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SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear faithful,

Greetings from Italy! Thank you very much for your kind wishes and prayers during my absence. It has been a joy to be back in the hills of Tuscany, among my confrères, getting a bit of rest, relaxation and more time for prayer during the hectic season of Christmas preparations. Being back in Gricigliano has also been a refreshing reminder of the special character of our canonical vocation in the Institute of Christ the King. On the evening of Friday, December 17, I had the privilege of officiating as the Celebrant of Solemn Vespers. I was also graced with the opportunity of celebrating the Mass of the community on one of the days of my sojourn here.

Returning to the place of one's priestly formation after having been away for several years is a great opportunity. It has been wonderful to be back in this blessed place where the liturgy is celebrated in all its amplitude, the day is marked by silence, order and prayer, and one is among a thriving community of priests and seminarians. On that note, it has been especially heartening to see that despite all the troubles in the world and the Church at the moment, especially for communities dedicated to the Traditional Liturgy, there is no lack of committed and solid young men desirous of dedicating their lives to the service of Christ and the exclusive celebration of the liturgy in the Classical Roman Rite.



I hope you enjoyed having Canon James Hoogerwerf at St. Margaret Mary's, and I apologize for forgetting to properly introduce him. Canon Hoogerwerf is the bursar for the entire U.S. Province of the Institute, and as such his willingness to help us out in Oakland was no small act of generosity, considering the wide scope of his responsibilities. Thank you for all you do, Canon! We also thank Fr. Francisco Nahoe for covering both the 7 am and 12:30 pm Masses this Sunday. Fr. Nahoe also has other Masses and confessions, so his help is very dear to us.

It's hard to believe that it will be Christmas in less than a week. Have you had a chance to make a visit to the crèche in church, lovingly constructed by our dedicated volunteers? The nine days before Christmas are a privileged moment to deepen one's devotion to the Holy Family and our Infant King.

Remember: It's not too late to enter our **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>.



Photos from the Seminary— Above: Canon Norman celebrating Solemn Vespers. Left: a dinner to celebrate Canon Amaury Montjean's birthday. Canon Jason Apple, whom we remember from his help in Oakland as a seminarian 15 years ago, is seated to the right of Canon Montjean.

A reminder for members of the Oakland branch of the **Society of the Sacred Heart: the 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.

Another important date to mark in your calendars: Bishop Barber will celebrate Mass and confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10 am**. If you still have not received this Sacrament or have children who are in need of it, please contact me. Please let me know as well if you have children who need to prepare for **First Communion in early May** next year.

Please note that the **Mass on Christmas Eve** (Friday) will be at **12 noon**, instead of the usual 6pm.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
Canon Benjamin Norman

SIGN UP ON FLOCKNOTE

The Oakland Apostolate has been 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 website [ickspoakland.flocknote.com](https://www.ickspoakland.flocknote.com), or by texting "ICKSPOakland" to 84576.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun., 12/19	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Fr. Nahoe	Jolsa Miller†
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Adam Jr. & Victoria Lamach
Mon, 12/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Fr. McTeigue	Roseanne Cino
Tue., 12/21	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Thomas, Apostle <i>2nd Class/ Red</i>	Fr. Jimenez	Helen E. Gurley†
Wed., 12/22	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Maria Martinez
Thurs., 12/23	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	Votive Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>3rd Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Mianne Johnson
Fri., 12/24	12:00 noon <i>Low Mass</i>	Vigil of the Nativity <i>1st Class/ Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Pro populo
Sat., 12/25	Midnight <i>High Mass</i>	Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class / White</i>	Canon Norman	(Not available from the parish)
	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>			(Not available from the parish)
	1:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>			(Not available from the parish)
Sun., 12/26	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas <i>2nd Class/ White</i>	Canon Norman	(Not available from the parish)
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			(Not available from the parish)



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

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PRAYER LISTS **

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	<i>Requiescant in pace.</i>

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

January 1—Octave of the Nativity

Low Mass at 10 am

January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord

January 13—Sursum Corda (***rsvp**)

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

Sursum Corda, January 13: Noe Perez at

n_perez3@u.pacific.edu

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SUNDAY SERMONS AND BULLETINS

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For Sunday bulletins, go to

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