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**OAKLAND APOSTOLATE AT
SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

(We offer the Mass propers in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

The Introit of this Third Sunday of Lent perfectly captures the sentiments of the forlorn but hopeful follower of God as he makes his way through the valley of the shadow of death:

“Mine eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me; for I am alone and poor” (Psalm 24;15-16)

As long as we continue our pilgrimage here on earth, sorrows and the pain of solitude will never be far from our hearts. How could they be? We have not yet arrived at our final and supreme end of union with God in heavenly glory. There are so many trials to pass through, even sometimes conflict and estrangement from those closest to us. No matter how much money we earn, very few of us are rich in virtue. The knowledge of our own defects and sins can weigh us down and cause us to lose courage.

We must never give in to this temptation! God remains by our side and comes to dwell in our very bodies and souls when we receive His Son in Holy Communion. He has loved us to death, even the death of the Cross. We must persevere in our resolutions and penances as we approach the halfway point of the Lenten Season, keeping our eyes fixed on God, who sustains us through all.

Society of the Sacred Heart members and those interested: more **handbooks** are now available! To purchase yours, contact: sacredheart@institute-christ-king.org.

Our Lord told us: “you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free**” (John 8;32). Copies of **My Catholic Faith** remain to be sold! Available for the very reasonable price of \$25 each (about a **fifty-percent discount** compared to most online sellers), this is a deal for your education in the Faith not to be missed. This manual of Catholic instruction is filled with articles explaining Church teaching by Scripture, Tradition, reason, philosophy and history. That’s a powerful combination, and not many catechisms are so complete. The complementary illustrations are excellent as well. Don’t delay, order today!

The Institute continues to spread the Empire of Christ the King throughout these great United States! We wish to share with you the joyful news that we have opened a **new apostolate** in our American Province. This Sunday March 23, Canon Jean-Marie **Moreau**, whom you remember from his time serving here at St. Margaret Mary’s, will celebrate the first Mass for the faithful of **Reno, Nevada**. Please pray for Canon Moreau, who has so generously agreed to make this move in the middle of the year for the good of souls.

A wonderful feast of Our Blessed Mother falls this **Tuesday, March 25**: The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Come celebrate this first-class feast of Our Lady by attending the 6 pm Low Mass with organ. Remember – we should always want to go **to Jesus through Mary!**

The youth group of St. Margaret Mary Parish will be selling **pancakes** after the 7 am Mass **next Sunday, March 30** in Fr. Kozina Hall as part of a fundraising goal for their end of year retreat with the Pro Ecclesia Sisters in Vacaville. Come enjoy a traditional American breakfast and support these youth in their spiritual lives.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda event for young adult** Catholics is **this Thursday**, March 27. The evening will begin at 6 pm with the Rosary recited in church. One of our members will be giving a talk titled **“The Huge Immaculate Conversion”**: a historical dive into the largest mass-conversion to the Catholic Faith the



Jesus Christ dispossesses (section of abstinence cloth in the Cathedral of Gurk, Carinthia, Austria) - Meister Konrad von Friesach

world has ever seen. Covering Aztec traditions and culture, we will see how the Virgin of Guadalupe saved Mexico from the darkness of error and superstition, as she has done for so many other nations. A social dinner will follow the talk. RSVP to Omar Jadallah-Karraa at: ojadallah858@gmail.com or (510) 612-7376.

Get ready to celebrate! We celebrate the **20th Anniversary** of the Oakland Apostolate this year, which began on January 23, 2005. 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, live music, and a special guest speaker, it’s going to be a night to remember. Ticket sales begin on Laetare Sunday, **March 30. RSVP already** by contacting Canon Norman. This event is open to the entire parish, all are invited!

Calling all **adventure-seekers!** The Institute’s annual California summer camp, **St. Michael’s Patrol**, for fathers and sons (ages 6-18), is currently enrolling. This solidly Traditional Catholic camp forms both body and soul in the beauty of nature, with many activities, sports, and of course daily Mass, spiritual conferences and Rosary processions. The dates are **July 23-26** at the beautiful **Rancho Los Mochos** in Livermore (18450 Mines Rd.). Contact Canon Norman to rsvp.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

Canon Norman

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 3/23	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Lent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Mackova
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Fr. Jose Maria Mares Maravilla†
Mon. 3/24	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Fr. Staal	Sarah Mills
Tue. 3/25	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	Michael Escobar
Wed. 3/26	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Maritza Salazar
Thurs. 3/27	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Rosa Marquez
Fri. 3/28	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Feria <i>3rd Class / Violet</i> <i>Stations of the Cross after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Brito
Sat. 3/29	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Lenten Saturday <i>3rd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Raul Baccay & Family
Sun. 3/30	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday (Lætare Sunday) of Lent <i>1st Class / Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Fr. Dennis Conway†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Nguyen Van Ky†

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	Mrs. Josiane Danton
André Aldias	<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

***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 25—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Stations of the Cross after the 6 pm Mass on Fridays of Lent.
- Adoration after the 6 pm Mass on Wednesdays of Lent, beginning Wednesday, March 12. (No Adoration on Wednesday, April 2.)
- First Friday of April (April 4): Confessions at 4:15 pm, Stations of the Cross in private, and First Friday Devotions after the 6 pm Mass.
- Good Friday (April 18): Stations of the Cross in private, Good Friday Liturgy at 5:30 pm.

July 12 - Oakland Apostolate's 20th Anniversary Dinner "Twenty Years of Grace"

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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. Contact Canon Norman for registration details: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.