



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**  
**LOW SUNDAY**  
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

"Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed" (John 20;19-31). On Low Sunday, Our Lord gives us a glimpse of what is to come - generations of believers who, though they have not witnessed His deeds in person, will believe in Him with the aid of divine grace. When we consider the adversity of the circumstances that face us and the world's rejection of Christ and His Catholic Church, it can be tempting to sigh after an age when society as a whole respected the Faith and the moral precepts left us by Our Savior. What could have been, we might imagine, had we only been born a few centuries earlier.

Can we honestly forget, however, that God has predestined each of us to live in precisely these times for reasons known to Him alone, but which are meant to foster our growth in holiness? Blessed indeed are we if we keep the Faith in a world which seeks to undermine it more and more with each passing day. It is precisely this struggle which, if we persevere, will earn us a crown of eternal glory in the world to come.

We now enter into that most joyful season of the Liturgical Year, Paschaltide. Our Lord is the Victor-King over sin! By His Passion, Death and Resurrection, He has conquered the world, the flesh and the Devil. None of us, therefore, have the right to despair of His infinite mercy, no matter how grave or oft-repeated the sins of our past life. If we turn to Him in humble confidence and with truly repentant hearts, we can be assured that He will help us to put our old lives behind us, the "old man" of our sinful past lives, in the terminology of Saint Paul (Romans 6;6). He will indeed help us to make the new beginning in the life of grace that God desires for us.

Speaking of new beginnings, **First Communions** are coming up. The May Crowning and First Communions will take place on **Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) at 12:30 pm**. Parents, have you made sure to provide "Sunday best" style apparel for your children on this day? Think of the photographs!

Even more importantly, please pray for our seven young children who have been assiduously preparing in their weekly class for their First Communion for the last several months.

Did you have a chance to read Canon Talarico's Easter letter? Copies are available in the back of the church. On behalf of the entire Institute, we thank you for your continued generosity.

The **registration deadline** for the National Retreat of the **Society of the Sacred Heart** is fast approaching: **Friday, May 6**. Please do not delay if you are planning on attending, as late registrations will not be accepted. The registration form can be filled out here: <https://form.jotform.com/213417001058140>. The **National Retreat** itself will take place in Wausau, Wisconsin from **Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5**.



The Paschal Candle in the Sanctuary; Canon with altar servers on Easter Sunday at the 7am Mass.

**Heads-up, altar servers!** There will be a **training session on Saturday, May 14 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**. Regular training is necessary to keep our Altar Server Corps "up to snuff;" to maintain the highest standards in the execution of the liturgical movements. The Sacred Liturgy is our primary means of offering glory to God here on earth.

After a pause of a few weeks, we will once again be having our regular Sunday Reception after the Mass at 12:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you! Let's celebrate the beginning of Paschaltide together.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,  
Canon Benjamin Norman

### **Did you know? The Paschal Candle:**

How much do you know about the role of our glorious Paschal Candle in the Sacred Liturgy? The Catholic Encyclopedia reveals some of the less visible details:

"...During the blessing of the font, the same candle is plunged three times into the water with the words: "Descendat in hanc plenitudinem fontis virtus Spiritus Sancti" ('May the power of the Holy Spirit come down into the fulness of this fountain')."

Saint Jerome is among the saints of the Early Church who make reference to the candle:

"...the saint replies to a request that he would compose a, *carmen cerei*, in other words, a form of blessing like our "Exultet". Clearly this reference to a *carmen cerei* ("poem of the candle") must presuppose the existence, in 384, of the candle itself which was to be blessed by the deacon with such a form, and the saint's reply makes it probable that the practice was neither of recent introduction nor peculiar to the church of Placentia."

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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 4/24	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>Low Sunday</b> <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Marie Therese Karel
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Deceased Members of Ramos & Bobila Families†
Mon, 4/25	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Mark, Evangelist <i>2nd Class/ Red</i>	Father Staal	Charlotte Smith
Tue., 4/26	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ss. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes & Martyrs <i>3rd Class/ Red</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Vanider-Hill
Wed., 4/27	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Peter Canisius, Confessor and Doctor of the Church <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Mark & Rebecca Zelaya
Thurs., 4/28	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor <i>3rd Class/White</i>	Canon Norman	Daniel Guerrero
Fri., 4/29	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Peter of the Verona, Martyr <i>3rd Class/ Red</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Barbara Powell†
Sat., 4/30	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Rana Matley
Sun., 5/1	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	<b>St. Joseph the Artisan</b> <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Mary Marlett
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Barbara Powell†

### 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 on Zoom** Please contact Canon Norman or Lisa Caputi ([henshinx@pacbell.net](mailto: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

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**FLOCKNOTE:** sign up at [ickspoakland.flocknote.com](http://ickspoakland.flocknote.com) or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

### PRAYER LISTS

In your kindness, please keep these requests in your prayers.

#### For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Dario Gonzalez	Paula Case	Veronica Seder
Elizabeth Pawek	Diane Kasdan	Courtney Shoda
Canon Fragelli	Dobbins family	Peter Trong Nguyen
Paulann Dymond	Mead Lawson	Paul Oei
Thomas Orr	Canon Altieri	Msgr. David Link
Lianne Claver	Carmen Raya	

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

Jeff Glass	James Metran	Ramon Lanzar
Marie-Terese Karel-Michaan		Steven Miller
Jesus Cristobal	Rita Cristobal	Rod Phillips

*Requiescant in pace.*

**NOTICE: REQUIEM MASS** for Mr. Rod Phillips will be on Tuesday, April 26, at 12 Noon, at St. Margaret Mary Church. Rosary will be on Monday, at 1 PM at Sunset View Mortuary, 101 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito, CA

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1—St. Joseph the Artisan

May 6—First Friday of May

May 7—First Saturday

May 14—Server Training

May 26—Ascension of Our Lord

May 28—Society of the Sacred Heart (Oakland) \*\*

### **\*\* SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART**

Another half-day of recollection for the **Society of the Sacred Heart** will take place on **Saturday, May 28, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**. There will be a spiritual conference followed by a convivial luncheon. If you would like to get to know the Institute's Salesian spirituality on a more profound level, above all its emphasis on serving God as well as we can in our particular state in life, I hope you will consider attending. Please rsvp to [oakland@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:oakland@institute-christ-king.org)

### MEN'S GROUP

A growing **Men's Group** is in the works! If you're looking to meet and grow with other faithful men of the Church, please contact Johnny Lazear: [Lazearj41@gmail.com](mailto:Lazearj41@gmail.com). Activities include meeting for prayer, food, hikes, and other Faith-related adventures. All men ages 18 and up are welcome to join!

### NEW RADIO SERIES FROM THE INSTITUTE

Divine Mercy Radio, based out of North Carolina, is announcing a new radio production from the Institute Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

This radio series, called *Lessons in Latin: the History of the Parts of the Mass* is a multi-part series sharing the beauty and the history of the parts of the Mass.

You can also tune in **online** (Catholic540am.org) or **on app** (search "Divine Mercy Radio NC"). Tune in on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to hear our program, **8:15 am and 11 am PDT**.