



Our Lady of the Rosary Roman Catholic Church

Rev. John Trough
(616) 970-1188 · frtrough@icloud.com
Web: olrtcc.org ✠ Instagram: [olrtradcathchurch](https://www.instagram.com/olrtradcathchurch)



December 31, 2022 St. Sylvester, PC

Mass Intention

Dec 31: Pro Populo

From the Pastor

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, on behalf of Bishop Mark Pivarunas, Fr. John Trough and the clergy and religious of CMRI.

We have grown so much this past year at our mission in Greenville, thanks to your prayers and support. What is most important in growth is our growth in our interior life, the dynamic life of Sanctifying Grace in our souls. The means of that growth, for a greater footprint of the Holy Ghost in our souls, is by being faithful to the True Mass of the Ages, to utilizing the means of Grace, especially Holy Communion, regular Confession, the daily recitation of the family Rosary, and avoiding the near occasions of sin. What better way to welcome the Babe of Bethlehem in our souls than that?

I am grateful to be your parish priest of the missions to serve you, and by the grace of God, look forward to another year of service at this mission.

Be assured of my daily prayers for you all and your families.

St. Sylvester

Sylvester was ordained Priest of the holy Roman Church by Pope Marcellinus. He was chosen as the successor of Pope Melchiades, under the reign of the Emperor Constantine. This Emperor, having been advised by his physicians to seek the cure of his leprosy by bathing in infants' blood, was visited in his sleep by the holy Apostles Peter and Paul. They bade him refuse the sinful remedy of the bath, if he desired to be cleansed from his leprosy, and

go to Sylvester, who was then hiding on mount Soracte; that having been regenerated in the saving waters of baptism, he should give orders that Churches, after the manner of the Christians, should be built in every part of the Roman empire; and that he should destroy the idols of the false gods, and worship the true God. Constantine therefore, obeying the heavenly admonition, caused the most diligent search to be made for Sylvester, and ordered him, when found, to be brought to him. This being done, and the Pontiff having shown Constantine the portraits of the two Apostles he had seen in his sleep, the Emperor was baptized and healed, and became exceedingly zealous for the defense and propagation of the Christian religion. By the persuasion of the holy Pontiff, Constantine also built several Basilicas, which he enriched with sacred images, and most princely donations and gifts; he moreover granted permission to the Christians publicly to erect churches, which previously they were forbidden to do. Two Councils were held during the reign of this Pontiff: firstly that of Nicea; the holy and Catholic faith was explained, and Arius and his followers were condemned; the Council was confirmed by Sylvester, at the request of all the Fathers assembled; the second was that of Rome, at which 284 Bishops were present, and there again Arius was condemned.

Wisdom of the Saints

Every tribulation which ever comes our way either is sent to be medicinal, if we will take it as such, or may become medicinal, if we will make it such, or is better than medicinal, unless we forsake it. - St. Thomas More

Announcements

If interested in joining the choir email chain, please contact Caroline Hilliard at carlbriggs80@gmail.com

Father is current accepting Mass intentions. Customary offering is \$25 per Mass.

Please join us for the Rosary. Sundays at 9 AM on Discord.

<https://discord.gg/K42TYCr>

If you are not receiving the mission newsletter, please contact Christy Hilliard, cahilliard7@gmail.com.

Prayer List

Please remember the following intentions:

Kathleen Weidner, Dennis Smith, Theresa Fishman, Father Trough, Success of the Mission

Upcoming

- Jan 1: Circumcision of Our Lord**
- Jan 2: Holy Name of Jesus**
- Jan 6: Epiphany**
- Jan 15: Mass, 7:30 PM ***
- Jan 16: Mass, 7:30 AM ***
- Jan 28: Mass, 10 AM**

* Please note updated schedule. Changes are published on our website, olrtcc.org

Collections

Last Mass: \$827
Year-to-Date: \$16,560

Dress Code

Welcome! Out of respect for the True Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and for the edification of our neighbor, we kindly request that all who come to our parish observe the basic traditional Catholic standards of dress for church attendance:

- Women and girls must cover their heads.
- Women and girls must wear dresses or skirts that cover the knee completely when standing or sitting. Slacks, shorts, sleeveless, tight or low-cut clothing, and dresses or skirts with long slits above the knees are not permitted.
- It is recommended for men and boys to wear suit coats and ties for Sunday Mass. Jeans and other casual attire are inappropriate for attendance at church.