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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
(We offer the Mass propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

We celebrate this Sunday the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. We do not often stop, reflect and thank God for the gift of having shared His Name with us. In the Old Testament (Exod. 3:14), God revealed His Name to Moses that of the Being who exists purely and simply, without beginning or end: "I AM WHO AM." We rightly tremble at this incomprehensible mystery.

After He took flesh among us, God shared His Name with us again, this time as the Name which above all others brings confidence, peace, joy, hope and comfort to souls: "Jesus." "He Saves", this is what Our Lord's Name means. May it never escape our lips with anything but the most profound reverence and love, and with bowed head.

In his letter opening the new year and month of January, Canon Matthew Talarico, U.S. Provincial Superior of the Institute, reminds us of the beauty of the "little" daily virtues like patience:

"Each day, we have many opportunities to practice these little virtues, little virtues which are like small grains of incense which we can spiritually offer up to our Infant King, like those three wise men of old. When you give a kind answer in return for a mean remark, you offer up a little piece of incense to our Infant King. Every good deed, every good word can become a little piece of incense to our King."

How much more complete is the Sung Mass with the rite of the incensing of the altar, which occurs multiple times. This recalls and symbolizes of course the Heavenly Liturgy, where sweet-smelling incense is continually offered up in adoration of God by the saints (Rev. 5:8). No one sees your "little" hidden sacrifices, but God does, and they are all the more beautiful in His sight because of this.

We will have a special reception in honor of the **Feast of the Epiphany (Monday, January 6)** this Sunday, complete with **King's Cake** and a Three Kings reenactment! You're well familiar with the tradition by now – a tiny crown or an Infant Jesus is hidden in one of the cakes, and he who winds up with it in his mouth is "King" for a day. Be careful **not to swallow it!**

These traditions which have built up around and are inspired by our Faith have a great importance in our lives as Catholics. They remind us that after our combat here below, we look forward to the joy of the life to come!

The winner of our **Crèche Drawing Contest** will also be announced at this Sunday's reception, complete with the presentation of the prize. Thank you for fostering the love of Our Lord's Nativity in your children's hearts through this beautiful artwork!

Because of my rather packed Sunday schedule, I will unfortunately not have time to do the Vigil of The Epiphany **blessing of water and salt**. Good news however! My confrere in San José, Canon Ueda, Rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Oratory (Institute of Christ the King), is going to bless some extra water and salt for the faithful here in Oakland. Thank you, Canon! Please contact me if you would like to obtain some.

Are you continuing to pray for our visiting Oakland seminarians, **Abbé Alex Hoopes** and **Abbé Cody Teague**? Seminarians rely on the grace of your prayers and sacrifices in order to become your priests of tomorrow. Abbé Teague has been with us this week, but this will be his last Sunday with us before he returns to the seminary.

We hope to see you at the Sunday reception!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

Canon Norman
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Glorification of the Name of Jesus, Antoine Sallaert, c.1650

Epiphany Blessings:

This Monday, January 6 is the **Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord**, one of the most ancient and solemn feasts of the entire liturgical year. There will be the traditional blessings of gold, frankincense, myrrh and chalk after the 6 pm Mass. Please **bring your own** items for blessing.

The Epiphany "**chalking of the doors**" blessing can be done either by a priest or the father of the family. Using blessed chalk, the following is written above the entrance of the home: 20 + C + M + B + 25.

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Our Lord in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, "**Christus mansionem benedicat**": "May Christ bless this home."

The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "25" at the end mark the new year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Most often the chalking takes place after Epiphany Mass, and can be done at any church, home, or dwelling. This blessing can be performed simply by writing the inscription and offering a short prayer, or more elaborately, including hymns, prayers, processions, the burning of incense, and the sprinkling of holy water.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
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
Mon. 1/6	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	The Epiphany of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White</i> <i>Epiphany Blessings after Mass</i>	Fr. Staal	Reception Volunteers
Tue. 1/7	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Holy Angels <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Alyssa Pham
Wed. 1/8	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of St. Joseph <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Phyllis Lee
Thurs. 1/9	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost <i>4th Class / Red</i>	Canon Norman	Edilia Marquez†
Fri. 1/10	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Holy Cross <i>4th Class / Red</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Victor Manuel Elenes†
Sat. 1/11	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Saturday of Our Lady <i>4th Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Marie Argentieri
Sun. 1/12	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	The Holy Family <i>2nd Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Rebecca & Kevin Garcia
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Ramirez Family

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 [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	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
	Prof. William Mahrt

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

January 6—The Epiphany of Our Lord (Blessings of gold, frankincense, myrrh & chalk after the 6 pm Mass)

January 11—Altar Servers Training, 11:30 am—1:30 pm

January 18—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions after the 10 am Mass, followed by the Blessing of Sacramentals

January 25—**Walk for Life** in San Francisco; see Flocknote or www.walkforlifewc.com for details

January 29—Feast of St. Francis de Sales, patronal feast day

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!**