



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

Have you ever asked yourself, “Why did Christ call Judas Iscariot, whom He knew from all eternity would betray Him into the hands of His enemies and an agonizing death, to be among his intimate circle of friends?” It seems at first so counterintuitive to the mission of spreading the Faith and assuring the survival of the nascent Catholic Church.

The Gospel of today’s Mass contains a hint. In Our Lord’s parable, the master of the fields replies to his servants, eagerly asking if they should root up the poisonous cockle, to leave it be:

“No, lest perhaps gathering up the cockle, you root up also the wheat together with it. Suffer both to grow until the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers: ‘Gather up first the cockle and bind it into bundles to burn, but the wheat gather ye into my barn.’”

The cockle is spared, not because it is good, but to save the wheat. In the same way God often spares the wicked and does not destroy them for the sake of the elect. When God asks us to endure with patience certain situations, terrible though they may be, He asks for one of the greatest exercises of charity, compassion, and mercy. He does not tell us to fraternize with evil, to make a league with the cockle, but He tells us to endure it with the same longanimity that He did.

Our Lord of course also chose the moment to drive sacrilege out of the Temple, and he did it with a whip (John 2;15). God will purify His Church of false teachers in His good time. We must of course hold fast to the Faith as it has been handed down to us from the Apostles, and the **sacramental disciplines which are necessary consequences** of this Faith. We must always remember the words of Saint Paul:

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema” (Gal. 1;8).

If an angel of Heaven has not the slightest right to modify the teachings of Our Lord, even less does a member of the Church Militant here on earth.

Thank you to those who attended the spiritual conference and lunch for the **Altar Server Corps** this Saturday, on the subject of “The Priestly Vocation.” We had a respectable turnout, and these are always advantageous moments for **camaraderie and esprit de corps** to be built up among the members. Are your sons interested in serving? The Corps is always recruiting. For more information, contact me directly: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

When was the last time you cracked open your copy of **My Catholic Faith** to the chapter on Holy Communion? There is a very helpful description of the manner of receiving the Host. You should keep your head level and don’t move it or lean forward, and when opening your mouth, extend your tongue over your lower lip. Attention to these details helps greatly in **preventing the Sacred Host from falling**.

I defy anyone to resist **coffee and donuts** on a crisp Sunday morning in November. Our monthly reception after the 7 am Mass is this Sunday! Come down to



Fr. Kozina Hall for refreshments and some time well-spent with your fellow Mass-goers.

The **Christmas cards** have arrived! They will be sold in the vestibule and Fr. Kozina Hall after the 7 am Mass, and in the hall after the 12:30 pm Mass, for \$20 per pack of ten. They feature beautiful images of Our Lord’s Nativity to greet your loved ones.

We will also once again send **Christmas cards to the seminarians** in early December. Being a seminarian can be lonely at times, especially for those not fortunate enough to return home to their families. These cards are a wonderful reminder to these young men that dedicated souls are praying for them without ceasing. The cards will be available for **signing in Fr. Kozina Hall** on the Sundays of **December 3 and 10** after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses.

After a break last month, we are glad to announce that **Sursum Corda is back!** The monthly event for **young adult Catholics** will take place this **Thursday, November 16**. The evening will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary recited in church, followed by a brief talk at 6:30 and a social dinner at 7. To attend, please rsvp to Omar Jadallah-Karraa at: ojadallah858@gmail.com.

A reminder that our yearly **Men’s morning of recollection** is tentatively planned for Wednesday, December 13. The exact location is still being determined. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to help organize this event.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 11/12	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	24th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Eric Menn
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Canon Henrique Fragelli†
Mon. 11/13	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Didacus, Confessor <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Fr. Staal	Jackie Steele
Tue. 11/14	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Hong Vy Nguyen
Wed. 11/15	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor of the Church <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Margaret Britton†
Thurs. 11/16	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Bruns & Louise Greyson†
Fri. 11/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, Bishop & Confessor <i>3rd Class / White / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Joshua Nascimento
Sat. 11/18	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul <i>3rd Class / White / OMPH devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Angel Avelar
Sun. 11/19	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	25th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Eva Umova†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Mario Macias†

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 to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30 pm

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

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

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Gigi Cunningham	Peter Trong Nguyen
Paulann Dymond	Lianne Claver	Msr. 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:

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
Dario Gonzalez	William M. Williams	Fr. Stan Zak
Nancy Duenas	Canon Fragelli	Ernest Jacob
Louisa Siu	Gabriel Fernandez	Camdan McWright
Mme. Guillemette de Guernon	Count Wolfgang von Waldstein	
Bernadette Moreau		

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

November 16—Sursum Corda Event, starts 6pm in church;

(RSVP to Omar Jadallah-Karraa: ojadallah858@gmail.com)

November 18—Society of the Sacred Heart meeting (conference & lunch), 11:30-1:30 in Fr. Kozina Hall (rsvp Canon by Nov. 13)

November 25—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10am Mass

November 26—Lesson in Liturgy at the 12:30 Reception

December 3—First Sunday of Advent

December 3 & 10—sign Christmas cards for seminarians in the hall

December 8—Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 13—Men's morning of recollection (tentative, location TBD)

"ASK A PRIEST LIVE!" RADIO PROGRAM

Canons from the Institute of Christ the King participate in a new LIVE radio show on The Station of the Cross Catholic Media Network, at 6PM eastern time each weekday. For more information, or to listen to past programs, please visit <https://thestationofthecross.com/askapriest/>

ANNUAL SUPPORT OF THE SEMINARY

If you missed the **special collection for the Institute's Seminary** to help the seminarians and to assist with operating expenses, you may still make a donation.

Supporting the Seminary is especially dear to our hearts. After Canon Jacob Wells' ordination earlier this year, Oakland still has two seminarians in Gricigliano. To make an online donation, visit our website, <https://bit.ly/3CXErJ5>, or use the QR code. **Thank you for your generosity!**



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>