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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

In the commentary of *The Liturgical Year* for this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Dom Prosper Guéranger has a very striking analogy to illustrate the folly of vainglory:

“Just let us think, for a moment, on the madness *that* culprit would be guilty of who, having his sentence to death commuted for a severe flogging, should take pride in the stripes left on his body by the whip! May this madness never be ours!”

Dom Guéranger is speaking here of the proper attitude with regards to bodily mortifications, a timely subject indeed at the end of the summer season. Remember: our fasting and penance is the fruit of God’s grace working in us, not the product of our own strength. Moreover, the best penances are those we do not choose – the crosses God has prepared for us. As Saint Paul reminds us in today’s epistle that each one “shall bear his own burden,” we do well to recall the central place which the Cross has in uniting us with the suffering Christ in this life. He who suffers well here below merits an everlasting crown in the world to come, and unending joy!

September, as you know, is the month of the **Holy Cross**, and the very ancient and beloved Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is this **Thursday, September 14**. There will also be the ancient **weather blessing** with the relic of the True Cross after the 12 pm Mass this Thursday. Given the rain inundations earlier this year, I think you can understand the importance of this blessing! A ball of hail might not go through your windshield...an earthquake could be averted...a wildfire might never spark...we live in California, after all.

It is time to start thinking about preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Tentatively planned for November of 2024, it is never too early to start getting all the necessary paperwork together (notably, sacramental certificates). Please contact me as soon as possible if you would like to add your children to the list of those to be confirmed next year.

Those who would prepare for Confirmation must attend the **Confirmation Catechism class**! After a two-month pause, the weekly Catechism Classes restart this week. Confirmation Catechism will be this Tuesday at 4 pm, and Adult Catechism will be next Saturday at 2:30 pm. There is a **new Zoom link** for the classes. Last year’s link will not work, so please contact me if you need the new one.

As we begin a new academic year, it is also a propitious moment to bring a bit of new life to the various facets of this apostolate, one of the most important being the **Altar Server Corps**. Please consider allowing your sons the privilege of serving the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All the saints agree that this is the greatest opportunity a young man can enjoy on this side of eternity! For more information, please contact me by phone or email.

The **altar server training** which had been scheduled for this Saturday had to be postponed due to a conflict with the parish schedule. The server training has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 30 at 11:30 am.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda event for young adult** Catholics will take place on **Thursday, September 28 at 6 pm**. The evening will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary recited in church, followed by a brief talk at 6:30, a social dinner at 7,



Jesus Resurrecting the Son of the Widow of Naim,
Pierre Bouillon, 1817

and the chanted Office of Compline to conclude the evening. If interested, please rsvp to Omar Jadallah-Karraa: ojadallah858@gmail.com.

As previously mentioned, the Prior General of our institute, Monsignor Gilles Wach, has requested that the **Prayer for the Triumph of the Catholic Faith** (composed by Bishop Athanasius Schneider) be recited in our various apostolates. We unfortunately live in a time of widespread apostasy on the part of many priests and bishops, and we must pray that God would quickly restore the True Catholic Faith to its place of former splendor. We will recite this prayer **every Thursday** after the 12 pm Mass.

Each year, all the canons of the various provinces (worldwide) of the Institute get together for a week-long event known as the **“Convocation”** or **“Provincial Days”**. This is a period of several days of light-hearted fraternity and wholesome recreation in enjoying the sights and attractions of the hometown of one of our apostolates. Our dear institute is one big family, and it is only normal that families rejuvenate their energy for the coming year together. This year, the canons of the U.S. Province will be meeting in Lake Charles, Louisiana from **October 2-6**, I will thus be **out of town** on those dates. Please check the bulletin for information regarding Mass replacements.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Date | Time | Mass of the Day | Celebrant | Intention |
|----------------|------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Sun. 9/10 | 7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i> | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i> | Canon Norman | Richard Smith† |
| | 12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i> | | | Juan Pablo Herrera |
| Mon. 9/11 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Ss. Protus and Hyacinth, Martyrs <i>4th Class / Red</i> | Father Staal | Richard & Norine St. Lézin† |
| Tue. 9/12 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Feast of the Holy Name of Mary <i>3rd Class / White</i> | Canon Norman | Pam Funcke |
| Wed. 9/13 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Votive Mass of St. Joseph <i>4th Class / White</i> | Canon Norman | Barbara Powell† |
| Thurs. 9/14 | 12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | Exaltation of the Holy Cross <i>2nd Class / Red</i> | Canon Norman | R. & F. Connick† |
| Fri. 9/15 | 6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i> | The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>2nd Class / White / Adoration after Mass</i> | Canon Norman | Irina Kozhevnikova† |
| Sat. 9/16 | 10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i> | St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs <i>3rd Class / Red / OMPH Devotions after Mass</i> | Canon Norman | Salvador Ramirez |
| Sun. 9/17 | 7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i> | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i> | Canon Norman | Canon Olivier Meney |
| | 12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i> | | | Ester & Ismael Usison |

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 (resumes September 12)

Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30pm (resumes September 16)

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at ickspoakland.flocknote.com or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

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| Thomas Henriksson | Gigi Cunningham | Peter Trong Nguyen |
| Paulann Dymond | Lianne Claver | Msgr. David Link |
| Steve Farinaro | Marianne Martinez | Angie Gonzalez |
| Eurydice Buenger | Sylvia Duenas | Catherine Willis |
| Fil Marquez | Joshua Nascimento | |

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

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| 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 | Gabriel Fernandez | Camdan McWright |
| Mme. Guillemette de Guernon | | Louisa Siu |

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

September 13—Men's Group Dinner, 7:15pm, in Fr. Kozina Hall

September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 16—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

September 23—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10am Mass

September 28—Sursum Corda for young adults, begins 6pm in church

September 29—St. Michael the Archangel

September 30—Altar Server Training, 11:30am in church

October 3—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Tuesday)

Sacred Heart Retreat Center Capital Campaign

We need your prayers and financial support for the new Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Join us in this new mission for the good of souls in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Savior! Please use the QR code to donate.



FLOWER FUND - Our volunteers provide the lovely flowers that adorn our altar year round. If you would like to support the beautification of our altar by donating to the Flower Fund, please contact Canon Norman

JOIN THE ALTAR SERVERS CORPS - Have you or your sons considered joining the ranks of the Altar Servers, and serve in that most noble of capacities – the offering of Divine Worship to the Most Holy Trinity? For details, please contact Canon: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org

JOIN OUR SACRED MUSIC SCHOLA - The men and women of our Schola study and work hard to bring the beauty of Gregorian Chant and Polyphony to many of our Masses and liturgical ceremonies. Please consider offering your talent to serve the Sacred Liturgy through this apostolate. Please contact Dennison Gallardo: vivatxtusrex@gmail.com for further information.

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>