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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023
2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

A blessed Second Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord to all of you! I don't have much space for liturgical commentary this Sunday, owing to a large number of announcements.

A **big thank-you** to all who helped organize the extraordinary and somewhat spontaneous **festivities at our Sunday reception** last week. There were three different "King's Cakes" (it was one of my bites that contained the Infant Jesus!), as well as a reenactment of the Adoration of the Magi and a pinata. It gave much so much joy to the children and onlookers alike! Our winner of the Crèche Drawing Contest was declared before all and took his prize.

Would there be a few among you who have some time to spare for a **work of Christian charity**? One of our homebound parishioners who lives near the church needs help in getting to and from occasional doctors' appointments, and with grocery runs. Please contact me if you are available: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

One of the former pastors of St. Margaret Mary's, **Father Stan Zak, passed away** last Sunday, January 8. May God grant rest to this faithful priest of forty-seven years. Fr. Zak's viewing and vigil will take place on Sunday, January 22 from 6 to 9 pm. His Funeral Mass (Ordinary Form) will be offered on Monday, January 23 at 10 am. All services will be held at St. Margaret Mary's.

Please pray for the **repose of the soul of Cardinal Pell**, who died this past Tuesday, January 10. Cardinal Pell, unjustly accused and then imprisoned, and finally freed on recognition of his innocence, served the Church for many years as a true and faithful son, and a brave defender of the Church's perennial teachings. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord. Requiescat in pace.

From this **Wednesday, January 18 to Wednesday, January 25**, at Holy Mass, the prayer titled *Pro Ecclesiae unitate* (called in some missals *ad tollendum schisma*) will replace the prayer for the Sovereign Pontiff. This prayer is offered for the return of Holy Mother Church's separated brethren, notably the Protestants, to the One, True Sheepfold of Christ: the Catholic Church.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda event for young adult** Catholics will take place this **Thursday, January 19**. The evening will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary recited in church, followed by a talk at 6:30, a social dinner at 7, and the chanted Office of Compline to conclude the evening. If interested, please rsvp to Noe Perez at n_perez3@u.pacific.edu.

We will prepare for the **Feast of Saint Francis de Sales (Sunday, January 29)** with a special novena from Friday, January 20 – Saturday, January 28. We will recite the Litany of this saint after Mass each day. Additionally, prayers to St. Francis de Sales and sermons on his spirituality will be made available on the Institute's social media and Flocknote platforms. Please contact me for more information.



The Marriage at Cana, Gerard David, circa 1500

Did You Know? The Use of Beeswax Candles:

Have you ever wondered why the tradition developed in Holy Mother Church of using beeswax candles on the altar? The Catholic Encyclopedia (1907) gives us this insight on the mystical symbolism thereof:

"For mystical reasons the Church prescribes that the candles used at Mass and at other liturgical functions be made of beeswax (*luminaria cerea*. — *Missale Rom., De Defectibus, X, 1; Cong. Sac. Rites, 4 September, 1875*). The pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents His divinity. Although the two latter properties are found in all kinds of candles, the first is proper of beeswax candles only."

The annual **Walk for Life West Coast** will take place next **Saturday, January 21** in San Francisco, as usual. 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. We hope to see you there! More information is available here: <https://www.walkforlifewc.com/>.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 1/15	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Second Sunday after the Epiphany <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Institute of Christ the King McAllen, TX
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Anthony, Mara & Monica Roberts
Mon. 1/16	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Father Staal	Cora Lee Shimamodo†
Tue. 1/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Anthony, Abbot <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Albert Bocek†
Wed. 1/18	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Peter's Chair at Rome (<i>Start of Unity Octave</i>) <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Cora Lorenzo
Thurs. 1/19	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass for the Unity of the Church (" <i>Salvos nos</i> ") <i>4th Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Christina Brito
Fri. 1/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, and St. Sebastian, Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i> <i>Adoration After Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Tito Lorenzo
Sat. 1/21	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Cindy Schwartz†
Sun. 1/22	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday after the Epiphany <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Francis & Ofelia Baccay†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Antonio Alberto Brito†

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 icksपोakland.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 Farinaro	Canon Fragelli
Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez	
Baby Sophia Grace Tostada	Rosemary Marquez & Baby	

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	Rita Soria Bautista
Valeria Casillas	Carlos San Miguel	Fr. Stan Zak
Pope Benedict XVI	Cardinal Pell	

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

January 19—Sursum Corda Young Adult event. Please rsvp to Noe Perez at n_perez3@u.pacific.edu.

January 20-28—Special Novena in honor of Saint Francis de Sales

January 21—Walk for Life West Coast, www.walkforlifewc.com

January 29—Feast of Saint Francis de Sales, patron of the Institute

February ??—Father-Son Flag Football game (Stay tuned for updates!)

February 2—Feast of the Purification (Candlemas, end of Christmastide)

February 5—Septuagesima (beginning of pre-Lent)

February 22—Ash Wednesday

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>

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SURSUM CORDA YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Are you Catholic, between the ages of 18 and 35, and looking for fellowship with other young Catholics who desire to be formed in the perennial wisdom of the Church's Magisterium?

Then the Oakland apostolate of the Institute of Christ the King has what you're looking for! Check out our page at <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-groups/1105-sursum-corda-oakland> for more details, photos, and contact information.

Please pray for our two newlywed faithful, **Anthony and Diana Orr**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony, followed by a High Nuptial Mass, here at St. Margaret Mary's yesterday.