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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023
26TH/LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

It is indeed a terrifying picture of the end of the world that Our Lord gives us in this Sunday's Gospel. There will be many false prophets, and many will be deceived. After many tribulations, the sun will be darkened along with the moon, the stars will fall from the sky, and great signs will appear in the heavens. The Second Coming of Christ will be accomplished with amazing speed – like that of lightning flashing from the east to the west. He will return on the clouds, surrounded by angels, a trumpet announcing His return.

And yet, the words of the Introit of this Mass, repeated to us one final time on this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, remind us that God wills our peace, and not our affliction. It's true, things in the world and the Church are not as we would like. Wars have broken out, many innocents have been killed, and those who have survived now suffer terrible hardships. The economy has seen better days. A crisis of Faith and leadership reaches into the upper echelons of the Church.

Our Lord reminded us, however, that no servant is greater than his master (John 13:16). The world hated Him first and persecuted Him before us. If we are allowed to undergo some small share in His sufferings, we should remember two capital truths – that these sufferings can purify our souls, and that the persecutions of our enemies are the sign of their coming defeat. In fact, they have no saving truths to offer in competition with those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the one Savior of mankind. The best they can do is attempt to discourage His faithful sheep. We must not give in!

In ancient days the Roman Empire threw Christians to the teeth of wild beasts, only to be finally overcome by and won over to the Catholic Religion. The persecutions of our day are evidence that the devil's vice grip on this world is gradually being loosened, until that day when it will be destroyed.

Let us hold fast therefore to the peace of God, the peace He grants us in union with Him, especially when life seems bleak. Let us prepare our resolutions for the coming year, let us increase our fidelity to regular prayer and confession, the devout and worthy reception of Holy Communion, and to the corporal works of mercy. Thus, to again quote the Introit, will the Lord bring us back one day from this place of captivity.

A big "thank you" to those who distributed **soup to the needy** in Oakland on Thanksgiving Day. Your true Christian charity is pleasing to God and greatly appreciated by the less fortunate!

Thank you as well to Anthony and Mara Roberts, and the entire reception team, for their hard work in preparing last Sunday's Thanksgiving reception. It was a big hit! It looks like a new tradition has been established.

Our preparatory **Novena for the Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Friday, December 8) begins this Wednesday, November 29 and will continue until Thursday, December 7. There will be a short sermon each day at Mass, and the recitation of a decade of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto and Novena Prayer after Mass.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is one of the **oldest and most august Solemnities** in Church history, and a Holy Day of Obligation. In addition, Our Lady is, under this glorious title, the Principal Patroness of our dear institute, and



The Triumph of Christianity over Paganism,
Gustave Doré, c. 1868

the Patroness of the United States of America. It is fitting and even necessary, therefore, that we prepare in a more profoundly spiritual manner to celebrate this wonderful feast. **Choose a particular intention** for this Novena and be sure to pray ardently for it on each of the nine days. Those who put their trust in Our Lady will not be disappointed!

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 an excellent way to foster devotion to the birth of Our Lord.

We will also once again sign **Christmas cards for the seminarians** on the Sundays of **December 3 and 10**, after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses. Your prayers and these signs of support go a long way in sustaining these men through a rigorous seminary formation, one in which they are often separated from their families for considerable lengths of time.

A final reminder about the **November lists** – this is the last Sunday they will be printed. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to submit one so that your beloved departed can be remembered during the Holy Masses this November.

A reminder that our yearly **Men's morning of recollection** is tentatively planned for Wednesday, December 13. 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. 11/26	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
Mon. 11/27	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Requiem Mass <i>4th Class / Black</i>	Fr. Staal	Souls in Purgatory
Tue. 11/28	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of The Holy Angels <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Cousins of Benedicta Dakudao
Wed. 11/29	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Commemoration of St. Saturninus, Martyr <i>4th Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Fabian Soto †
Thurs. 11/30	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Andrew, Apostle <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Mikolajczyk Family
Fri. 12/1	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>First Friday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Schools, Colleges, Universities
Sat. 12/2	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>First Saturday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Sun. 12/3	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	First Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Thanh Nguyen
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Allen & Marie Therese McDonald †

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 26—Lesson in Liturgy at the 12:30 Reception

November 29 - December 7—Preparatory Novena for the Immaculate Conception (Sermon during Mass, decade of Rosary, Litany of Loreto and Novena Prayer after Mass)

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

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>