

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Saturday / Sunday December 23 & 24, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Dec.23-5pm: Fred Torrissi
Sun.	Dec.24-5:15am: Ron & Joni Durling 7am: Can. Olivier Meney 8:30am: <i>Pro populo</i> 10:30am: Fitz Aclan 12.30pm: †Gabriel Naguit 5pm: <i>Pro populo</i> 10pm: <i>Pro populo</i> 12midnight: <i>Pro populo</i>
Mon.	Dec.25: 8:30am: All Benefactors 10:30am: All Benefactors 12:30pm: All Benefactors
Tues.	Dec.26-8am: Fr. Glenn Naguit 6pm: Monica Roberts
Wed.	Dec.27-8am: Larysa Rutkowska 6pm: Larry Franz
Thu.	Dec.28-8am: †Stephen Lipovich & Family 12pm: †John Avila, Lita Manuel
Fri.	Dec.29-8am: †Elisa & Giovanni Mancarti 6pm: †Santiago Jose E. Dakudao III
Sat.	Dec.30-8am: Gladys Isedu 10am: Pam's Family 5pm: Gladys Isedu

There are Masses open for intentions in January 2018.

Please keep in your prayers... Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Mary Walker; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Vic and Nancy Miloslavich; Kathryn Rieger; Judy & Louis Delligatti; Rose Bloom; Stella Lurton; Sue Weber; Laura Montgomery; Sara Zendejas; Rosaline White; Josephine Palacios; Francis Martinez, Mike Rodriguez; Paul Ehrfurth; John Ehrfurth; Anaidel Perezarevalo; Janice Siliger; Robert Martinez, Laverne Seliger; Eddie Martinez; Sylvester Bell, Keith Borchers; Arthur Connick; Theresa Kunihiro, Lianne Claver, Paul Oei, Mike Bozzardi, Betty Garland, John Benish, Diane Kasdan, Michael Quinones, Marc Wyborny, James Smithwick.

In memoriam: †Yolanda Cattoche, †Brad O'Leary, †Titus Ekanem, †Cornelius McCauley, †Jeffrey Garland, †Myrna Lanzar, †Barbara Shadix, †Bridget Connolly, †Virgil Garcia, †Wanda Krawczyk, †Bill Leitao.
Requiescant in pace.

Silence and the Primacy of God

[The] 'setting apart' of created realities for the worship of Almighty God was something demanded of our Jewish ancestors by the Lord God Himself and was appropriately adopted by the Church in her earliest centuries as she came to enjoy the freedom to worship in public. We use the term "consecrated," from the Latin verb *sacrare*—to make holy or to dedicate to a particular service—to describe the persons, places and things set apart for the worship of Almighty God.

Once these goods of God's creation are thus consecrated they are no longer available for ordinary or profane use; they belong to God. This is true of the monk and the nun, of the deacon, priest and bishop and it is (or it should be) reflected in their very dress and comportment even when they are not ministering in the Sacred Liturgy. It is also true of all the various things, great and small, used for liturgical worship. One of the treasures of the *usus antiquior* is the large corpus of blessings and consecrations for items destined for liturgical use given in the *Rituale Romanum* and in the *Pontificale Romanum*. How moving it is to see the revival of the custom of a soon-to-be-ordained priest bringing his chalice and paten to a bishop for consecration before his ordination. And what a beautiful expression of faith and love it is when new items are generously offered for the worship of Almighty God and are brought to the priest to be given the Church's blessing before they are used.

These small and too often forgotten rites and customs teach us eloquently that the liturgy is, as a whole, something essentially sacred, something set apart from our ordinary, day to day way of acting. Indeed, they remind us that in the Sacred Liturgy, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, it is God who is acting—not us (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7, cited above).

It is He who blesses us with his grace, with salvation, in our very midst in the Sacred Liturgy. As the Council teaches: "every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7).

(Excerpt of an address by Cardinal Sarah at the conference on the 10th Anniversary of the motu proprio Summorum Pontificum; delivered at the Angelicum in Rome on 14 September 2017).



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YOU ARE AT SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH HUB OF THE LATIN MASS LITURGY IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

The Traditional Latin Mass (now called by the Holy Father: Mass in the *Extraordinary Form*)
is brought to you through the ministry of the *Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*.

WHAT IS THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST?



The Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest is a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right whose goal is the honor of God and the sanctification of priests in the service of the Church and souls. Its specific aim is missionary: to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life. Our work is carried out under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception, to Whom the Institute is consecrated.

