



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (“GAUDETE”)
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this Third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete Sunday”, after the opening words of the Introit of the Mass), Dom Prosper Guéranger reminds us of the true source of our joy: the redemption which Christ won for us by coming into this world and dying on the Cross. This is expressed in the symbolism of the Sacred Liturgy:

“...she feels that He is nearer than before, and therefore she thinks it just to lessen somewhat the austerity of this penitential season by the innocent cheerfulness of her sacred rites...the organ is played at the Mass; the vestments are rose color; the deacon resumes the dalmatic, and the subdeacon the tunic; and in cathedral churches the bishop assists with the precious mitre.

How touching are all these usages, and how admirable this condescension of the Church, wherewith she so beautifully blends together the unalterable strictness of the dogmas of faith and the graceful poetry of the formulæ of her liturgy!” (The Liturgical Year)

Hopefully we will always find reason to rejoice when present before the worship of Holy Mother Church. It is true that fatigue and the trials of life can weigh us down. When at Mass however, if we can remember that we are witnessing a foretaste of the Heavenly liturgy, and that we are surrounded by millions of invisible angels, perhaps our attention, our comportment and our gratitude to God will be brought to a more heightened state.

Please be sure to take a copy of Canon Matthew Talarico’s “Thank you” letter to all the Institute’s faithful, available in the back of the church. Thank you for all your generosity this year! Your sacrifices will not be forgotten before the Lord.

Volunteer musicians are wanted! We are planning the liturgical ceremonies for Christmas and potentially other major feast days, and your skills could come in handy for the glorification of God in the Sacred Liturgy. If you are proficient in playing instruments such as timpani, the trumpet, the French horn, the trombone and others, please contact Marketa at apalucha@att.net.

Stay tuned for updates regarding our **Men’s retreat** in early January. I am hoping to be able to have our retreat at the Carmelite Monastery of Mount St. Joseph in **San Jose**, a change from last year.

Our Nativity scene drawing contest is back this year! Submissions are due this Friday, December 16. More information is available here: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1363-creche-artwork-contest>.

It is only to be expected that a Catholic household should be filled with longing for the birth of Our Saviour during this season. Decorating one’s home for Christmas with a crèche, greenery, statues, etc., amid other practices like caroling, helps foster the love of God and the particular appreciation of the Incarnation of Christ. Have you begun your decorations?

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman



The Heavenly Liturgy

Did You Know? The use of greenery in Christmas decorations:

Thinking about decorating your home to warmly welcome Our Savior, who is coming? The *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1907) informs us that this beloved Advent tradition is indeed of ancient origin, and even has miracles associated with it:

“Gervase of Tilbury (thirteenth century) says that in England grain is exposed on Christmas night to gain fertility from the dew which falls in response to ‘Rorate Cæli’ (‘Drop down dew, ye heavens...’); the tradition that trees and flowers blossomed on this night is first quoted from an Arab geographer of the tenth century, and extended to England. In a thirteenth-century French epic, candles are seen on the flowering tree. In England it was Joseph of Arimathea’s rod which flowered at Glastonbury and elsewhere...”

Institute Christmas cards may still be purchased this Sunday after the 7 am Mass (in the vestibule) and after the 12:30 Mass in Kozina Hall.

If you have signed **Christmas cards for seminarians**, please return them in the basket provided at the back of the church (or in the vestibule) after both Masses this Sunday.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/11	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	3rd Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete”) <i>1st Class / Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Richard St. Lezin†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Michael Buzzell†
Mon. 12/12	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Marquez Family
Tue. 12/13	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Kiara Gorsic†
Wed. 12/14	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Wednesday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 12/15	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Msgr. David Link
Fri. 12/16	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Friday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Scott Smith
Sat. 12/17	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Saturday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Genevieve Rydlewski†
Sun. 12/18	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	4th Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Theresa Hamilton†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Amelia Mary Buzzell

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

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

EMAIL LIST: email oakland@institute-christ-king.org

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at ickspeakland.flocknote.com or text “ICKSPOakland” to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Peter Trong Nguyen	Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver
Msgr. David Link	Steve Farinaro	Canon Fragelli
Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez	
Baby Sophia Grace Tostada		

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Jesus Cristobal	Rita Cristobal	Rod Phillips
Shawn Chapel	Kathy Wenzell	Rosita Foley
John Dymond	William Gilbert	Arnel Adela
Louise Grayson	Imelda Hernandez-Constantino	
Diane Kasdan	Mary Persinger	Rose Stone
Albert Bocek	Bea Benham	

Requiescant in pace.

***Prayer lists:** If you wish to add a name or revise an entry on the prayer lists, please send an email to oakland@institute-christ-king.org. A longer list of the Apostolate’s faithful departed is attached to the weekly Flocknote. **Thank you!**

PARISH BOOK SALE AND BAZAAR continues this Sunday, December 11 from 8am-3pm in Kozina Hall. A Pancake Breakfast (available for purchase) in Kozina Hall after the Sunday morning Masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11—Gaudete Sunday

December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas

December 14—Archbishop Cordileone Rorate Mass in SF, 5:30am

December 14—Men’s Group Meeting, 7:15pm, Kozina Hall ***rsvp1**

December 15—Sursum Corda event, 6-9pm, Kozina Hall ***rsvp2**

December 25—Christmas: Masses at Midnight, 7am, 12:30pm

***rsvp1** - Felipe Vasquez: vazquez8591@gmail.com

***rsvp2** - Noe Perez: n.perez3@u.pacific.edu

SUNDAY SERMONS AND BULLETINS

Audio recordings of the Sunday sermons and digital copies of the Sunday bulletin can be found at the following links, respectively:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-sermons>

<https://institute-christ-king.org/bulletins-oakland>

CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES

The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest invites you to enroll your loved ones in our Christmas Novena of Masses. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered from Christmas Eve through the Octave of our Lord’s Nativity at the Institute’s U.S. Provincial Headquarters for those enrolled and their intentions.

This Christmas, give those on your Christmas list the Eternal Gift. Enroll them in the Institute’s Christmas Novena of Masses today!

To enroll, visit www.institute-christ-king.org, and follow the link for Novena of Masses.

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