



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Msgr. Michael Schmitz, Vicar General and Delegate for the United States

Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

Oakland Apostolate: Canon Benjamin Norman

Contact: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org, (408) 600-4218

Website: <http://www.institute-christ-king.org/oakland-home>

OAKLAND APOSTOLATE AT
SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mailing Address:
1219 Excelsior Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

(We offer the Mass Propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

Only one week until Easter! We celebrate this Palm Sunday Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem more than two thousand years ago, a moment of joy which would soon be turned into one of pain and humiliation. There will of course be the traditional **Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass this Sunday at 12:30**. God willed that by the suffering and death of His Only-Begotten Son, we sinners would be redeemed. Palm Sunday has quite the storied history in the Catholic Church, as the *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1907) makes clear:

"The emperors used to distribute branches of palm and small presents among their nobles and domestics. The Latin liturgical books call it 'Dominica in Palmis', 'Dominica' or 'Dies Palmarum'. From the cry of the people during the procession the day has received the name 'Dominica Hosanna' or simply 'Hosanna (Ozanna)'. Because every great feast was in some way a remembrance of the resurrection of Christ and was in consequence called Pascha, we find the names "Pascha floridum", in "French Pâques fleuries", in Spanish "Pascua florida", and it was from this day of 1512 that our State of Florida received its name."

Hopefully, many of those who were responsible for the death of Our Lord were later touched by grace and converted. From the Cross, Christ implored His Father to forgive them, for they knew not the consequences of their actions. We who know better have even less of an excuse for our frequent sins than they did. What use do we make of the gifts of God's grace that we have received? Let us reflect on this question during Holy Week, now before us, and ask Our Lord to perfect the work of purification He has begun in us. We can especially cooperate with Him by our sincere fasting and penance in the days to come.

Please note that **confessions will not be heard** this Sunday before the 12:30 Mass, or before the Holy Week ceremonies this week – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These ceremonies require much more preparation than usual. Confessions therefore will be heard after Mass, if necessary, this Tuesday and Wednesday. The full list of Holy Week services can be viewed here: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-events>.

From the Office of Bishop Barber: The USCCB's president and the chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities announced a nationwide invitation to prayer: www.usccb.org/resources/nationwide-invitation-to-prayer.pdf.

On March 26, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case that could impact the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States. Beginning Monday, March 25 and continuing through June, when a decision is expected.

Offer this daily Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life, for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and preborn children: <https://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph>.

Registration for the **Society of the Sacred Heart National Retreat** (June 7 – 8) in Milwaukee and at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin is



The Crucifixion, Bartolomé Estebán Murillo, 1675

now available here: <https://form.jotform.com/icksp/sacred-heart-society-retreat>.

You will find a detailed Welcome Letter in the registration form, but it is also attached in Flocknote for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you all in June! Please email any questions you may have to: sacredheart@institute-christ-king.org.

Are you need in of a solid, traditional Catholic Catechism? Look no further. In 1954, Bishop Louis LaRavoire Morrow composed *My Catholic Faith*, an excellent resource for both the clergy and the laity, especially teenagers and young adults preparing for Confirmation. This catechism is filled with brilliant explanations and defenses of Catholic teachings, drawing on Sacred Scripture, the Early Church Fathers, the elements of philosophy and human reason, and history. It's a must-have for your bookshelf. Good news – another sixteen copies are now on their way. They sell out so quickly...get yours before they're gone again!

There will **not be a reception** this Sunday or next Sunday (Easter) after the 12:30 Mass. There will however be some light refreshments on the sidewalk. The reception will resume on Sunday, April 7. We hope to see you and your children at the Easter Egg Hunt that day!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman
canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Date | Time | Mass of the Day | Celebrant | Intention |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Sun. 3/24 | 7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i> | Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms & Procession at 12:30 <i>1st Class / Violet</i> | Canon Norman | Msgr. David Link |
| | 12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i> | | | Albert Bocek† |
| Mon. 3/25 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Monday in Holy Week <i>1st Class / Violet</i> | Father Staal | Msgr. David Link |
| Tue. 3/26 | 6:00 pm <i>High Mass</i> | Tuesday in Holy Week <i>1st Class / Violet</i> | Canon Norman | Vanider-Hill Family |
| Wed. 3/27 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Wednesday in Holy Week <i>1st Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i> | Canon Norman | Cecilia Castillo |
| Thurs. 3/28 | 4:30 pm <i>High Mass</i> | Holy Thursday <i>1st Class / White</i> <i>Procession to the Altar of Repose following Mass</i> | Canon Norman | Sergio & Julia Yoc |
| Fri. 3/29 | 5:30 pm | Good Friday, Mass of the Presanctified Gifts <i>1st Class / Black</i> | Canon Norman | --- |
| Sat. 3/30 | 2:00 pm <i>High Mass</i> | Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil <i>1st Class / White</i> | Canon Norman | Fawn Hoffman |
| Sun. 3/31 | 7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i> | Easter Sunday <i>1st Class / White</i> | Canon Norman | Doug Zeitz |
| | 12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i> | | | Canon Michael Wiener |

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 (**Resumes on April 6**)

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

First Communion Class: Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm

Flocknote: Sign up at [ickspoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.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 Farinano | Marianne Martinez | Angie Gonzalez |
| Eurydice Buenger | Sylvia Duenas | Catherine Willis |
| Fil Marquez | Joshua Nascimento | Rick Pawek |
| Catherine Duenas | Linda Richter | Lillian Jimenez |
| Diana Henriksson | | |

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 |
| Fr. Alexander Snyder | | <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 24—Palm Sunday

March 28—Holy Thursday

March 29—Good Friday

March 31—Easter Sunday

April 7—Low Sunday (Children's Easter Egg Hunt after 12:30 Mass)

April 8—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred)

April 14—Good Shepherd Sunday

THANK YOU!

ALTAR SERVERS, FLORAL TEAM, & THE SCHOLA

Our volunteers from the Floral Team, Altar Servers Corp, and the Sacred Music Schola (and organists!) work hard all year long to support the Sacred Liturgy. They work especially long and hard for Holy Week, which requires many extra hours of extensive preparations. Please offer them your thanks and prayers for their sacrifices and generous contribution of time and talent in the service of God. If you would like to join any of them in the future to honor Our Lord in through the beauty of the liturgy, please contact Canon Norman by email: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org. God will never be outdone in generosity!

SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART NATIONAL RETREAT

This year's National Retreat will take place June 7-8, in Milwaukee *and* at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. Registration is available now at <https://bit.ly/SSH2024Registration>. A detailed Welcome Letter is included on the site and this week's Flocknote. Have questions? Please send an email to: sacredheart@institute-christ-king.org.

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>