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SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Our Lord leaves us a powerful lesson about the contempt in which we should hold human respect. He cures a sick man even though He knows that there are those who will criticize him for curing on the Sabbath. He does not let the possibility of slander or loss of prestige cause Him to shrink from this good and worthwhile work.

His critics consider themselves to be the authentic interpreters of the Law. Later on, the Lord will show them that mercy should be exercised even on the Sabbath. He provides an example taken from the common sense of the countryside. By their silence, Christ's interlocutors are forced to admit that any of them would come to the aid of one of their beasts of burden were it to fall into a pit, even should it happen on the Sabbath.

We may find obstacles to our faith in the environment around us, such as fear, envy, prejudice and misunderstandings due to ignorance, but our response should be the same as that of Our Lord. We should not be afraid to give clear testimony of the Faith. This type of behavior can be of great apostolic value and edification to our neighbor. Let us not fail to manifest our Catholic faith, always with humility and naturalness, whenever the situation requires it. We will never regret having acted in a manner so consistent with our deepest beliefs.

Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** continues. If you would like your children to be confirmed in November of 2024, please contact me as soon as possible. We have already started collecting the sacramental certificates and associated forms.

From Italy comes the joyful news that our very own Sisters Adorers will see **five new novices** take the white veil on Tuesday, October 17, the feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a patroness of the Sisters Adorers, and of the Oakland Apostolate. The vestition will take place at our Sisters' conventual church in Naples. Deo gratias!

The monthly **Lesson in Liturgy** is this Sunday during the reception after the 12:30 pm Mass. Please remember to bring your missal!

The monthly **Blessing of Sacramentals** will be next Saturday, September 23 after the 10 am Mass. Please remember to follow the instructions for preparing and displaying your items. See here for details: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-events>.

Our young adult Catholic group, **Sursum Corda**, will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 6 pm. The evening will begin with the Rosary in church, followed by a brief talk and social dinner. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Omar Jadallah-Karraa: ojadallah858@gmail.com.

Have you checked out the **new radio show** "Ask a Priest Live", every weekday at 6 pm Eastern Time, on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network? If you do, you might hear a voice you recognize twice a month. More information here: <https://thestationofthecross.com/askapriest/>.



Jesus and the Pharisees: Feast at the House of Simon
by Paolo Veronese, 1567-1570

St. Margaret Mary Church (the parish) will hold a **dinner in honor of this patroness** of the parish on Saturday, October 14. The event will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm, with dinner at 6:30. The special guest speaker will be Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor of Star of the Sea Parish. The theme of Father's talk will be "The Invincible Love of Christ." There will also be a silent auction. Tickets cost \$25 each and will be on sale after all Sunday Masses, up to and including September 24. For more information, contact Joni Durling: 925-550-3122 or joni@durlingfamily.net. The flyer is available in Flocknote.

A reminder that I will be **out of town from October 2 - 6** at the yearly Convocation for all the canons of the U.S. Province of the Institute. We will enjoy several days of good-hearted fraternity and relaxation near our apostolate in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Please check the bulletin for information regarding Mass replacements.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

SUNDAY RECEPTION: Please join us today in the church hall after the 12:30 Mass for refreshments and fellowship. The Lesson in Liturgy will take place during this week's reception. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 9/17	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Canon Olivier Meney
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Ester & Ismael Usison
Mon. 9/18	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Joseph of Cupertino <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Father Staal	Patrick J. Connolly†
Tue. 9/19	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Januarius, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Canon Olivier Meney
Wed. 9/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ember Wednesday <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Marie Therese McDonald†
Thurs. 9/21	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Helen Gourley†
Fri. 9/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ember Friday <i>2nd Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Alexandre Silva
Sat. 9/23	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Ember Saturday <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Maureen Speros
Sun. 9/24	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Intentions of Raul Baccay
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Kaia Turpin

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 to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30 pm

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at ickspoakland.flocknote.com
or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Gigi Cunningham	Peter Trong Nguyen
Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver	Msgr. David Link
Steve Farinaro	Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez
Eurydice Buenger	Sylvia Duenas	Catherine Willis
Fil Marquez	Joshua Nascimento	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

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	Ernest Jacob
Nancy Duenas	Gabriel Fernandez	Camdan McWright
Mme. Guillemette de Guernon		Louisa Siu

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

September 23—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10am Mass

September 28—Sursum Corda for young adults, begins 6pm in church

September 29—St. Michael the Archangel

September 30—Altar Server Training, 11:30am in church

October 3—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Tuesday)

October 7—Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary

October 17—Feast of St. Margaret Mary (patron of the parish)

Sacred Heart Retreat Center Capital Campaign

We need your prayers and financial support for the new Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Join us in this new mission for the good of souls in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Savior! Please use the QR code to donate.



FLOWER FUND - Our volunteers provide the lovely flowers that adorn our altar year round. If you would like to support the beautification of our altar by donating to the Flower Fund, please contact Canon Norman

JOIN THE ALTAR SERVERS CORPS - Have you or your sons considered joining the ranks of the Altar Servers, and serve in that most noble of capacities – the offering of Divine Worship to the Most Holy Trinity? For details, please contact Canon: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org

JOIN OUR SACRED MUSIC SCHOLA - The men and women of our Schola study and work hard to bring the beauty of Gregorian Chant and Polyphony to many of our Masses and liturgical ceremonies. Please consider offering your talent to serve the Sacred Liturgy through this apostolate. Please contact Dennison Gallardo: vivatxtusrex@gmail.com for further information.

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>