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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023
5TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

“Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only.” Saint James the Apostle reminds us this Sunday that we are not called to an idle faith, a faith of pure sentiment which remains inert and unable to propel us to do the will of God. The faith which saves, rather, is a faith which produces in us good works. Principally, this means the works we’re obliged to carry out by our state in life – to be good fathers and mothers, to be willing to make sacrifices of our time for our neighbors in need, to provide for our families.

What about the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, those salutary lists we find, among other places, in our hand missals? If we look around us, we may see that the opportunities are not as rare as they seem. Firstly, we can always pray more, and indeed we neglect many opportunities. Even within our own parish community, there may be those who could benefit from our aid, for example, simple errands for those who are aging and not as easily able to get out and about anymore.

Finally, we must remember that we are called to persevere in good works amidst the many tribulations of this life, as Our Lord persevered in dying for us on the Cross, even to the point where He could no longer breathe. It is not without reason that the cross often weighs more heavily on our shoulders as the years go on. Though painful, and tiring, this is the sign that God is preparing a place for us in Heaven, where He will finally wipe every tear from our eyes forever. Persevere!

A big **“thank you”** to all who helped prepare our lovely **May Crowning and First Communion** last Sunday. The first time we receive the real and substantial presence of Our Lord in Holy Communion is a truly extraordinary moment in our lives; one filled with untold graces. I am sure these young children were well disposed by all your efforts and prayers. Our Blessed Mother was sweetly honored as well by her Crowning for the month dedicated to her; May, the loveliest of all.

We bid a fond farewell to two of our young faithful, **Johnny Lazear and Gabrielle Cherry**, who will be moving out of state. Johnny served for a time as the leader of our Men’s Group, and helped out last year at our California summer camp, St. Michael’s Patrol. Thank you, Johnny! On Saturday, June 10, I will have the privilege of celebrating Johnny and Gabrielle’s wedding and Nuptial Mass at the National Shrine of St. Alphonsus Liguori in Baltimore, Maryland.

The former bishop of the Diocese of San Jose, **Monsignor Patrick McGrath**, **passed away** last Sunday, May 7. Please be sure to pray for the repose of his soul. Requiescat in pace.

Owing to the absence of many volunteers, several of whom are currently on pilgrimage in the Holy Land, there is **no reception** after the 12:30 Mass this Sunday. There will be something on the sidewalk that’s almost better, however: donuts!

Not to take away from the joy of delicious donuts, let us continue to pray for those from our Oakland Apostolate family who are still in the Holy Land on pilgrimage. They have a few more days left. May this time spent in Our Lord’s own homeland be of greatest profit for their souls.

Many of you are very generous in giving me gifts throughout the year, for example at Christmas and Easter, and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your kindness! I want to thank you especially for the gasoline gift cards; these have been very useful and handy, as I’m a bit of a “commuting canon!”

This time of year brings an interesting liturgical incidence – the **Minor Litanies**



Fresco of Ascension of Jesus by S.G. Rudl, 1900

and Rogation Processions. The Rogation Processions are an ancient tradition going back centuries and originating in France. They have as their object to implore God’s mercy and protection from natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and lightning. With the ongoing breakdown in society and increasing violence and disorder, it would seem we have a special need of these processions now. Accordingly, this **Tuesday, May 16 at 6 pm**, we will have a short Rogation Procession around the block, followed by Low Mass.

This **Thursday, May 18** is the Feast of the **Ascension**, one of the most ancient and solemn feasts of the entire liturgical year. All who are able are encouraged to attend Holy Mass on this day. There will be the usual Low Mass at 12 pm with organ. At St. Edward’s Parish in Newark, at 7 pm, there will be a Solemn Mass. Our good friend Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ will celebrate, and I will serve as deacon.

A brand new shipment of the excellent traditional catechism, **My Catholic Faith (1954)** has arrived! This classic manual of instruction in the Catholic Faith is filled with Scriptural and Patristic evidence for Catholicism, as well as arguments from history, reason, Apologetics and gifted illustrations, and it’s a **must-have for your bookshelf**. We provide a discount of **almost fifty percent** compared to most online sellers!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 5/14	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	5th Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Pam Funcke's Family
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Teresa Anastasia Lydon
Mon. 5/15	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Father Staal	For Mothers listed in the Parish Book
Tue. 5/16	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Procession and Rogations Mass (Minor Litanies) <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Stephanie & Matthew Newton
Wed. 5/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Vigil of the Ascension <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	For Mothers listed in the Parish Book
Thurs. 5/18	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Jared Crisologo Smith †
Fri. 5/19	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Peter Celestine, Pope and Confessor <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>Adoration After Mass, Pentecost Novena begins</i>	Canon Norman	For Mothers listed in the Parish Book
Sat. 5/20	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Bernardine of Sienna, Confessor <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Marydel Mercadal †
Sun. 5/21	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sunday after the Ascension <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Tomislav Gelo
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			For Mothers listed in the Parish Book

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

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	Msgr. David Link
Steve Farinaro	Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez
Eurydice Buenger	Sylvia Duenas	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Rosita Foley	John Dymond	William Gilbert
Arnel Adela	Louise Grayson	Diane Kasdan
Imelda Hernandez-Constantino		Mary Persinger
Rose Stone	Albert Bocek	Rita Soria Bautista
Bea Benham	Valeria Casillas	Carlos San Miguel
Wyatt Hayashi	William M. Williams	Fr. Stan Zak
Dario Gonzalez	Canon Fragelli	Ernest Jacob
Nancy Duenas	Msgr. Patrick McGrath	

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

May 18—Ascension of Our Lord (Thursday)

May 19 - 27—Pentecost Novena to the Holy Ghost

May 28—Pentecost Sunday

May 29 - June 2—Institute Priests' Retreat in St. Louis, Missouri
(Canon Norman away)

June 8—Corpus Christi (Thursday), Ext. Solemnity on Sunday, June 11

June 16—Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ext. Solemnity on Sunday, June 18

July 27-29—St. Michael's Patrol Summer Camp

THREE UPCOMING INSTITUTE PILGRIMAGES:

June 2-14: Ancient Biblical Sites in Kazakhstan and ancient Nicaea. Please visit the link <https://sacredhearttours.com/product/pearl-of-kazakhstan-june-2-14-2023/>

July 1-8: Pilgrimage to Florence. Join family and friends of the seminarians of the Institute of Christ the King in celebrating their ordination to the diaconate, subdiaconate and minor orders as well as the conferral of the clerical tonsure, at the heart of the Institute in Florence, Italy. See the link for more information: <https://institute-christ-king.org/1448-pilgrimage-to-florence-july-1-8-2023>

October 8-16: Pilgrimage to Japan, led by Canon Raphael Ueda. Please visit <https://sacredhearttours.com/product/japan/>

Happy Mother's Day
to all mothers and expectant mothers!

There will be **no Reception** after the 12:30 Mass today. Instead, please enjoy **donuts** available on the sidewalk.

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>