



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023
25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

On this Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Dom Prosper Guéranger reminds us that most of us would be put to shame by the fervor and piety of the first Christians:

“We received our regeneration by Baptism at our first coming into the world. We were taught the doctrine of Jesus Christ from our earliest childhood. And yet, our faith is not so strong, or our lives so holy, as were those of the early Christians. Their main occupation was serving the living and true God, and waiting for the coming of their Savior. Our hope is precisely the same as that which made their hearts so fervent; how comes it that our faith is not like theirs in its generosity? We love this present life, as though we had not the firm conviction that it is to pass away.”

Unfortunately, we end up spending much of our time on pursuits far less worthwhile than the service of God. There are news stories that hold our attention, but over which we have no control, and which have no real connection to our own lives. Some give copious amounts of time to rather frivolous recreations. Still others fall prey to becoming “workaholic” in nature, gradually extinguishing the life of prayer by an excess of attention to temporal and breadwinning duties. Let us rather, like our Catholic ancestors, seek first the Kingdom of God and trust that He will take care of the rest.

The **Christmas cards** will continue to be sold this Sunday after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses for \$20 per pack of ten. Featuring lovely and tasteful images of Our Lord’s Nativity, they are the perfect way to send your Christmas greetings to your loved ones, while reminding all that the Incarnation of Our Lord is the reason for the season!

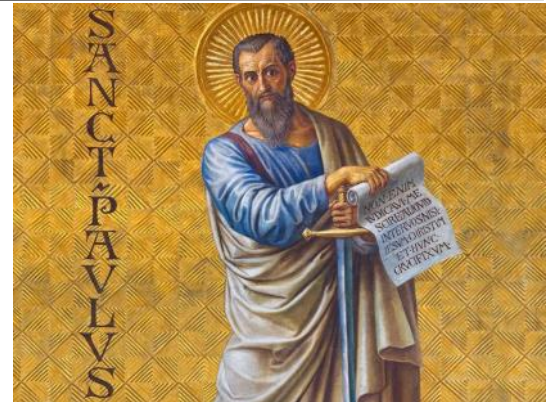
We will also once again send signed **Christmas cards to the seminarians** in early December. Please offer prayers and moral support to these dedicated young men by reminding them that faithful souls are praying for them always. The cards will be available for **signing in Fr. Kozina Hall** on the Sundays of **December 3 and 10** after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses.

Have you turned in your **November list** of your beloved departed? More copies are now available in church. It is a great consolation to the Holy Souls in Purgatory to have their sufferings lessened by the Holy Masses offered for them, and by your prayers and good works. Please be sure to submit your list before the end of the month.

The monthly **Blessing of Sacramentals** will take place next Saturday, November 25 after the 10 am Mass. Please see Flocknote for the updated instructions. The monthly **Lesson in Liturgy** will take place on Sunday, November 26 after the 12:30 Mass.

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



Did you know? Poor Sinners can help the Poor Souls!

Have you ever been tempted to discouragement in the performance of your good works? Don’t fall for it! In the Supplement to the *Summa Theologiae*, St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that good works, such as prayers offered for the dead, can help the Holy Souls in Purgatory even though they are performed by us, who so often fall back into our sins. It is yet another instance of God’s unfathomable mercy towards the living and the dead:

“Two things may be considered in the suffrages performed by the wicked. First, the deed done, for instance the sacrifice of the altar. And since our sacraments have their efficacy from themselves independently of the deed of the doer, and are equally efficacious by whomsoever they are performed, in this respect the suffrages of the wicked profit the departed...”

Wherefore, although he who acts as the instrument of another be not in a state of merit, his act may be meritorious on account of the principal agent: for instance if a servant being in sin do any work of mercy at the command of his master who has charity. Hence, if a person dying in charity command suffrages to be offered for him, or if some other person having charity prescribe them, those suffrages avail for the departed, even though the persons by whom they are performed be in sin. Nevertheless they would avail more if those persons were in charity, because then those works would be meritorious on two counts” (Supplement, Q. 71, A.3).

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
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†
Mon. 11/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Pham Phuoc†
Tue. 11/21	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Wed. 11/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Lidija & Dominic Papez
Thurs. 11/23	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Clement, Pope & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Martha Gonzalez†
Fri. 11/24	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. John of the Cross, Confessor & Doctor of the Church <i>3rd Class / White / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Alexandre Silva
Sat. 11/25	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Requiem Mass <i>1st Class / Black</i>	Canon Norman	Shirley Dalle Molle†
Sun. 11/26	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	26th/Last Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Members of the Floral Team
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Souls in Purgatory

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 Farinero	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 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)

December 17—Gaudete Sunday

December 24—Christmas Vigil

December 25—Christmas

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.

"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/>

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>