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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
(We offer the Mass propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

In this Octave of the Nativity, let us refresh our souls with the words of St. Ambrose of Milan:

“Brothers! If the sons of this age, for the sake of temporary honor, greet the birthday of their earthly king with such preparation, then how must we greet the birthday of our eternal King Jesus Christ, Who for our zeal toward Him will reward us not with temporary but eternal glory, and vouchsafe us the honor not of an earthly ruler that passes on to his successor, but of a heavenly kingdom, which has no successor? What shall be the reward about which the prophet speaks: *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him* (Is. 64:4; 1 Cor. 2:9)?

With what garments should we adorn ourselves? I say “ourselves”, that is, our souls. Because our King Christ does not demand grand clothing but a disposition of soul; He does not look upon the adornment of the body, but upon the hearts that serve Him; He does not marvel at the glitter of the corruptible belt girding our loins, but admires invincible chastity, which binds lusts with shame. Thus, let us take care to appear before Him tested in faith, adorned in mercy, well-ordered in the example of our lives.”

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. There will be two Masses this **Wednesday, January 1**, the Octave of the Nativity: a Low Mass with organ at 7 am and a High Mass at 12:30 pm. The *Veni Creator* will be chanted before both Masses. There will be **no 6 pm Mass** on Wednesday. All present for either the *Te Deum* or the *Veni Creator* (or both) can gain a **plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions.

Have you seen the notice about our planned pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in **Mexico City** next October? If not, make sure to check it out! See the ad on the second page of the bulletin or in Flocknote.

The copies of **My Catholic Faith** have arrived! Contact Canon Norman to pick up yours.

Please be sure to see the Christmas thank you letter of the **Sisters Adorers**, available in the church and Flocknote.

First Holy Communions 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.

Though I’m sure I don’t say it often enough, **thank you sincerely for all you do.**



The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

It is hard to sufficiently thank you all in a few short paragraphs. There are the Schola members who practice weekly and chant beautiful Masses every Sunday and on feast days. There are the ladies who through thick and thin make sure that our altar flowers, linens and vestments are always looking their best, and who will build an outdoor altar at the drop of a hat. There are those who work the receptions each week and organize our special receptions and events, which involve countless large and small details.

There are those who help prepare the bulletin each week, and the Altar Servers and their parents who sacrifice in order to ensure the dignity of the Sacred Liturgy. There are those who will make a run to the store at a moment’s notice to pick up an item needed for the apostolate, and so many more. For those not mentioned here, please excuse me for the absence. Please know that I truly appreciate all who help in whatever way possible.

Our regular reception is back as of this Sunday. We hope to see you there. Please be assured of my prayers for a joyful and holy Christmas season, and a blessed new year!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
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†
Mon. 12/30	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Fr. Guglielmo Layriola, OFM†
Tue. 12/31	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas <i>2nd Class / White / Te Deum after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Ethan Pham
Wed. 1/1	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Octave of the Nativity <i>1st Class / White / Veni Creator before Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Laura Jane Buckley†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Daniel & Lauran Rodriguez
Thurs. 1/2	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sovereign and Eternal High Priest <i>3rd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 1/3	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>1st Friday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Edilia Marquez†
Sat. 1/4	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary <i>3rd Class / White</i> <i>1st Saturday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Ethan Pham
Sun. 1/5	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	The Most Holy Name of Jesus <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Brigitte Krispel

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](https://www.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	Fr. Alexander Snyder
Alan Wong	Carole Jenkins
Miguel Muñoz Ruiz	Allen Kuhl
Bishop Emeritus John Cummins	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 31—*Te Deum* after 6 pm Mass (plenary indulgence available)

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 (plenary indulgence available)

January 6—The Epiphany of Our Lord

February 19—Half-day Men's Retreat, 9 am—2 pm, St. Vincent's School for Boys, San Rafael (1 St. Vincent Way); Email Canon Norman for more information or to RSVP.

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

Jubilee Year 2025! Join Canon Benoît Jayr (Rector of St. Stanislaus in Milwaukee) of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest on a 10-Day Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy! Rome ~ Orvieto ~ Siena ~ Florence ~ Gricigliano ... For more information, to register, or view the incredible itinerary, visit <https://stcharlespilgrimages.com/jayr>.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 6-11, 2025

Exciting news! Join Canon Norman and the Oakland Apostolate on a Sacred Heart Tours pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City from 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!

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>

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!**