

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

Lent is almost here! In the Gospel for the Sunday of Quinquagesima, Our Lord lays out in very plain terms what is in store; what His entire public ministry has been leading up to:

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the Prophets concerning the Son of Man. For He shall be delivered to the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon: and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death, and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of those things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said" (Luke 18;31-43).

Too often, like the Apostles before us we don't recognize the meaning or the value of the crosses God sends us. Perhaps they seem to make no sense and we shrink from them in cowardice, or in our pride refuse to carry them. This Sunday therefore, let us take stock of our souls one final time before the beginning of Lent, in imploring of God a true desire of amendment and the willingness to sacrifice.

This Wednesday, <u>March 2 is Ash Wednesday</u>. There will be the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes followed by Low Mass at 10 am, and the Blessing and Distribution of Ashes followed by High Mass at 6 pm.

On Wednesday, March 30, I will preach a <u>Lenten Retreat for Women</u>, once again at the Carmelite Monastery in Kensington. Lent is one of the best times of year to make a retreat; it was just this indeed which Our Lord was doing in the desert for forty days to prepare for His public ministry. Retreats renew our souls with God's grace, they give us spiritual food for thought, and the time and space needed to reexamine our lives and see the different ways we have gone astray from the narrow path. Thus, they allow us to refocus and clarify our true priorities.

Our monthly <u>Sursum Corda event for young adults</u> will take place on the third Thursday of the month, <u>March 17</u> (St. Patrick's Day). As a reminder, we will now be back in the church hall for these events. The evening will begin with the Rosary recited in church at 6 pm, followed by a talk and a social dinner at 6:30. If interested, please rsvp to Noe Perez at $n_perez3@u.pacific.edu$.

After continued improvement, <u>Canon Altiere has reached a major milestone</u> in his slow but steady course to regaining his health. He was finally discharged from the hospital last Monday, February 21. He is now transitioning to the next phase of his recovery in a pulmonary rehabilitation facility. Canon's lungs are healing nicely, and he now requires minimal oxygen support through his tracheostomy without any mechanical ventilation. He has already begun to speak again and to walk a few steps with a lot of help. Moreover, over the past few days, he has shown definitive signs of kidney recovery. Please be sure to keep praying fervently and often for him, and for his doctors and family members. This next phase of his life will require tremendous faith and courage.

Would you like to know which individuals have arguably the most need of your prayers? It's the seminarians. They follow an arduous course of formation which is spiritually, intellectually, morally and physically demanding (just one example – there's very little winter heating at Gricigliano, and temperatures aren't like those in the Bay Area). To that end, we are continuing our tradition



Lenten Schedule

- Holy hour after the 12:30pm Mass today, after the 6pm Mass on Monday, February 28 and Tuesday, March 1.

- Confessions beginning at 5 pm on Fridays of Lent, beginning March 11

- Adoration after the 6 pm Mass on Wednesdays of Lent, beginning March 9.

- Stations of the Cross after the 6 pm Mass on Fridays of Lent, beginning March 11.

- First Fridays of Lent (March 4 and April 1): Confessions at 4:15 pm, Stations of the Cross at 5 pm, and First Friday Devotions after the 6 pm Mass.

of a <u>Lenten Praver Campaign for the Institute's semi-</u> narians. You may sign up to pray for seminarians on Flocknote or on the sheets provided in the church vestibule.

Please be sure to check the <u>updated Lenten schedule</u> up above; there have been a few modifications made. Among them: there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration following the 12:30 Mass this Sunday.

The Institute's annual <u>**Provincial Appeal**</u> will be taken on the <u>**First Sunday of Lent, March 6**</u> – just one week from today. We thank you in advance for your generosity in this special second collection, which greatly aids the U.S. Province of the Institute in continuing to bring you the Traditional Sacraments and the Faith handed down from the Apostles.

There will not be a reception after the 12:30 Mass today, because of the Holy Hour following the Mass. The Sunday receptions will begin again next week.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday, Canon Benjamin Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 2/27	7:00 am Low Mass	Quinquagesima Sunday 2nd Class / Violet Holy Hour after 12:30 Mass	Canon Norman	Jaydee Dominic Magabo
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Ponni Kannan Anirudhan†
Mon, 2/28	6:00 pm Low Mass	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament 4th Class/White Holy Hour after 6 pm Mass	Canon Norman	Benedicto Cino† & Roseanne Cino
Tue., 3/1	6:00 pm Low Mass	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament 4th Class/ White Holy Hour after 6 pm Mass	Canon Norman	Barbara Powell†
Wed., 3/2	10:00 am Low Mass	Ash Wednesday Blessing and distribution of ashes before Mass 1st <i>Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	(Private intention)
	6:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>			(Private intention)
Thurs., 3/3	12:00 noon Low Mass	Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign and Eternal High Priest, <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Lauren Hill
Fri., 3/4	6:00 pm Low Mass	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart 3rd Class/White Stations of the Cross before Mass, First Friday Devotions after Mass	Canon Norman	Ba Van Dinh†
Sat., 3/5	10:00 am Low Mass	Saturday of Our Lady 3rd Class/ White First Saturday Devotions	Canon Norman	Dominic Stephen Ramirez†
Sun., 3/6	7:00 am Low Mass	First Sunday of Lent 1st Class / Violet	Canon Norman	Sophia Ahlstrand
	12:30 pm High Mass		Canon Norman	Alexandre Silva

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday.

Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Weekly catechism classes on Zoom Please contact Canon Norman or Lisa Caputi (henshinx@pacbell.net) to request the Zoom link. Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00pm Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30pm <u>EMAIL LIST:</u> send your request to

oakland@institute-christ-king.org <u>FLOCKNOTE:</u> sign up at ickspoakland.flocknote.com or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27—Quinquagesima Sunday

March 2—Ash Wednesday

March 7-St. Thomas Aquinas (Institute Patronal Feast)

March 17—Sursum Corda Event (*RSVP)

March 21—St. Benedict of Nursia (Institute Patronal Feast)

March 26— Altar Servers Event

March 30-Women's Lenten Retreat (details to come)

*Sursum Corda RSVP: Noe Perez at n perez3@u.pacific.edu

ALTAR SERVERS EVENT— SATURDAY, MARCH 26: After the 10 am Mass, a spiritual talk will be given, followed by pizza and time for games and socializing. Hopefully we'll be blessed with good weather on that day!

SUPPORT THE INSTITUTE: MANY APOSTOLATES, ONE MISSION

Current events in the world and the Church are serving as the providential occasion for more and more people to fill the pews of the apostolates served by the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

These apostolates in 19 dioceses from coast to coast across America form the Institute's U.S. Province. This family of souls nationwide is united together in one supernatural mission: to spread the benevolent reign of Christ the King to all aspects of human life for the salvation of souls. This is our common mission as one spiritual family.

This Lent, would you be willing to make a sacrifice to help the Institute grow in the United States?

Consider making a sacrifice of **\$80**, just two dollars a day during these 40 days of Lent. Last year's collection raised \$140,290. It was such a great help over this past year in the common mission which we share with all of you.

In these difficult times, you can make a difference in the Church today by donating to the people and the places that work tirelessly to restore Catholic life and culture in America.

