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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(We offer the Mass Propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

What are the idols we have made for ourselves? Like Jerusalem before us, over whom Our Lord weeps in today's Gospel, our souls are in mortal danger if we do not crush these against the rock of Christ and give our adoration to Him alone. Certainly, we did not set out to place creatures above God, but the workings of the demons and our own fallen nature tend to lead us to this unfortunate conclusion.

There are of course the common culprits, such as our pride, material wealth or sensual pleasure. Sometimes however there are even more insidious temptations, such as a certain virtuous ideal of ourselves which has little to do with the state in life to which God has called us. Let us continually petition Our Lord to help us practice the virtues He expects of us, and no others.

One of the patron saints of this year's summer camp (St. Michael's Patrol) is **St. Justin Martyr**, who was beheaded by the Romans in 165 A.D. for refusing to sacrifice to idols. He had been formed in philosophy before converting to the Catholic Faith. He had placed himself first under a Stoic, but after some time found that he had learned nothing about God and that in fact his master had nothing to teach him on the subject. A Peripatetic whom he then found welcomed him at first, but afterwards demanded a fee from him; this proved that he was not a philosopher. A Pythagorean refused to teach him anything until he had learned music, astronomy, and geometry. Finally, a Platonist arrived on the scene and for some time delighted Justin.

He was still under the charm of the Platonistic philosophy when, as he walked one day along the seashore, he met a mysterious old man. The conclusion of their long discussion was that the soul could not arrive through human knowledge at the idea of God, but that it needed to be instructed by the Prophets who, inspired by the Holy Ghost, had known God and could make Him known.

The **Apologies** of St. Justin throw light on another phase of his conversion: "When I was a disciple of Plato", he writes, "hearing the accusations made against the Christians and seeing them intrepid in the face of death and of all that men fear, I said to myself that it was impossible that they should be living in evil and in the love of pleasure" (II Apol., 18;1). Both accounts exhibit the two aspects of the Catholic Faith that most strongly influenced St. Justin: its moral beauty and its truth.

The account of his martyrdom before the pagan Prefect, Rusticus, is most inspiring:

"Rusticus the prefect said, 'Let us, then, now come to the matter in hand, and which presses. Having come together, offer sacrifice with one accord to the gods.'

Justin said, 'No right-thinking person falls away from piety to impiety.'

Rusticus the prefect said, 'Unless you obey, you shall be mercilessly punished.'

Justin said, 'Through prayer we can be saved on account of our Lord Jesus Christ, even when we have been punished, because this shall become to us salvation and confidence at the more fearful and universal judgment-seat of our Lord and Saviour. Thus also said the other martyrs: 'Do what



Christ Lamenting over Jerusalem, Sir Charles Lock Eastlake, 1846

you will, for we are Christians, and do not sacrifice to idols.'" (*The Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1907)

Abbé Alex Hoopes will lead an **altar server training** this Sunday during the reception, beginning around 3:15 pm. A seminarian has the advantage of coming fresh from the seminary, where he has the experience of serving the various functions of both the Low Mass and the High Mass on a regular basis. Profit from his current knowledge of the ceremonies!

You are the **Providential means** that God uses to help our seminarians reach the altar. If you would like to donate to the seminarians directly, there are of course options such as Zelle, cash or check. However, if you would like to contribute to the costs of their seminary formation, please submit a check directly to Canon Norman, payable to "Institute of Christ the King," but leave the **memo line blank**. Please put your check in an envelope, and write on the envelope the name of the seminarian toward whose seminary tuition you wish to contribute.

I will be **on vacation with my family**, in Virginia, from **August 12-25**. From Virginia, I will leave for the Institute's seminary in Italy, Gricigliano, for our annual General Chapter, and be back at St. Margaret Mary's for both Masses on **Sunday, September 1** (barring any missed flights, of course!). Information about my priestly replacements will be in upcoming bulletins. Another canon is coming!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 7/21	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	9th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Catherine Akazawa
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Souls in Purgatory
Mon. 7/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Nguyen Thi Ngoc Bach
Tue. 7/23	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Antoinette Rattray†
Wed. 7/24	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Comm. of St. Christina, Virgin & Martyr <i>4th Class / Red</i>	Fr. David Staal	Abbé Cody Teague
Thurs. 7/25	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. James the Greater, Apostle <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	TBA	Jack & Renée Lonhoo†
Fri. 7/26	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>2nd Class / White / Adoration after Mass</i>	Fr. McTeigue	Alexandre Silva
Sat. 7/27	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Saturday of Our Lady <i>4th Class / White</i>	TBA	Tiffany Nguyen
Sun. 7/28	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	10th Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Canon David Ringeval
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Brenda Cabral

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

On summer break; resume in September.

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon

NB: My Catholic Faith is once again available for purchase!

Flocknote: Sign up at icksopoakland.flocknote.com

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Gigi Cunningham	Peter Trong Nguyen
Lianne Claver	Msgr. David Link	Steve Farinaro
Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez	Eurydice Buenger
Sylvia Duenas	Catherine Willis	Fil Marquez
Joshua Nascimento	Rick Pawek	Catherine Duenas
Linda Richter	Lillian Jimenez	Diana Henriksson
Baby Daniel	Noe Perez	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

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, O' Carm	
Thomas Apple	Alan Wong	Carole Jenkins
Fr. Alexander Snyder	Paulann Dymond	Sandra Weaver
Msgr. Luciano Giovanetti		<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

July 21—Altar Server Training in church, 3:15-4:15pm

July 24 - 27—St. Michael's Patrol Summer Camp

July 28—Lesson in Liturgy at 12:30 Reception in Fr. Kozina Hall

August 2 & 3—First Friday & First Saturday of August

August 15—Feast of the Assumption, Holy Day of Obligation

ST. MICHAEL'S PATROL SUMMER CAMP

The Institute's annual California summer camp, St. Michael's Patrol, for fathers and sons (ages 6-18), will take place **Wednesday, July 24 - Saturday, July 27, at the beautiful Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore (18450 Mines Rd.)**. The camp features genuine fun and recreation that builds both body and soul according to the Tradition of the Catholic Church, including sports, games, the Rosary, and of course daily Mass in the Traditional Latin Rite. Please be sure to fill and submit your registration forms to Canon Norman at canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

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 - Would you consider offering your talent to serve the Sacred Liturgy through the beauty of Gregorian chant and sacred polyphony? Please contact Dennison Gallardo: vivatx-tusrex@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>

SUNDAY RECEPTION TODAY A special July Birthday celebration!

Please join us in the hall today after the 12:30 Mass for a special celebration of our local Canon. Our seminarians will also be on hand to answer any question you may have about the Seminary.