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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
PASSION SUNDAY
(We offer the Mass Propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

We have arrived at one of the most solemn moments in all of Lent, Passion Sunday, the beginning of the short but very grave season known as “**Passiontide**”. Above all, for the next two weeks until Easter Sunday, may our thoughts and prayers be filled with the remembrance of the terrible sufferings Our Lord endured to redeem our fallen race and open the Gates of Heaven to us.

You may have noticed that all statues and images of Our Lord and the saints in the church have been **veiled** in penitential violet. As the Gospel today reminds us, there came the moment when Our Lord had to go into hiding, lest He be put to death before the appointed time (John 8:59). By covering up these comforting reminders of Our Lord and our heavenly friends, we enter a little more profoundly into the mystery of Christ’s own sufferings, cut off and separated as He was from his Blessed Mother and his closest friends during His last days of life.

It’s Passion Sunday, but it’s also March 17, **Saint Patrick’s Day**. A hearty “fair play to ye” to the Irish members of our **Oakland Apostolate** family! After my ordination in 2018, I began my priestly ministry on the Emerald Isle, in the city of Limerick. Have you heard of **Saint Patrick’s Purgatory**? It is an ancient pilgrimage site on Station Island in Lough Derg, County Donegal, Ireland. According to legend (**again, legend**, not official Church teaching), the site dates from the fifth century, when Christ showed Saint Patrick a cave, sometimes referred to as a pit or a well, on Station Island that was an entrance to Purgatory.

According to the legend, Saint Patrick was tempted to discouragement by the doubts of his potential converts, who told him they would not believe his teachings until they had convincing evidence. The saint prayed that God would help him relate the Catholic Faith effectively to the Irish people, and in return, Christ revealed to him a pit in the ground, which he called Purgatory. By showing this place to the people, they would accept the Faith. By witnessing Purgatory, the people would finally know the reality of the joys of Heaven and the torments of Hell. The Catholic Faith certainly took strong root in Ireland, and the Irish faithful have persevered in that Faith for centuries, often amid brutal persecution. Let their perseverance be our example!

Saint Patrick’s Purgatory is mentioned in texts from as early as 1185 and shown on maps from all over Europe as early as the fifteenth century. The faithful still make pilgrimages there today which include intense fasting and prayer. You can read more about this famous island on the Catholic Encyclopedia (1907): <https://www.newadvent.org/cathen/12580a.htm>.

This Tuesday, March 19 is the **Feast of Saint Joseph** (First Class), Foster Father of Our Lord, Terror of Demons and Patron of Departing Souls (only a few of his glorious titles). There will be a High Mass at 6 pm. We hope you will celebrate this wonderful feast with us. In all our needs, let us go to Joseph!

This Thursday, March 21 is the **Feast of St. Benedict**, one of the Patrons of the Institute of Christ the King, and thus a first class Feast. The Institute’s particular focus on honoring God through the beauty of the liturgy, especially through Gregorian Chant, is owed to our particular spirituality, which is Salesian but also Benedictine. The Mass will be at 12 pm, as usual. Plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions.



Jesus debating with the Pharisees, Cathedral of Saint-Gatien, Tours

Will you be joining us for the 12:30 Mass on **Sunday, April 7**? For your young children’s sake, we certainly hope so. There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** at the reception following the Mass, organized by several of our generous faithful. Did you know that there is a symbolism of the Faith in Easter Eggs? Indeed, why else would we preserve this tradition? The Easter egg symbolizes the empty tomb of Christ, from which He was resurrected. In addition, one ancient tradition was the staining of Easter eggs with the color of red in memory of the blood of Christ, by which we are redeemed.

Are you searching for a summer camp experience which is full of fun, but fun in service of the goal of growing in Catholic virtue? Look no further than **St. Michael’s Patrol**. The annual California father-son summer camp of the Institute of Christ the King, with participation from the Oakland, San Jose and Tucson Apostolates, is filled with **sports, outdoor activities and nightly campfire entertainment**. There is, more importantly, daily Mass in the **Traditional Latin Rite**, as well as Rosary Processions, other prayers and spiritual talks. The tentative dates for the camp are Wednesday, July 24 – Saturday, July 27. Contact Canon Norman by email to RSVP.

We hope to see you at the Sunday reception today after the 12:30 Mass!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 3/17	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Passion Sunday <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Helen Gourley†
Mon. 3/18	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria of Passiontide <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Father Staal	Claire Bocek
Tue. 3/19	6:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Ba Van Dinh†
Wed. 3/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria of Passiontide <i>3rd Class / Violet / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Nicetas Cabral†
Thurs. 3/21	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Benedict, Abbot Patron of the Institute of Christ the King <i>1st Class / White (plenary indulgence available)</i>	Canon Norman	Silva Family
Fri. 3/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>Stations of the Cross after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Alexandre Silva
Sat. 3/23	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria of Passiontide <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Canon Benjamin Norman
Sun. 3/24	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms & Procession at 12:30 <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Msgr. David Link
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Albert Bocek†

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 (**Resumes on April 6**)

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon for class times

First Communion Class: Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm

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	Msgr. David Link
Steve Farinano	Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez
Eurydice Buenger	Sylvia Duenas	Catherine Willis
Fil Marquez	Joshua Nascimento	Rick Pawek
Catherine Duenas	Linda Richter	Lillian Jimenez

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

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	Fr. Prokop Jozef Zboron, OCarm	
Thomas Apple	Alan Wong	Carole Jenkins
Fr. Alexander Snyder		<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

***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

March 19—St. Joseph

March 21—St. Benedict, Institute Patron (plenary indulgence available)

March 23—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10am Mass

March 24—Palm Sunday

March 28—Holy Thursday

March 29—Good Friday

March 31—Easter Sunday

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Stations of the Cross after the 6 pm Mass on Fridays of Lent, beginning February 16; no Stations on Good Friday.
- Adoration after the 6 pm Mass on Wednesdays of Lent

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Palm Sunday, March 24: 7 am: Low Mass

12:30 pm: Blessing of Palms, Procession and High Mass

Holy Thursday, March 28: 4:30 pm: High Mass, Procession to the Altar of Repose and Stripping of the Altars

Good Friday, March 29: 5:30 pm: Mass of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Saturday, March 30: 2 pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31: 7 am: Low Mass, 12:30 pm: High Mass

HOUSE BLESSING

When was the last time you had a house blessing? Lent is the traditional time of year for this ancient sacramental. If you would like your home blessed, please call or email Canon Norman.

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>