



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

The great “O” Antiphon for the eighteenth day of December implores God in all His infinite power and strength to come and lead us to redemption:

“O ADONAI, and Leader of the house of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and didst give unto him the law on Sinai: come and with an outstretched arm redeem us.”

What Moses beheld in the wondrous sight of the bush that burned in a flame without being consumed, we have beheld more wondrously still in the visible image of God incarnate. We do not have many friends in a world which grows daily more cold and distant from God and His Truth. This must not discourage us, nevertheless! As the Lord was all-powerful to lead the ancient Israelites out of the parched, blazing desert and want of food and water, so He is to lead us from the danger of a life of sin. May we therefore let Him stir our hearts. May they be softened and made more and more pliable to the love of God and neighbor. Let us let go of what is cold and hard in our hearts and be converted.

The most beautiful feast of **Christmas**, the Nativity of Our Lord, is **next Sunday, December 25**. There will be **carols beginning at 11:30 pm** on Christmas Eve, December 24, and **Midnight Mass at 12 am**. Please be sure to see **full liturgical schedules** for Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

On Friday evening, we began our **Christmas Novena to Our Infant King**. Do you have a pressing material or financial need that has recently arisen? Does one of your family members need the grace of conversion after having fallen away from the Faith? Is there some other special prayer intention you have in mind? Our Lord has told us that He will not fail to grant any favor we ask in His Name. Let us implore His graces confidently during this novena.

I hope you have noticed that our male and female **Sacred Music scholas** have been adding a few new pieces to their repertoire lately. These committed volunteers offer their voices, time and energy for the service of the Lord and their neighbor, and **they could use more help!** Would you be willing to consider getting involved with our Sacred Music program, or even just attending a rehearsal or two? If so, please contact Dennison Gallardo: vivatxtusrex@gmail.com.

Our **Men’s retreat** has been confirmed for Wednesday, January 11 at the Carmelite Monastery of **Mount St. Joseph in San Jose** (12455 Clayton Rd.) It will take place from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. We hope to see you there! Please rsvp to: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

The deadline for our **Nativity scene drawing contest** has been extended! Submissions will be accepted until Friday, December 23. More information is available here: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1363-creche-artwork-contest>.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman



Did You Know? The Root of Jesse:

One of the beautiful “O” Antiphons from the Office of Vespers this week calls out to Our Lord with the beautiful title of the “Root of Jesse.” Who was the Jesse of the Old Covenant, and how does he prefigure Our Lord? Let us see the explanation of the Catholic Encyclopedia (1907):

“Finally, the prophet calls Emmanuel ‘a rod out of the root of Jesse’ endowed with ‘the spirit of the Lord. . .the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel, and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness’; his advent shall be followed by the general signs of the Messianic era, and the remnant of the chosen people shall be again the people of God (11:1-16).

In the Bible the name David is borne only by the second king of Israel, the great-grandson of Boaz and Ruth (Ruth 4:18 sqq.). He was the youngest of the eight sons of Isai, or Jesse (1 Samuel 16:8; cf. 1 Chronicles 2:13), a small proprietor, of the tribe of Juda, dwelling at Bethlehem, where David was born.”

The Institute’s 2023 Liturgical Calendars are on their way!
Available for sale any day now: only \$5 each.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/18	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	4th Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Theresa Hamilton†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Amelia Mary Buzzell
Mon. 12/19	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Rosita Foley†
Tue. 12/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Silvie Orr
Wed. 12/21	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Thomas, Apostle & Martyr <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Catherina Hoang
Thurs. 12/22	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Tony Carvalho†
Fri. 12/23	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Tim O'Leary†
Sat. 12/24	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Vigil of the Nativity <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory†
Sun. 12/25	12:00 am <i>High Mass</i>	Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Thanh Nguyen
	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>			Sabrina Patterson
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Institute of Christ the King

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 or Lisa Caputi (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

EMAIL LIST: email oakland@institute-christ-king.org

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at [icksposoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.icksposoakland.flocknote.com) or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Peter Trong Nguyen	Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver
Msgr. David Link	Steve Farinara	Canon Fragelli
Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez	
Baby Sophia	Grace Tostada	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Jesus Cristobal	Rita Cristobal	Rod Phillips
Shawn Chapel	Kathy Wenzell	Rosita Foley
John Dymond	William Gilbert	Arnel Adela
Louise Grayson	Imelda Hernandez-Constantino	
Diane Kasdan	Mary Persinger	Rose Stone
Albert Bocek	Bea Benham	

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!*

No Sunday Reception on Christmas Day or New Year's Day

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 25—Christmas: Masses at Midnight, 7am, 12:30pm

December 31—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and *Te Deum* after the 10am Mass. Plenary indulgence available; usual conditions.

January 1—Octave of the Nativity (New Year's Day); chanted *Veni Creator* before both 7am and 12:30 Masses. Plenary indulgence available under usual conditions.

January 6—Epiphany; First Friday of January

January 7—First Saturday of January

January 11—Men's Retreat at Mount St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery in San Jose (12455 Clayton Rd.) Please RSVP to Canon Norman.

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:

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Marriage Banns

Mr. & Mrs. **Peter Trong Nguyen and Catherina Hoang** of **Oakland, California** announce the approaching marriage of their daughter **Maria Diana Hoang** to

Mr. **Anthony Joseph Orr** of **Alameda** on

Saturday, January 14, 2023, at St. Margaret Mary Church.

If anyone knows of an existing impediment which would prevent this marriage, he is bound to let the Pastor know as soon as possible.

This is the FIRST publication of the banns.