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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
("GAUDETE" SUNDAY)**

Dear faithful,

If Advent is the most Marian of the liturgical seasons, it could also be considered the season of St. John the Baptist. Like the Second Sunday of Advent, the Gospel for this Third ("Gaudete") Sunday of Advent places the emphasis once again on the mysterious figure of the last and greatest of the prophets. It is perhaps the humility of this great saint that the Holy Ghost wished to impress on our minds more than anything else. When asked if he himself is the Christ, he responds resolutely that indeed he is not.

He adds that regarding the Messiah who will come after him, he is not worthy to tie the latchet of his shoe; a frank admission of his own unworthiness. We will often find ourselves in a position to accept credit and praise, or to demure and let others enjoy it. While those who would praise us might have just motives for doing so, how often do we accept such praise only to see the hollowness of it later on?

As time goes by, we remember the contributions of others and the invaluable help they gave us. Our conscience reminds us that, despite our good work, a whole lot of pettiness, lukewarmness and lack of resolve often accompanies our efforts. Without the grace of God, our plans never would have succeeded. Let us always therefore recognize and admit that it is God who has done great things through us; often by aiding us through other individuals. Our successes certainly are not due to our sole power.

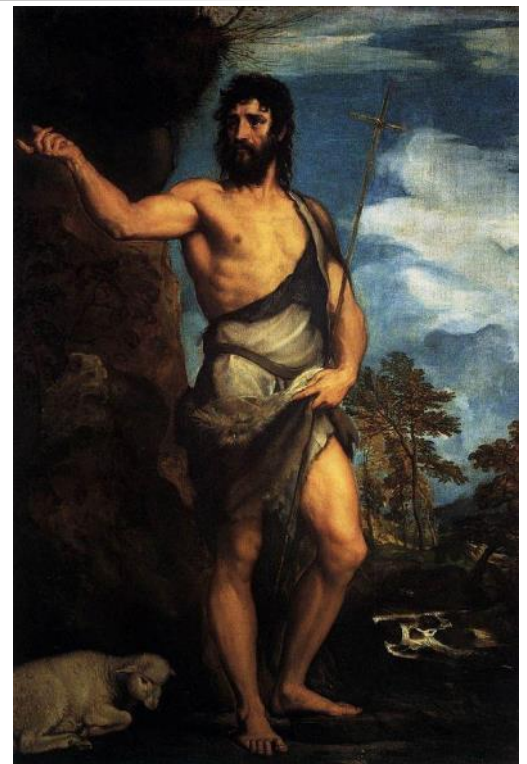
A reminder: we are having a **Crèche drawing contest** this year. Children ages 3 – 17 are invited to submit their drawings for the plan of the crèche, and the winner will be announced on Sunday, January 2 after the 12:30 Mass. For more information, please see the website: <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1141-creche-drawing-contest>.

Calling all **Society of the Sacred Heart** members! The Society's **National Retreat** will take place at St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau on Pentecost weekend, June 3-5, 2022. Online registration will be made available in the coming weeks.

Please remember that St. Margaret Mary Parish is hosting a bake sale after all Masses today to benefit decorations for the Christmas liturgies.

Our **date for Confirmations next year** has been set. Bishop Barber will celebrate Mass and confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday, November 5, 2022**. If you still have not received this Sacrament or have children who are in need of it, please contact me.

It is also time to start preparing for First Confessions and Communion next year, which are tentatively slated for early May; our usual custom. Please contact me if you have children who are reaching the age.



St. John the Baptist, by Titian, c. 1542

I remind all that I will be out of town from this Tuesday, December 14 – Thursday, December 23. My superiors in the Institute have graciously invited me to take a little break before Christmas at our seminary, Gricigliano, located outside Florence, Italy. I will be praying for each of you. Please pray for me!

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,

Canon Benjamin Norman

SIGN UP ON FLOCKNOTE

The Oakland Apostolate is now using Flocknote to facilitate communication from Canon Norman and also within our active groups (altar servers, scholas, men's groups, hospitality, etc.)

Sign up by going to the website ickspoakland.flocknote.com, or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 12/12	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete” Sunday) <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Lillian Jimenez
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Sergio & Carmen Raya
Mon, 12/13	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr <i>3rd Class/ Red</i>	Father Staal	Thomas Henriksson
Tue., 12/14	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Requiem Mass <i>4th Class/ Black</i>	Canon Hoogerwerf	Marie-Therese Karel- Michaan†
Wed., 12/15	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Wednesday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Hoogerwerf	Tom Orr
Thurs., 12/16	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Hoogerwerf	Paul Baccay & Family
Fri., 12/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Friday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class/ Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Hoogerwerf	Jose Rocha Faria†
Sat., 12/18	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Saturday in Ember Week in Advent <i>2nd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Hoogerwerf	Dana Gelo
Sun., 12/19	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Father Nahoe	Jolsa Miller†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Father Nahoe	Adam Jr. & Victoria Lamach

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 on Zoom Please contact Canon Norman or Lisa Caputi (henshinx@pacbell.net) to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00pm **Adult Class:** Saturdays, at 2:30pm

EMAIL LIST: send your request to

oakland@institute-christ-king.org

FLOCKNOTE: sign up at icksपोakland.flocknote.com

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PRAYER LISTS **

****The sick and RIP prayer lists will be updated in the New Year. Please email oakland@institute-christ-king.org if you wish to remain on these prayer lists. Thank you.**

In your kindness, please keep these requests in your prayers. Thank you.

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Nancy Duenas	Gigi Cunningham
Dario Gonzalez	Rose Stone	Paula Case
Timothy Paul Irving	Veronica Seder	Lianne Claver
Eurydice Buenger	Elizabeth Pawek	Paulann Dymond
Diane Kasdan	Catherine Rose Eich	Courtney Shoda
Canon Fragelli	Peter Trong Nguyen	Dobbins family
Rita Cristobal		

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Barbara Powell	Pauline Marie Longchamp	Pedro Barreto
Walter Wagoner	Rosary Gilheany	Cecilia Ramos
Jeff Glass	James Metran	Ramon Lanzar
Marie-Terese Karel-Michaan	Jesus Cristobal	

Requiescant in pace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 24—Vigil of the Nativity

Low Mass at 12 noon

December 25—Christmas: Nativity of Our Lord:

Midnight Mass (High Mass at 12am),

Low Masses at 7am and 1pm.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA OF MASSES (ENROLL ONLINE)

The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest invites you to enroll your loved ones, **living or deceased**, in our Christmas Novena of Masses.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered from Christmas Eve through the Octave of our Lord's Nativity at the Institute's U.S. Provincial Headquarters upon the altar of the Holy Infant King for those enrolled and their intentions. This Christmas, give those on your Christmas list the Eternal Gift. Enroll them in the Institute's Christmas Novena of Masses today! Use the QR code or enroll online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/213283902812149>. May Christ our Holy Infant King bless you always and fill your year with His heavenly grace.



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SUNDAY SERMONS AND BULLETINS

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<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-sermons>

For Sunday bulletins, go to

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