



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

Gaudete in Domino semper! We have already arrived at the Third Sunday of Advent, that on which Holy Mother Church calls us to renewed joy at the coming birth of Our Lord. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, are permitted to be used, and rose-colored vestments are worn instead of violet. In the Solemn Mass, the deacon and subdeacon vest again in the dalmatic and tunicle instead of folded chasubles.

In both Office and Mass throughout Advent continual reference is made to our Lord's Second Coming, and this is emphasized today by the additional signs of gladness in the Sacred Liturgy. Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory at the Office of Matins. The Church no longer invites the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come" but calls upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand".

The Nocturn lessons from the Prophecy of Isaias describe the Lord's Coming and the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at Vespers echo again the prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the Introit "Gaudete in Domino semper" strikes the same note and gives its name to the day.

The spirit of the Office and Liturgy all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption. May our hearts ever welcome this final coming of Our Lord!

In his December letter to all the faithful of the American apostolates of the Institute of Christ the King, our Provincial Superior Canon Matthew Talarico reminded us that God has great expectations for us, hence His many gifts, spiritual and material. Here in Oakland, thankfully, we see some of our own faithful putting their time and talents to use in service of this apostolate and the less fortunate members of our community.

One question all of us would do well to ask ourselves near the beginning of the new year is: how can I serve God and neighbor more generously in the time to come? God has already given us the best gift of all, His Only-Begotten Son. Let us strive to imitate His generosity with the best utilization possible of our material goods and natural talents during our time on earth.

The monthly Blessing of sacramentals will be next Saturday, December 23 after the 10 am Mass. Please see the instructions for preparing sacramentals in Flocknote. There will also be the monthly training for Altar Servers after these blessings.

Christmas is only a little over a week away! There will be Midnight Mass at 12 am on Monday, December 25, followed by the Mass at Dawn at 7 am and the Mass of the Day at 12:30 pm. Exceptionally, there will not be a 6 pm Mass. We will have lovely traditional Christmas carols before Midnight Mass!

It is only to be expected that a Catholic household should be filled with longing



The Nativity, Domenico Ghirlandaio, c.1492

for the birth of Our Saviour during this season. Have you begun decorating your home with lights outside, a beautiful crèche, holly and other tasteful ornaments to highlight the joy of Our Lord's approaching Nativity?

Around this time in Advent, it is fitting to begin putting up the signs of the coming Savior in your home, while of course still remembering the penitential nature of Advent. Remember not to place the Infant Jesus in his crib until December 25!

A big thank you to all who helped in the organization and cooking for last Sunday's reception for Our Lady of Guadalupe! It was a huge success, and it is sure to repeat next year. Let us always strive to imitate the childlike confidence in the Blessed Mother of Saint Juan Diego, the servant to whom Our Lady deigned to reveal herself for the conversion of so many souls to the Catholic Faith.

St. Margaret Mary Parish will be using Fr. Koziina Hall this Sunday for the Christmas Market. There will be a simple reception on the sidewalk after the 12:30 Mass.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,  
Canon Norman

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Date            | Time                         | Mass of the Day  | Celebrant    | Intention              |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------|
| Sun.<br>12/17   | 7:00 am<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | <b>Third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete”)</b><br><i>1st Class / Rose</i>               | Canon Norman | Souls in Purgatory     |
|                 | 12:30 pm<br><i>High Mass</i> |  |              | Monica Roberts         |
| Mon.<br>12/18   | 6:00 pm<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | Feria/Mass of Third Sunday of Advent<br><i>2nd Class / Violet</i>                  | Canon Norman | Joselito Cabral†       |
| Tue.<br>12/19   | 6:00 pm<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | Feria/Mass of Third Sunday of Advent<br><i>2nd Class / Violet</i>                  | Canon Norman | Manuel Antonio Herrera |
| Wed.<br>12/20   | 6:00 pm<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | Wednesday in Ember Week of Advent<br><i>2nd Class / Violet</i>                     | Canon Norman | Souls in Purgatory     |
| Thurs.<br>12/21 | 12:00 pm<br><i>Low Mass</i>  | St. Thomas, Apostle<br><i>2nd Class / Red</i>                                      | Canon Norman | Roger Greg Butcher†    |
| Fri.<br>12/22   | 6:00 pm<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | Friday in Ember Week of Advent<br><i>2nd Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i> | Canon Norman | Sang Thi Nguyen†       |
| Sat.<br>12/23   | 10:00 am<br><i>Low Mass</i>  | Saturday in Ember Week of Advent<br><i>2nd Class / Violet</i>                      | Canon Norman | Soledad Sanchez†       |
| Sun.<br>12/24   | 7:00 am<br><i>Low Mass</i>   | <b>Vigil of the Nativity</b><br><i>1st Class / Violet</i>                          | Canon Norman | Monica Roberts         |
|                 | 12:30 pm<br><i>High Mass</i> |  |              | Ba Van Dinh†           |

### 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 [icksopoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.icksopoakland.flocknote.com) or text “ICKSPOakland” to 84576

### PRAYER LISTS \*

#### For the sick:

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

#### For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

|                             |                                |                     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rose Stone                  | Albert Bocek                   | Rita Soria Bautista |
| Bea Benham                  | Valeria Casillas               | Carlos San Miguel   |
| Dario Gonzalez              | William M. Williams            | Fr. Stan Zak        |
| Nancy Duenas                | <b>Canon Fragelli</b>          | Ernest Jacob        |
| Louisa Siu                  | Gabriel Fernandez              | Camdan McWright     |
| Mme. Guillemette de Guernon | Count Wolfgang von Waldstein   |                     |
| Bernadette Moreau           | fr. Prokop Jozef Zboron, OCarm |                     |
| Thomas Apple                | Alan Wong                      |                     |

*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](mailto: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 23**—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10am Mass; Altar Servers Training after blessings

**December 24**—Vigil of the Nativity (regular Sunday schedule)

**December 25**—Nativity of Our Lord (Midnight, 7am, 12:30pm Masses)

**December 31**— Sunday Within the Octave (*Te Deum* after the 12:30pm Mass, plenary indulgence available)

**January 1**—Octave of the Nativity (12:30pm Mass only; chanting of *Veni Creator*, plenary indulgence available)

**January 2**— Holy Name of Jesus

**January 6**— Epiphany of Our Lord

### 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, please visit <https://bit.ly/NovenaEnrollment>

### DONATE TO THE INSTITUTE ONLINE

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### "ASK A PRIEST LIVE!" RADIO PROGRAM

Canons from the Institute of Christ the King participate in a new LIVE radio show on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, at 6PM eastern time each weekday. <https://thestationofthecross.com/askapriest/>

### 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>