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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the Introit expresses our hope in terms at once idyllic and sublime:

“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior” (Isaias 45;8).

The desire for union with God, Our Savior, is so intense that it would seem all of creation cries out to Him to come. The Earth, in all the splendor of her created beauty, is but a footstool for the Savior who descends to us from Heaven and becomes one of us. God sent His prophets and His holy ones, the just, for thousands of years, prophesying the coming of the Messiah, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and God has not fallen short on that promise. Our Lord took flesh among us, died for us on the cross, and the Holy Catholic Faith which He left us continues to nourish our souls with the hope of the life to come. This is the true gift of Christmas.

Can you believe Christmas is this Wednesday? We hope to see you on Christmas Day, especially at the **beautiful Midnight Mass** this Tuesday night (12 am on Wednesday, December 25). A reminder that the Mass this Tuesday, December 24 will be at 10 am instead of 6 pm. The full Christmas and New Year’s liturgical schedule is now available in Flocknote. An addition this year: there will be a **hot chocolate social** with pastries after the Midnight Mass!

In addition to the *Veni Creator* being chanted before both Masses on **January 1**, there will be yet another opportunity to gain a **plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions. A *Te Deum*, one of the most ancient and traditional hymns of thanksgiving to God, will be chanted after the 6 pm Mass on **Tuesday, December 31** to give thanks for all the graces received throughout the year 2024.

Exciting news! Join Canon Norman and the Oakland Apostolate on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in **Mexico City** next October. All Catholics living on the American continent should try to visit the site of Our Blessed Mother’s apparition to St. Juan Diego at least once in their lives. It was here that she declared herself “The perfect and perpetual Virgin Mary, mother of the True God...the mother of all who live united in this land.” The most dramatic mass conversion to the Catholic Faith in history, 9 million Indians in 10 years, was caused by the miraculous image that Our Lady left on Saint Juan Diego’s tilma.

Offered by Sacred Heart Tours, pilgrimage stops will include sites outside of Mexico City as well. The tentative dates are **Monday, October 6 – Saturday, October 11, 2025**. Details including pricing will be made available in the coming weeks. Contact Canon Norman by email to sign up or for questions. There are only 30 spots available, so hurry before it’s too late!

First Holy Communions are not so far off. They are scheduled for Sunday, May 4, at 12:30 pm. The preparatory class will be on Zoom, every Wednesday at 4 pm, beginning on March 12. Contact Canon Norman by email to enroll your children or for questions.

A **big thank you** to all who donated toys for less fortunate families of Oakland! Two boxes have already filled up. Your generosity is impressive, and sure to bring Christmas joy to many!

The traditional **Blessing of Wine on the Feast of St. John** will take place on **Friday, December 27** after the 6 pm Mass, followed by Adoration. Please see Flocknote for details.



The Nativity, Jean-Baptiste Marie Pierre, 18th Century

The monthly **Blessing of Sacramentals** will be next **Saturday, December 28** after the 10 am Mass. Please see the instructions in Flocknote on how to prepare your sacramentals and where to place them **before the Mass**.

Our young adult group, Sursum Corda, is having a **Christmas party** next Saturday, December 28 in Fr. Kozina Hall, beginning at 6 pm. See the flyer in Flocknote for details. RSVP: Omar Jadallah-Karraa at: ojadallah858@gmail.com or (510) 612-7376.

It’s already time to **start planning for camp!** The Institute’s annual California summer camp, **St. Michael’s Patrol**, for fathers and sons (ages 6-18), is currently enrolling. 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. The camp is tentatively set to take place during the last half of July, but we hope to have more precise information about the dates and location soon. Contact Canon Norman by email to RSVP or for questions.

We will not have our regular reception this Sunday, but refreshments will be offered on the sidewalk. The reception will resume next Sunday, December 29.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Norman
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/22	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Jana Gelo
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Garcia-Rodriguez Family
Mon. 12/23	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Greater Feria of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Nguyen Van Ky†
Tue. 12/24	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Angelina Persinger†
Wed. 12/25	12:00 am <i>High Mass</i>	The Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Nhan Thi Nguyen†
	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>			Alfredo Rodriguez & Family
	12:30 pm <i>Low Mass</i>			James & Cora Evert
Thurs. 12/26	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Nguyen Van Dang
Fri. 12/27	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist <i>2nd Class / White</i> <i>Blessing of Wine and Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Sat. 12/28	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Holy Innocents, Martyrs <i>2nd Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Harold & Monique Gordon†
Sun. 12/29	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sunday in the Octave of Christmas <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Alyssa Pham
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Laura Jane Buckley†

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

Catechism book *My Catholic Faith* is available for purchase.

Flocknote: Sign up at ickspoakland.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	Sandra Weaver
Alan Wong	Camdan McWright
Miguel Muñoz Ruiz	Fr. Alexander Snyder
Bishop Emeritus John Cummins	Paulann Dymond
	Barbara Smith

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

December 24—Vigil of the Nativity; 10 am Mass only (no 6 pm Mass); Christmas Carols in church at 11:30 pm

December 25—Nativity of Our Lord (Midnight, 7 am, 12:30 pm Masses)

December 27—Blessing of Wine on the feast of St. John, after Mass

December 28—Blessing of Sacramentals in church after 10 am Mass

December 28—Sursum Corda Christmas Party, 6 pm in Fr. Kozina Hall;

Rsvp Omar Jadallah-Karraa at ojadallah858@gmail.com or (510) 612-7376

December 31—*Te Deum* after the 6 pm Mass

January 1—Octave of the Nativity and New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation); Masses at 7 am, 12:30 pm; *Veni Creator* before each Mass.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 6-11, 2025

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SUNDAY SERMONS, BULLETINS & LIST OF EVENTS

Check our website for current information

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

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

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

New Year's Liturgical Schedule:

Tuesday, December 31:

Chant of the *Te Deum* after the 6 pm Mass for a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions

Octave of the Nativity (New Year's Day): Wednesday, January 1:

7:00 am Low Mass with organ

12:30 pm Mass (no 6 pm Mass on this day)

Veni Creator chanted before each Mass for a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions