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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

The Feast of Christmas has finally arrived! After four weeks of penance, we welcome the joy of seeing Our Infant King born to us. Dom Prosper Guéranger reminds us of the true reason for the joy of this season:

“...the great mystery of the twenty-fifth of December, being the Feast of our Saviour’s Birth, has reference, not to the division of time marked out by God himself, which is called the Week; but to the course of that great Luminary which gives life to the world, because it gives it light and warmth. Jesus, our Saviour, the Light of the World (John 8;12), was born when the night of idolatry and crime was at its darkest; and the day of his Birth, the twenty-fifth of December, is that on which the material Sun begins to gain his ascendancy over the reign of gloomy night, and show to the world his triumph of brightness” (*The Liturgical Year*).

It’s no secret that Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many of us and for various reasons. Perhaps we feel in our hearts a little bit of that darkness that pervaded the world at the time Our Blessed Lord was born. But we must remember on this twenty-fifth day of December that amidst the darkness, there is hope, and even more, a reason to rejoice. God has a plan and a purpose for the trials we are undergoing. And unlike so many whose lives preceded the Incarnation of Christ, we know what the hope is which sustains us – a blessed eternity with God, Our Creator and the greatest Friend of our souls.

There will **not be a reception** after the 12:30 Mass today or next Sunday, January 1. Enjoy your time at home with family and friends! The Sunday reception will resume on January 8.

Our brand new Institute of Christ the King **calendars for 2023** will again be sold after the **7 am Mass** today. Come and get yours for only \$5!

The Seminary Society sent out 110 Christmas cards to the seminary last week. Many thanks to Thomas and Diana Henriksson, founders and representatives of the Seminary Society in Oakland, for continuing this tradition, to all the faithful who wrote cards, and volunteers who helped in this effort. A few words from the faithful to the seminarians do wonders to encourage them in their studies and discernment. Please keep the seminarians in your prayers as you are surely in theirs!

Have you given any thought to attending a rehearsal of our male or female **Sacred Music scholas**? They do an amazing job already, but I’m sure they would appreciate some more voices to bolster their presence at Mass. If interested, please contact Denison Gallardo: vivatxtusrex@gmail.com.

I’m sure you already have a copy of the wonderful old Catechism by the title of **My Catholic Faith (1954)**. What’s that you say? You still don’t have a copy? Well, this has to be remedied. This illustrated manual of instruction in the Catholic Faith is filled with Scriptural and Patristic arguments for the Truth of the Catholic Faith, as well as arguments from history, reason, and Apologetics. It’s a **must-have for your bookshelf**. Sixteen new copies are on their way, so don’t wait to reserve yours for the **reasonable price of 25 dollars each** (an almost fifty-percent discount compared to most online sellers!)

Thank you for your submissions to the Nativity scene drawing contest. The winner will be announced at the reception after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, January 8. More information is available here: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1363-creche-artwork-contest>.

There are two opportunities for **plenary indulgences** coming up, under the usual con-

Merry Christmas!



The Virgin of the Veil, Ambrogio Borgognone, 1500

ditions: Next **Saturday, December 31**, there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a solemn **Te Deum** after the 10 am Mass, in thanksgiving for all the graces received during the last year. Next **Sunday, January 1**, the **Veni Creator** will be chanted before both Masses.

Our **Men’s retreat** will take place on Wednesday, January 11 at the Carmelite Monastery of **Mount St. Joseph in San Jose** (12455 Clayton Rd.) from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. We hope to see you there! Please rsvp to: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

Wishing you a merry Christmas,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/25	12:00 am <i>High Mass</i>	Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Thanh Nguyen
	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>			Sabrina Patterson
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Institute of Christ the King
Mon. 12/26	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Stephen, First Martyr <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Msgr. David Link
Tue. 12/27	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Arnel Adela†
Wed. 12/28	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Holy Innocents <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Tim O'Leary†
Thurs. 12/29	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	5th Day in the Octave of the Nativity <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Ivanka Safradin†
Fri. 12/30	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	6th Day in the Octave of the Nativity <i>2nd Class / White</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	George Ishikata†
Sat. 12/31	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	7th Day in the Octave of the Nativity <i>2nd Class / White</i> <i>Benediction & Te Deum after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	David Vanider-Hill
Sun. 1/1	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Octave of the Nativity <i>1st Class / White</i> <i>Chanted "Veni Creator" before both Masses</i>	Canon Norman	Andree Crawford†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Religious Vocations in Nicaragua

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 online: 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](https://www.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 Farinero	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!*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 31—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and *Te Deum* after the 10am Mass. Plenary indulgence available; usual conditions.

January 1—Octave of the Nativity (New Year's Day); chanted *Veni Creator* before both 7am and 12:30 Masses. Plenary indulgence available under usual conditions.

January 6—Epiphany; First Friday of January

January 7—First Saturday of January

January 11—Men's Retreat at Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in San Jose (12455 Clayton Rd.) Please RSVP to Canon Norman.

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>

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Marriage Banns

Mr. & Mrs. **Peter Trong Nguyen and Catherina Hoang** of **Oakland, California** announce the approaching marriage of their daughter **Maria Diana Hoang** to

Mr. **Anthony Joseph Orr** of **Alameda** on

Saturday, January 14, 2023, at St. Margaret Mary Church.

If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, he is bound to let the Pastor know as soon as possible.

This is the SECOND publication of the banns.