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SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

It is above all the virtue of hope which takes the preeminent place in St. Paul's epistle on this Second Sunday of Advent: "Brethren, What things soever were written, were written for our learning: that, through patience and the comfort of the Scriptures, we might have hope" (Rom. 15;4-13). Again, the Apostle to the Gentiles insists: "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; that you may abound in hope, and in the power of the Holy Ghost."

St. Thomas Aquinas defines hope as that virtue by which we desire a good that is difficult but still possible to obtain. Isn't that what this holy season of Advent is truly about? Working out our salvation in fear and trembling, in the words of St. Paul, is in a certain sense a daunting prospect for creatures subject to the concupiscence of original sin. But with God's grace, it is within our reach!

With Mary, therefore, let us continue during this blessed season to hope for an increase in every virtue, and particularly that which is the object of our Advent resolution. May our eyes remain fixed on the Divine Infant who will come to us in the humble stable of Bethlehem, who wants to grant us His grace for our salvation.

Thanks be to God, our Men's Retreat last Monday went well, and we had roughly twenty participants. The tranquil and recollected settings of the Carmelite Monastery in Kensington were the perfect atmosphere for a day of prayer and rededicating our lives to the pursuit of manly virtue. Ladies, please stay tuned for updates concerning a **Women's Retreat** early next year.

For our yearly Christmas crèche, we have decided to have a little 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, under "News": <https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-news/33-oakland-news-private/1141-creche-drawing-contest>

We continue our Novena in preparation for the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, December 8**. As this feast is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, there will be two Masses; at 10 am and 6 pm. After the Sung Mass at 6 pm, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and we will solemnly recite the Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Immaculate Concep-



tion. A **plenary indulgence** is available under the usual conditions.

Our monthly **Sursum Corda event for young adults** is coming up on **Thursday, December 9**, beginning with the Rosary in church at 5:30 pm. Afterwards, there will be a talk on the 1891 encyclical *Rerum Novarum* of Pope Leo XIII. Please rsvp to Noe Perez at n_perez3@u.pacific.edu.

There will be an event for **altar servers on Saturday, December 11**, from 11:15 am to about 1:15 pm. Please rsvp to Joseph Burk at: josephburk94@gmail.com. A talk will be given on the life of Fr. Vincent Capodanno, a Marine chaplain during the Vietnam War who died ministering to his men during combat.

St. Margaret Mary Parish will host a bake sale after all Masses on Gaudete Sunday, December 12. Perhaps there are some bakers or salesmen among us? If you are inter-

ested in helping, please contact Mary Sullivan: jackandmary50@gmail.com.

The Institute's **Christmas Novena of Masses** at the Shrine of Christ the King is open for your enrollments. Mass intentions can be submitted online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/213283902812149>. Please see the information on the second page for more information.

Please note that I will be at the Institute's seminary, Gricigliano, from **Tuesday, December 14 until Thursday, December 23**. There will be substitute priests for our regularly-scheduled Masses, so please check the liturgical calendar in the bulletin. I promise to be back in time for Christmas!

Lastly, thank you for your prayers for Abbé Kevin's father, David Kerscher. Abbé says that his father is improving. Let us continue to pray for him.

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 icksपोakland.flocknote.com, or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 12/5	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Second Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Richard St. Lezin†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Anna Giddings
Mon, 12/6	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Joseph Burk
Tue., 12/7	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church, <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Marietta S. Canda†
Wed, 12/8	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st Class/ White	Canon Norman	Katherine Britton
	6:00 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Jesse Ray Geronimo
Thurs., 12/9	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Joanna Willis
Fri., 12/10	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i> <i>Adoration after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Edith Flor†
Sat., 12/11	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Damasus I, Pope and Confessor <i>3rd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	Julie Gourley
Sun., 12/12	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Advent (“Gaudete” Sunday) <i>1st Class/ Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Lillian Jimenez
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>		Canon Norman	Sergio & Carmen Raya

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

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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 8—Immaculate Conception (Patronal Feast Day)

December 9—Sursum Corda (***rsvp**)

December 11—Altar Servers Event (***rsvp**)

December 12—Gaudete Sunday

December 25—Christmas: Midnight Mass (High Mass at 12am), Low Masses at 7am and 1pm.

* **RSVP:** Please email the following to sign up for these events

Sursum Corda, December 9: Noe Perez at

n_perez3@u.pacific.edu

Altar Servers Event, December 11: Joseph Burk at

josephburk94@gmail.com

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! Enroll online at:

<https://form.jotform.com/213283902812149>, or use the QR code.

May Christ our Holy Infant King bless you always and fill your year with His heavenly grace.



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