Palm Sunday specify that the blessing of palms is always done with the procession of palms immediately following. Next Sunday, the Blessing of Palms and Procession will take place at 10:30am. The parish will provide palms, but those faithful who would like branches of willow, olive, spruce or boxwood blessed, please bring them to the church before the Blessing of Palms, labeled with your name, and pick them up after the High Mass. For those who are not able to be at the Blessing of Palms, blessed palms will be available in the side entrance following the Palm Sunday High Mass and throughout Holy Week. A number of palms will be reserved for those attending the 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday.



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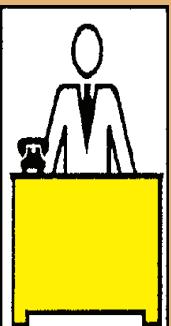
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