



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Msr. Michael Schmitz, Vicar General and Delegate for the United States
Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior
Oakland Apostolate: Canon Benjamin Norman
Contact: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org, (408) 600-4218
Website: <http://www.institute-christ-king.org/oakland-home>

**OAKLAND APOSTOLATE AT
SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Mailing Address:
1219 Excelsior Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025
QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
(We offer the Mass propers in the Parish Bulletin)

GETTING TO KNOW ANOTHER INSTITUTE CANON

Dear Faithful,

This week we were fortunate that another Institute canon came to serve the Oakland Apostolate during Canon Norman's delayed Christmas vacation. By Provincial Superior's permission, Canon Erwan Josseaume, Vicar at St. Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee, celebrated Masses for us, and made himself available for any sacramental needs that may arise. Thank you, Canon Josseaume, for coming, and we look forward to greeting you in person at the Sunday Reception this week.

Canon Josseaume graciously introduced himself to us through these answered questions. **Welcome, and thank you very much, Canon Josseaume!**

Q. Since your ordination in 2016, how many Institute apostolates have you served, and in which countries? How long have you been serving as Vicar at St. Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee?

A. I was ordained on July 7, 2016. My first assignment was Brussels, Belgium. There I was one of the chaplains in the international School (BICSchool) the Institute runs in this city. Then I served in our apostolate in Montpellier (southern France) for two years, still in a school, at the time of lockdowns and so on... quite an experience. After my visa application was granted I came here in the US and spent six months in Detroit, Michigan. Since September 2022 I have the great joy to serve as assistant priest at Saint Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee.

Q. Please tell us a little of your background. For example, where you grew up in France, what was your family like, and how did you discern your vocation to the holy priesthood?

A. Born and raised in France, my family moved from place to place but always in the same quarter of the country. I had the grace to grow in a Catholic family, we always knew about the Traditional Latin Mass. However when we move back to our home region (Rennes, Brittany) we also met the Institute and became more familiar with the traditional Mass. At that time I was in high school and the example of the priest and the vivid community there made me think about my own vocation: What the good Lord wants me to do, what does he want for me. Two years after high school I joined the seminary of the ICKSP in Tuscany, Italy .

Q. Based on your experiences in France and the United States, what are some similarities and differences that you like about these countries?

A. It is certainly the most interesting exchange of experience. The differences are quite obvious due to the difference of history, culture, size of our two countries. Here in the US our apostolates are generally bigger in size and organisation than ours in France. Communities are smaller in France but numerous, the density of population is very different. There is also a lot of shared history and culture. I remember a visit to a friend's family in Wyoming: the grandpa praised my nation for having sent missionary priests all around the globe including North America. This was very moving for me.



Recent visitors: (above) Canon Erwan Josseaume, Vicar at St. Stanislaus Oratory; (below) Canon Norman's mom, Dr. Margo Thorning, visiting from Virginia.



Q. What advice would you give to a young man who is wondering if God is calling him to a vocation to the priesthood?

A. Keep this intention in your daily prayers , share it with just a few wise relatives and friends. Choose a wise priest , spiritual director to guide you in your discernment. The Lord is calling we must answer. There must be also an inner peace when we consider our vocation, when we "give a try", when we give the good Lord a chance to speak to our soul.

To prepare for Lent, please note the Holy Hours this Monday and Tuesday after the 6 pm Mass. The full Lenten Schedule, and also the Parish's 40-Hour Devotion in April, are included in this week's Flocknote. Sign up at icksopoakland.flocknote.com or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 3/2	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Quinquagesima Sunday <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Erwan Josseaume	Bob Jones†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Margaret Isquirdo
Mon. 3/3	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament <i>4th Class / White / Holy Hour of Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Erwan Josseaume	Larry St. Lezin
Tue. 3/4	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament <i>4th Class / White / Holy Hour of Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Christopher Seal†
Wed. 3/5	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Ash Wednesday Blessing & Distribution of Ashes <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Michael D. & KC Calderon
	6:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 3/6	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Alyssa Pham
Fri. 3/7	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church Patron of the Institute of Christ the King <i>1st Class / White / 1st Friday Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Lermit Diaz Lugo†
Sat. 3/8	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Nguyen Van Ky†
Sun. 3/9	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	First Sunday of Lent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Thanh Cong Nguyen

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	Jonah Kung	

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Alan Wong	Carole Jenkins
Mrs. Frances Heidenreich	Fr. Alexander Snyder
Paulann Dymond	Mrs. Sandra Weaver
Msgr. Luciano Giovanetti	Miguel Muñoz Ruiz
Allen Kuhl	Barbara Smith
Bp Emeritus John Cummins	Professor William P. Mahrt
Abbé Charles Outtier	

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

March 3 & March 4—Holy Hour of Adoration after the 6 pm Mass

March 5—Ash Wednesday: Masses at 10 am and 6 pm

March 7—St. Thomas Aquinas, Institute Patronal Feast (Plenary indulgence available) (Confessions at 4:15, Stations of the Cross at 5 pm, First Friday Devotions after the 6 pm Mass)

March 19—St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 21—St. Benedict, Institute Patronal Feast

March 22—Society of the Sacred Heart spiritual conference followed by a luncheon, 11:30 – 1:30. Contact Canon Norman to RSVP.

"TWENTY YEARS OF GRACE" ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Oakland Apostolate this year! Join us on Saturday, July 12 at the Rossmoor Event Center in Walnut Creek (1021 Stanley Dollar Dr.) for a celebratory dinner, "Twenty Years of Grace." Featuring great food, a lovely setting, music and dancing, and a special guest speaker, it's going to be a night to remember. Ticket sales begin on Laetare Sunday, March 30. **RSVP al-ready** by contacting Canon Norman. All are invited!

Special Lenten Provincial Appeal:

~ just \$2 a day this Lent ~

"Many Apostolates, One Mission"

Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA!

Donate online with the QR code here.



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 - refreshments and fellowship served in the church hall every Sunday after the 12:30 Mass. **Everyone is welcome!**