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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we see Our Lord being accused of casting out devils by the power of the Devil. What lengths of folly the soul in a state of sin will go to in order to deny the plain reality that everyone else can see! As Christ points out to His interlocutors by a rhetorical question, their accusation goes against simple reason:

“Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall...Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? (Luke 11:14-28).

Would you like to lend your voice to the glory of God? The Church’s tradition of Sacred Music, Gregorian Chant, is something we take very seriously in the Institute of Christ the King. As Pope St. Pius X declared in his 1903 Motu Proprio *Tra le sollecitudini*:

“...the more closely a composition for church approaches in its movement, inspiration and savor the Gregorian form, the more sacred and liturgical it becomes; and the more out of harmony it is with that supreme model, the less worthy it is of the temple.”

At our apostolates, a considerable amount of time and energy is invested to assure that the chant is well-rehearsed, carefully executed and above all prayerful. It just so happens that **both our scholas, the men and the women**, are recruiting. If you would like to try chanting, please contact Dennison Gallardo: vivatxtusrex@gmail.com.

Remember: if you or your children are scheduled to be **confirmed on Saturday, November 5 at St. Margaret Mary’s**, please provide me with a photo or PDF, at your earliest convenience, of the certificates of Baptism and First Communion.

This **Monday, March 21 is the Feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia**, one of the main spiritual patrons of the Institute and thus a First Class feast at our apostolates. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions. A Low Mass with organ will be celebrated at 6 pm.

An important feast is coming up this **Friday, March 25: the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. A feast of the First Class and of Our Blessed Mother, all Catholics are heartily encouraged to assist at Mass on this day. We have also been informed by the Bishop of Oakland that Pope Francis has invited him to take part in the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on this day. We await further details from the Holy See on the specifics of how this consecration will take place. Some more good news – on **March 25, three Sisters Adorers** will pronounce their first vows at the Sisters’ convent in Naples, Italy. Let us give thanks to God for blessing our community with vocations!

Have you purchased your copy of “**My Catholic Faith**” yet? Well, what are you waiting for? This traditional manual of instruction in all the teachings of the Church is a must-have for any Catholic’s personal library.



The Exorcism of the Gerasene Demoniac—Sebastien Bourdon (1653)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

I was remiss on a point in last Sunday’s bulletin. I forgot to wish all a **Happy Saint Patrick’s Day!** Well wishes go out in particular to the Irish expatriates among our faithful. As some of you know, I spent two years as a priest in Ireland at the Institute’s apostolate in Limerick. I still remember a tour of the “Mass rocks” given to me by one of the faithful, where Irish Catholics would assist at clandestine Masses out in the country during times of persecution. It was of course a very edifying experience. Erin go bragh (Ireland forever)!

This past Friday, Canon Francis Altieri was discharged from rehabilitation and is now back at his rectory in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Canon has been making meteoric progress in his recovery from the Coronavirus. He is now eating well and moving about without assistance, needing minimal supplemental oxygen during activity. His kidney function is nearly normal. His rate of recovery defies medical explanation and is a testament to the power of prayer. Please continue your prayers for Canon Altieri and his family!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Benjamin Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 3/20	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Lent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Hannah Nguyen
	12:30 pm			Maria Cristina Brito
Mon, 3/21	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Benedict of Nursia, Abbot (Patronal Feast of the Institute) <i>1st Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Vanider-Hill
Tue., 3/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass for the Anniversary of the Coronation of Pope Francis, <i>2nd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Walter Wagoner†
Wed., 3/23	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten feria <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Theresa Hamilton†
Thurs., 3/24	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten feria <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Sergio Raya
Fri., 3/25	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>1st Class/ White</i> <i>Stations of the Cross after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Barbara Powell†
Sat., 3/26	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten feria <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Colonel George Ishikata†
Sun., 3/27	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Lent (“Laetare Sunday”) <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Sergio Raya
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Cade Marcelino

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

EMAIL LIST: send your request to

oakland@institute-christ-king.org

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at [icksopoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.icksopoakland.flocknote.com)

PRAYER LISTS*

In your kindness, please keep these requests in your prayers. Thank you.

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham	Dario Gonzalez
Elizabeth Pawek	Paula Case	Veronica Seder	Canon Fragelli
Paulann Dymond	Diane Kasdan	Courtney Shoda	Thomas Orr
Thomas Orr	Dobbins family	Peter Trong Nguyen	Jay Balza
Jay Balza	Mead Lawson	Paul Oei	
	Canon Altiere	Canon Estrada	
	Ann Placido	Msgr. David Link	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Jeff Glass	James Metran	Ramon Lanzar
Marie-Terese Karel-Michaen		Steven Miller
Jesus Cristobal	Rita Cristobal	<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

*A longer prayer list is available as an attachment to Flocknote. If you would like add a name to these lists, please email oakland@institute-christ-king.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 26— Altar Servers Event (*RSVP—see below)

March 27— Laetare Sunday

March 31—Women’s Lenten Retreat (contact Canon)

April 10—Palm Sunday

April 17—Easter Sunday

ALTAR SERVERS’ EVENT

Are there young men and boys among you who may be considering a priestly vocation, or who would simply like to be closer to the Sacred Liturgy? Altar serving is a wonderful way to “take a first step” in the process of discernment. Our event for the Altar Servers is coming up this Saturday, March 26, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. A talk will be given, followed by pizza and time for games and socializing. **Please rsvp to: josephburk94@gmail.com.** If you have sons who may be interested in serving, please encourage them to come. We’re always recruiting!

WOMEN’S RETREAT

The Lenten Retreat for Women is scheduled for Thursday, March 31 at the Carmelite Monastery in Kensington, located at 70 Rincon Road, from 9 am to 1:15 pm. The topic of the conference for this Retreat will be the letters of St. Francis de Sales. There will also be confessions and ample time for prayer. The program for the Retreat can be viewed here: <https://www.institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1204-women-s-lenten-retreat-2022>.

Please rsvp to: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

The deadline to register is **Tuesday, March 29.**

SURSUM CORDA EVENING

View photos from last week’s Sursum Corda Evening on our website <https://institute-christ-king.org/gallery-oakland>