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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this last day of the year of Our Lord 2023, I would like you all to know that I will be praying for a blessed and fruitful new year for each of you. May the Holy Triune God continue to guide us in the ways of His holiness through both prosperity and adversity, and may we remember that everything, even the most unpleasant experiences, works unto the good for those who love God.

This Sunday after the 12:30 Mass, there will be a **Solemn Te Deum and Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament, in thanksgiving for all the graces received during the last year. This **Monday, January 1**, the **Veni Creator** will be chanted before the 12:30 Mass to implore God's graces for the new year. For each of these, a **plenary indulgence** is available under the usual conditions when one is present for all of the ceremonies. Exceptionally, there will **not be a 6 pm Mass this Monday**.

He's back! Abbé Cody Teague, now in his second year at St. Philip Neri Seminary ("Gricigliano"), the International Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King located outside Florence, Italy, has returned to us for several days of Christmas vacation. Abbé Teague, as you know, is not our only Institute seminarian from the Oakland Apostolate. **Abbé Alex Hoopes**, now in his fourth year of seminary, will be joining us next Sunday, January 7. Please be sure to greet them both, and of course to pray for these dedicated young seminarians.

Do you have children who need preparation for **First Holy Communion**? The classes will begin in late February of 2024, and the First Communions will be in early May. To enroll your children, please contact: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

There is some sad news. Canon Peter Heidenreich, with whom I was ordained to the Priesthood on August 2, 2018, **lost his mother** this past December 22. Thankfully, he was able to be at his mother's side for her last moments. Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Frances Heidenreich**, and for Canon and his entire family during their time of grief. Eternal rest, grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

This Friday, January 5 is the Vigil of the Epiphany. **Exceptionally**, Confessions will be at **5 pm**. The traditional **Blessing of Water and Salt** will be at **5:30 pm**, followed by Mass and First Friday devotions at 6 pm.

Saturday, January 6 is the Feast of the **Epiphany of Our Lord**, a Feast of the First Class and one of the most ancient and solemn feasts of the entire Liturgical Year. There will be the **traditional blessings** of gold, frankincense, myrrh and chalk after the First Saturday devotions.

The annual **Walk for Life West Coast** will take place on Saturday, January 20 in San Francisco. The event will begin at 11 am. As always, the Oakland and San Jose Apostolates of the Institute of Christ the King will take part in this important occasion of witness to the sanctity of human life, particularly the unborn threatened with abortion. More information here: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>



Presentación de Cristo en el templo,
Philippe de Champaigne, c.1648

It's finally scheduled! Our **Men's Retreat** will take place on Wednesday, February 7 at St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael (1 St. Vincent's Dr.) from 9 am to 2 pm. We hope to see you there! Please **rsvp by January 31** to Felipe Vásquez: MANofStJoseph@gmail.com or: 510-432-8995.

A good friend of ours, **Monsignor David Link**, has been in skilled nursing care for about a month now. If you would like to send a card to Monsignor, who cannot have any visitors, I know he would be very grateful. His address is:

Monsignor David Link
Mercy Retirement and Care Center
Skilled Nursing Center, Rm. 244
3431 Foothill Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94601

I will be **out of town from January 8-27**. First, I will spend a week with my family in Virginia, then, I will be at the Institute's Apostolate in Tucson, St. Gianna Oratory, for about two weeks before returning to Oakland. Fr. Michael Kowalewski, whom you surely remember, will replace me for these dates. Please keep me in your prayers for a restful vacation.

The reception is back! We hope to see you in Fr. Kozina Hall this Sunday after the 12:30 Mass. Abbé Teague will be there as well! Next Sunday, January 7, we will have a special Epiphany reception 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. 12/31	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas <i>2nd Class / White / Te Deum after 12:30 Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Charles Humphrey
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Marquez Family
Mon. 1/1	12:30 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Octave of the Nativity <i>1st Class / White / Veni Creator before Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Martha Gonzalez†
Tue. 1/2	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 1/3	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of St. Joseph <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	John Dinh
Thurs. 1/4	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sovereign and Eternal High Priest <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Guadalupe Avelar
Fri. 1/5	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <i>3rd Class / White / First Friday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Joanne Felker†
Sat. 1/6	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	The Epiphany of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White / First Saturday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Jorge Enrique Sanchez Lander†
Sun. 1/7	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Feast of the Holy Family <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Theresa Nguyen Thi Hat†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Dennis Scipi

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

NB: *My Catholic Faith* is once again available for purchase! (Please contact Canon Norman)

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	Canon Fragelli	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	Carole Jenkins

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— Sunday Within the Octave (*Te Deum* after the 12:30pm Mass (plenary indulgence available), and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

January 5— Confessions at 5pm; Salt and Water Blessing at 5:30pm

January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord; Blessing of gold, frankincense, myrrh and chalk after the First Saturday devotions

January 20—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions after Mass

January 27—Blessing of Sacramentals after Mass

January 29—Feast of St. Francis de Sales (Institute patronal feast)

February 2—Candlemas (end of Christmastide, blessing of candles)

MEN'S RETREAT - FEBRUARY 7

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"ASK A PRIEST LIVE!" RADIO PROGRAM

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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>