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SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Saving Time begins today: Turn your clock forward!

Dear faithful,

The Mass readings from Monday in the Third Week of Lent, which we are now beginning, feature one of the most tender acts of God’s mercy toward a sinner, and even a pagan, of the Old Testament. The Fourth Book of Kings (chapter 5;1-15) shows us the Syrian general, Naaman, afflicted by that all-too-common and deadly disease of the ancient world, leprosy, which gradually destroyed the person’s skin and left ghastly lesions on the body.

When the prophet of God, Eliseus, is sent to Naaman though and tells him that God will heal him if he washes seven times in the river Jordan, what is Naaman’s reaction? Gratitude? Relief? Anything but! In his pride, the thought of doing something so simple and yet receiving such a great reward is somehow repugnant to him. Thankfully, he comes to his senses when rebuked by his servants, and he complies with the instructions of Eliseus. His skin is made clean and new, and this wondrous event leads to his conversion to the Faith of Israel. May we always remember – our greatest gifts are not our works and merits, but the free and unmerited gifts of God: above all, His mercy for us poor sinners.

Alas, the weather has not been kind to our plan for a Father-Son Flag Football game for the Altar Server Corps, and then to boot I was a bit under the weather for more than a week. Thankfully I’m over my cold now. Thank you for your prayers (and the meds!). I promise – we will get this game calendared as soon as weather permits!

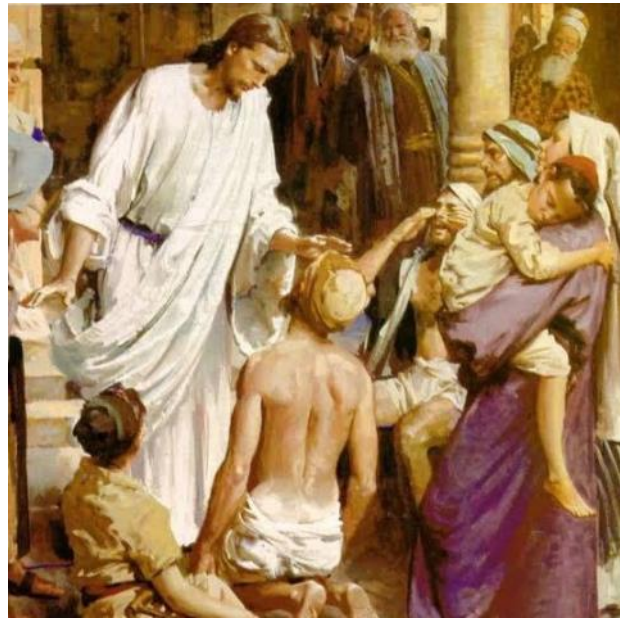
Surely you remember an edifying young man by the name of **Jeffery Walton**, who spent the 2020 - 2021 academic year at our sister apostolate in San Jose discerning an oblate vocation with the Institute. Jeffery is now continuing his preparation to become an oblate at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri, and we are happy to inform you that he will **receive the cassock this June**. He will then go on to complete five additional years of formation before he becomes a full member of the Institute. In addition, Jeffery and the other oblate candidates are featured in a new video about the oblate vocation, now available on the Institute’s website: <https://institute-christ-king.org/stlouis-home/>. Please keep him in your prayers!

Change of date for the Men’s Group! Our good friend Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ, will join us this **Tuesday, March 14** in Fr. Kozina Hall at 7:15 pm for a talk and Q and A on his new book, **Christendom Lost and Found: Meditations for a Post Post-Christian Era** (Ignatius Press, ISBN #9781621645931, available at ignatius.com and Amazon.)

Fr. McTeigue is a prolific author and Host of the radio show **The Catholic Current** on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network (<https://thestationofthecross.com/programs/the-catholic-current/>). Men’s Group meeting: please RSVP to Felipe Vasquez: vazquez8591@gmail.com.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda event for young adult** Catholics will take place this **Thursday, March 16**. The evening will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary recited in church, followed by a talk at 6:30, a social dinner at 7,

(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)



and the chanted Office of Compline to conclude the evening. To attend, please RSVP to Noe Perez at n_perez3@u.pacific.edu.

St. Margaret Mary Church is hosting a **Forty Hours devotion** from Thursday, March 30 to Saturday, April 1, in order to provide ample opportunity for adoring Our Lord during Lent (including nocturnal Adoration!). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar during this time. For more information, please see the flyer in Flocknote or in church. Please note that this is a parish initiative.

The **Catholic Institute of Sacred Music** will have a lecture on Lætare Sunday, **March 19 at 5 pm** at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, in Sancta Maria Hall (320 Middlefield Rd.). The title of the lecture is: “The Mass: Essence & Foundation of Western Civilization”. It will be given by His Grace, Salvatore J. Cordileone, Archbishop of San Francisco. Please see the flyers for more information. Reserve a spot online or in-person at Eventbrite: <https://mass-essence-and-foundation.eventbrite.com>. Reservations can also be made at: <https://catholicinstituteofsacredmusic.org>.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 3/12	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Lent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Barbara Turcotte
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Jose M. Conceicao R. Faria†
Mon. 3/13	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Father Staal	Claudia Krispel
Tue. 3/14	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Mackova
Wed. 3/15	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Edward Gustafson†
Thurs. 3/16	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Barbara Powell†
Fri. 3/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet / Stations after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Janborn & Christie Philip†
Sat. 3/18	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Saturday <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Leonor Sagum†
Sun. 3/19	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare) <i>1st Class / Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Joseph Cardinal Zen
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Lynn Scripilliti

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

First Communion Class: Wednesdays at 4:00pm

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at ickspoakland.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	Marianne Martinez
Angie Gonzalez	Eurydice Buenger	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Rod Phillips	Shawn Chapel	Kathy Wenzell
Rosita Foley	John Dymond	William Gilbert
Arnel Adela	Louise Grayson	Diane Kasdan
Imelda Hernandez-Constantino		Mary Persinger
Rose Stone	Albert Bocek	Rita Soria Bautista
Bea Benham	Valeria Casillas	Carlos San Miguel
Wyatt Hayashi	William M. Williams	Fr. Stan Zak
Dario Gonzalez	Canon Fragelli	<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

***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

March 14—Men's Group, 7:15pm with Fr. McTeigue in Fr. Kozina Hall (rsvp Felipe Vasquez: vazquez8591@gmail.com)

March 16—Sursum Corda, 6pm (rsvp: n_perez3@u.pacific.edu)

March 19—Laetare Sunday

March 20—Feast of St. Joseph

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

March 25—Feast of the Annunciation

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross after the 6 pm Mass on Fridays of Lent.

Adoration after the 6 pm Mass on Wednesdays of Lent.

FLOWER FUND

We have a dedicated team of volunteers who regularly purchase and make our beautiful altar flower arrangements, through their own generosity. If you would like to support the **beautification of our altar** by donating to the **Flower Fund**, please contact Canon Norman.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, MAY 7-16

The Institute of Christ the King is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this year, led by Canon Commins, Rector of St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit. For more information or to register, visit the tour's website <https://sacredhearttours.com/product/rosary-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land/>.

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>

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE FAMILY DINNER

A free, meatless Italian dinner is being planned for Saturday, March 18, at 6pm, in Kozina Hall, to honor St. Joseph. Photos from the 2019 dinner, volunteer opportunities, and sign up details can be found at www.SJTable.com, or email info@SJTable.com.