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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

In the Epistle for this Twenty-Seventh and Last Sunday after Pentecost, Saint Paul tells us that God has saved us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Our Redemption was accomplished by the shedding of His Precious Blood, which washes away our sins.

If these words stir in our hearts that most comforting promise of eternal salvation to all who are baptized, believe in Him and keep His commandments, it also contains a hint of the coming tribulation of the Last Days, of which Our Lord warns us in today's Gospel. The power of darkness, the abomination of desolation, will have penetrated even into the holy place, as prophesied already by Daniel in the Old Testament. Are we then to be frightened at the prospect of the End Times? No! Remember the last word of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Maranatha!" "Come, Lord Jesus!"

What could be better than to finally be united to Our Saviour when He comes again? Union with Him is ours to lose – He gives us so many aids and graces to persevere, most especially His very Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and the continued pardon of our sins in Confession. Because He is infinitely just, the last day will also be that on which He judges this sinful world. All of the evils and injustices currently born in patience by the elect will finally be avenged. It will be a great and terrible day of wrath, as the *Dies Irae* hauntingly reminds us, but it will also be a glorious day.

As of this Saturday, twenty-seven Catholics are newly-Confirmed! Thanks be to God and our dear Bishop Barber for so graciously coming to St. Margaret Mary's to confer the sacrament for these new soldiers of Christ, who have now had the mark of Baptism sealed and perfected in their souls. A big thank-you also to Abbé Alex Barga, who generously came all the way from St. Louis to serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Thank you as well to all the parents for your help in preparing your children, including the rather onerous paperwork. Perseverance pays off!

Our preparatory Novena for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sunday, December 8) begins this Friday, November 29 and will continue until Saturday, December 7. There will be a short sermon each day at Mass, as well as a decade of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, the Novena Prayer and the chanted Marian antiphon after Mass.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is one of the oldest and most beloved solemnities in Church history. Our Lady is, under this glorious title, the Principal Patroness of the Institute of Christ the King, and the Patroness of the United States of America. We must therefore prepare in a more profoundly spiritual manner to celebrate this wonderful feast.

As in work, as in life, the same holds true in the spiritual life: if we wish to make serious progress in union with God, we must put in the time in prayer to Him. 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 be amazed at her powerful aid!

The Christmas cards will continue to be sold in the vestibule and Fr. Kozina Hall 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 once again sign Christmas cards for the seminarians on the Sundays of December 1 and December 8 after the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses, in Fr. Kozina Hall. Your prayers and these signs of support go a long way in sustaining these



Destruction of Temple of Jerusalem, Francesco Hayez, 1867

men through a rigorous seminary formation, one in which they are often separated from their families for considerable lengths of time.

Not long ago, we had a Christian Etiquette conference for girls and young ladies that went well, thanks be to God. Do you know who could also benefit from this conference? The young men! A similar conference is tentatively scheduled for the boys and young men (ages 8-18) on Saturday, December 14 from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. We hope to have a potluck lunch afterwards, like after the young ladies' conference. This conference will replace the monthly altar server training for December, which will start up again in January. The date of this conference may be subject to change, so please stay tuned for updates. Email Canon Norman to rsvp or to offer to help with the organization.

The monthly Blessing of Sacramentals will be next Saturday, November 30. Please see the instructions in Flocknote or the Events page of the website on how to prepare your sacramentals before the 10 am Mass.

A half-day Men's Retreat is planned for Wednesday, February 19 from 9 am to 2 pm at St. Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael (1 St. Vincent's Way). Email Canon Norman for more information or to RSVP.

We will have our much-loved annual Thanksgiving Reception, started with great success last year, this Sunday after the 12:30 Mass. Stop by for some turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, pumpkin pie and more, especially the delightful company of your Oakland Apostolate family members. A Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 11/24	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	27th and Last Sunday After Pentecost <i>2nd Class / Green</i>	Canon Norman	Bach Ngoc Nguyen
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Lucie Daubeneck
Mon. 11/25	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Daniel Hernandez†
Tue. 11/26	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Sylvester, Abbot <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Laura Jane Buckle†
Wed. 11/27	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of St. Joseph <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Tiffany Nguyen
Thurs. 11/28	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Canon Benjamin Norman
Fri. 11/29	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Saturninus, Bishop & Martyr <i>4th Class / Red / Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Sarah Mills
Sat. 11/30	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Andrew, Apostle <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Peter Lynch†
Sun. 12/1	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	First Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Angelina Persinger†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Claire 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

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon

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

Flocknote: Sign up at [icksopoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.icksopoakland.flocknote.com) or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

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
Lillian Jimenez	Diana Henriksson	Noe Perez
Tim Irving	Monica Roberts	LesleeRose Thomas
Ana Maria Sandoval		

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Canon Henrique Fragelli	Mme. Guillemette de Guernon
Msgr. Luciano Giovanetti	Count Wolfgang von Waldstein
Bernadette Moreau	Thomas Apple
Louisa Siu	Gabriel Fernandez
Fr. Prokop Jozef Zboron, OCarm	Carole Jenkins
Alan Wong	Allen Kuhl
Miguel Muñoz Ruiz	

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 29-December 7—Novena for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

November 30—Blessing of Sacramentals after 10 am Mass

December 1—First Sunday of Advent

December 6 & 7—First Friday and First Saturday of December

December 8—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 14—Christian Etiquette for Young Men Conference (ages 8-18) on Dec. 14, 11:30 am-1:30 pm followed by a potluck lunch. Email Canon to RSVP or to help with the organization.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY, MAY 6-15, 2025

Jubilee Year 2025! Visiting the Eternal City offers a uniquely Catholic experience. This pilgrimage to Italy offers a deeply personalized experience that will include Italian culture, history, art, and culinary delights. Join us on this unforgettable experience with Canon Benoît Jayr of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest on a 10-Day Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy! <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/jayr>.

SUNDAY SERMONS, BULLETINS & LIST OF EVENTS

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>

List of current Apostolate events can be found at this link:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-events>

"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 3PM Pacific Time each weekday. <https://thestationofthecross.com/askapriest/> Archived videos of past programs are available on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AskAPriestLive>

SUNDAY RECEPTION

We gather in the church hall every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass for refreshments and fellowship. **Please join us! Everyone is welcome!**