Recognizing the importance of a deep harmony between faith, liturgy, life, and the power of beauty in attracting the human senses to the things above, an integral part of the Institute's charism is the use of the traditional Latin Liturgy of 1962 for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the other sacraments. Great care for a solemn liturgy, complete fidelity to the doctrine of the Church and the Holy Father, and awareness of the central role of Grace, especially Charity – these are essential elements of the Institute's spirituality, which is drawn from its three co-patrons, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis de Sales.



Our motto is "Live the truth in charity." The Institute operates in more than fifty places in twelve countries, where our priests focus on the care of souls in many different ways. To assist our priests in their apostolic work, the Institute also has clerical oblates. In 2004, a community of religious sisters was canonically established to aid the priests in their mission through prayer and apostolic work.



The Institute was founded in 1990 by Monsignor Gilles Wach. Today, the motherhouse and international seminary of the Institute is located in Gricigliano, in the Archdiocese of Florence, Italy.

The Institute serves the faithful of the Bay since 2005 at St. Margaret Mary in Oakland and at Five Wounds in San Jose (Mass at 12:30 pm on Sunday, 12:15 pm on Weekdays but Sat. at 7:30 am)

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Wednesday, Low Mass at 6:00 PM

Thursday, Low Mass at 12:00 PM (Noon)

Friday, Low Mass at 6:00PM

Saturday, Low Mass at 10:00 AM

Sunday, Low Mass at 7:00 AM

High Mass at 12:30 PM

Reception

Every Sunday after 12:30 PM Mass

Feast Days

Mass at 6:00 PM

Please refer to the Institute's online bulletin for updates

HOMEBOUND VISITS, HOUSE BLESSINGS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Do not hesitate to call Canon Meney to have a visit or the blessed Sacrament brought to your beloved ones. Cell phone number is (510) 604-0391
Spiritual direction is available upon request.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are offered half hour before daily Masses, during Sunday Mass, and upon request for those who cannot make it to confession on the above mentioned schedules.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after 6:00 pm Mass in reparation for the Crimes of Isis

MESSAGE FROM FR. GLENN NAGUIT:

This Christmas will be my third at St. Margaret Mary. Christmases here are the best: best because of the individuals and families that make up this community: whichever time they go to Mass. I am glad to spend this third Christmas with you, and I pray there will be many more with you to come.

Special thanks go to all of our liturgical ministers: our altar servers (who serve in both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Forms), the choirs at all Masses, the sacristans and ushers at all Masses, our musical director and all who lead our choirs. Joan Konrad and her floral team continue to add beauty to the Church, to Canon and Abbe Kevin for the beautiful creche, and for their assistance at the Rorate Masses (Simbang Gabi) this week, the last of which was just this morning: many thanks to all.

On behalf of the staff of the Parish of St. Margaret Mary I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

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I would like to thank all who organized and took part in our annual Bake Sale and boutique last weekend. The funds raised go to the floral fund of the Parish. Many thanks!



"The Gull gave Father a Christmas present today - a gift order for his favorite place to shop - St. Vincent de Paul's."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Below is the schedule of Masses for the coming Christmas Feasts:

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24: (These Masses satisfy only the Christmas obligation)

5pm: Vigil Mass, Ordinary Form (OF)
10pm: Mass at Night in the OF

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25:

12am: Mass in the Extraordinary Form (EF)
7am: Low Mass in the EF
8:30am: Mass in the Ordinary Form preceded by Lauds (recited) at 8:15 a.m.
10:30am: High Mass in the OF
12:30pm: High Mass in the EF

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 31:

7am: Low Mass in the EF
8:30 a.m. Mass in the OF
10:30 a.m. High Mass in the OF
12:30p.m. High Mass in EF

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Monday, January 1:

7am: Low Mass in the EF
8:30 a.m. Mass in the OF, preceded by Lauds
10:30 a.m. High Mass in the OF

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued):

12:30 p.m. High Mass in the EF

SAVE THE DATE: January 13 (Saturday) beginning at 6:30am in the Kozina Hall. This is a **fundraiser, talent show, auction, and dinner on behalf of the Wyborny Family.**

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, or share another talent? Let us know. We have room for a few more talented TORCHERS and St. Margaret Mary parishioners.

The cost is \$10/individual or \$35/family (plus a bottle of wine to contribute to our live-auction wine basket).

