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Passion Sunday

Dear faithful,

Dom Guéranger braces us for this final and most intense moment in the Season of Lent, the last two weeks before Easter. Now is not a time to give up, or to consider all as lost just because we have not been as faithful as we had hoped at the beginning of these forty days. No, the spiritual combat is now entering its fever pitch, so let us continue on bravely:

“The army of Christ’s faithful children is still fighting against the invisible enemies of man’s salvation; they are still vested in their spiritual armor, and, aided by the angels of light, they are struggling hand to hand with the spirits of darkness, by compunction of heart and by mortification of the flesh” (*The Liturgical Year*)

You have undoubtedly noticed that the **crucifixes and statues** of the chapel have been covered. This is one of the hallmarks of this season we now enter, Passiontide. As the Gospel of today’s Mass shows us, it was at this time that Christ withdrew Himself from the multitudes in preparation for His Passion (John 8;46-59).

There is an additional layer of symbolism. As Our Lord was deprived of the comforting presence of His closest friends during His Passion, our being deprived of the images of the saints gives us some little taste of the abandonment and desolation that He endured for our sake.

A number of you recently presented me with a **spiritual bouquet**, which included many Rosaries, Communion cards and other prayers. Please accept my profound gratitude! There is no gift better than your prayers, and I am certain that they have already done me much good. Please keep them up! We priests rely on the prayers of the faithful.

Please be sure to see the full **Lenten Liturgical** Schedule in the Flocknote or the website, and the guidelines for the Lenten observances of fasting and abstinence.

"Charity covereth a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4;8). Among our Lenten penances, let us not forget the duty of charity and almsgiving toward those less fortunate. Do you have **old clothing** that you no longer use but which could benefit others? If so, please bring it to the 12:30 Mass this Sunday and on upcoming Sundays **until May 24**. Andres Tinajero will be collecting your donations of old clothing to donate to a local thrift store which sells these items at prices which are more affordable for those in a less financially secure situation. Contact Andres: andrestinajero196@gmail.com or (510) 775-4987.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda** event for young adult Catholics will take place this Thursday, **March 26 at 7 pm**. The evening will with the Rosary recited in the chapel, followed by a brief talk at 7:30 and a social dinner at 8. Sursum Corda is strictly for those between the ages of 18-35. RSVP: sursumcorda.bayarea@gmail.com or (925) 457-6303.

There will be a conference in Christian etiquette for **Young Ladies** on Saturday, **April 11 from 11 am – 1 pm** in the auditorium. The conference will begin at 11 and be followed by convivial luncheon. Please contact Canon Norman to RSVP or if you can help with the organization: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org.

Easter is approaching! To celebrate the joy of the Paschal season and Our Lord’s Resurrection, there will be an **Easter Egg hunt** for the children of our apostolate one week after Easter, on Low Sunday, **April 12**, after the 12:30 Mass. We hope to see you there!

There will be a **Men's Retreat** on Wednesday, **May 13 from 9 am – 2 pm**. The retreat will begin with Mass at 9 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and confessions, a conference, lunch, the Rosary, and a final meditation in the chapel. Please email Canon Norman to RSVP or to help with the organization.

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, Rosary processions, and of course daily Mass in the Traditional Latin Rite. The camp will take place from July 22 - 25 at Rancho Los Mochos in Livermore (18450 Mines Rd). Contact Canon Norman to RSVP or for questions: canon.norman@institute-christ-king.org or (408) 600-4218.

Important **donations** reminder! Please be sure to use the envelopes provided in the vestibule and by the ushers with the words "Institute of Christ the King" printed on them for your donations, either cash or check. For checks, please write "**Institute of Christ the King**" on the "pay to" line. If one of these printed envelopes is not available, you may use your own envelope, or a piece of paper. Please be sure to write the words "Institute of Christ the King" on it. Thank you very much for your continued generosity!

Please note: this Sunday's reception after the 12:30 Mass will be in the courtyard. We hope to see you there!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

Canon Norman

Lent 2026

Weekly Adoration: after the 6 PM Mass on Wednesdays

Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6 PM on Fridays of Lent:

February 20, 27, March 13, 20, 27; modified schedule on March 6 due to First Friday

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday, March 29: 8 AM & 12:30 PM

Holy Thursday, April 2: 6 PM

Good Friday, April 3: 5:30 PM

Easter Vigil, April 4: 3 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8 AM & 12:30 PM

Please see website or Flocknote for complete schedule & updates.

Mass Times at Most Holy Rosary Chapel:

Sundays: 8:00 AM (Low Mass) & 12:30 PM

Confessions will be heard 45 minutes before the 8 AM Mass, and one hour before the 12:30 PM Mass.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Thursday: 12 Noon

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

First Friday and First Saturday Masses and devotions are scheduled based on the availability of the chapel but will be announced in advance in Flocknote.

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