Please be on the watch for messages from Laurie Kennedy for the talent show and Erin Dineen for the auction baskets.

We are still in need of volunteers to prepare and serve lunch for the monthly **Holy Hour For Priests.** We need volunteers for the months of January, March, and May.

Holy Hour is held on the 3rd Fridays every month. It's ideal if 2-3 people work together. Get some friends and/or family and share the tasks, or Lily Mullen can find others for you to work with.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

There are usually 8-12 priests from the Diocese who attend. The simple meatless meal can be prepared in the hall's kitchen or at home and brought in; then served. You are not expected to entertain or mingle, just set up, have the meal ready at noon, serve it and clean up when they are done usually by 1 pm. Please contact Lily Mullen at (925) 827-1946 or lily.mullen@gmail.com for more information, or to put your name on the schedule. Thank you.

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Thank you from **St. Vincent de Paul conference**: Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the SVdP fund for payment of medical expenses for one of our parish families in need of assistance. The parish response has been very encouraging. We ask for your continued support for this family. If you wish to contribute, please make your check out to St. Margaret Mary Parish with a notation - "SVdP medical support". Thank you, also, for your support of SVdP throughout 2017.

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For our **CCD/Religious Education** programs, the classes offered include: Pre-First Communion (1st grade); First Communion (2nd grade); Post-First Communion (Grades 3-4); Grades 5 and 6; Pre-Confirmation, Confirmation, and our St. John Paul II Youth Group. Please share this notice with others that may have an interest in Catechism Classes at St. Margaret Mary Church. Thank you! Contact Lori Libby at stmmworks@ymail.com or the parish office 510.482.0596.

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Attending **Baptismal catechesis** is required of first babies and new parishioners, and should be scheduled before the arrival of the baby if possible. Baptism preparation classes are offered quarterly, unless there is an emergency regarding the health of the baby. Please contact the Parish Office.

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The **Parish Library** will be open on January 13, after the vigil Mass and on January 14 after all the Masses (2nd Sunday of the month). You're invited to come down to the stage in the Fr. Kozina Hall. Need more info? Please contact Lily Mullen at (925)827-1946 or lily.mullen@gmail.com.

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We'd like to urge our parishioners who use **WeShare** to please log in to their account and update your donation information. Your recurring donations continue as scheduled. But if you wish to update your contributions, please log in. You may access your account by logging at <https://www.churchgiving.com?pc=yyjmttd79>. This web address is also in our new

Dark Night of the Body

Many disillusioned married people practice escapism in their mature lives to avoid the need of the reformation of their own family. Because their egotism has become social, they think that they have become loving; when really the last thing they want to do is to immolate their egotism. They give themselves to others, but in the way they have chosen to give themselves, and not in the way their human nature, under God, dictates. They are actually increasing their egotism at the moment when they feel least selfish. But this expansive feeling is really only an excrescence, like a boil on the neck of their egotism.

What is really at the bottom of such a peculiar type of social interest is a hatred of self, which others might overcome and try to forget in alcoholism, but which they try to forget in a kind of altruism. The escapes are means of overcoming a sense of absolute sterility and futility. Their egotism is concealed under the language of humanitarianism and philanthropy, but there is no love, because there is no sacrifice of the ego. There is ceaseless activity, but no joy; there is philanthropy, but no inner peace; there is a social conscience, but no individual conscience. There is communism in the social order because there is first atheism in the human heart. The great natural necessities of the soul, the deepest aspirations of the human heart, are abolished for the sake of the triumphant ego. The result is that there is a terrific inner dislocation of self, for as life ceases to be unified, it becomes like a body devoid of a soul; it disintegrates into its component elements. An ego without sacrifice is closed to itself and impenetrable to others. Hence the impression that selfish couples give, that they are living in another world; each has his or her own planet; they hardly ever come in contact except to collide and

quarrel. They may be two in one flesh, but they are not two in one mind, or heart, or ideal. Like the modern atom, such partners are so fissioned and rent as to make a Hiroshima of a home and a marriage.

There are many egotists who boast of the sacrifice that they have made toward a person or a cause, and indeed the Communist can point to "sacrifices" which he made for world revolution. From the point of view of quantity alone, his "sacrifice" surpasses that of an individual Christian. But there is a world of difference between the "sacrifice" of a Communist for revolution, and that of a devoted husband for a sick wife, or of a wife for an alcoholic husband. In the egotist, the object of the sacrifice is what his ego has chosen for itself; in love the sacrifice is for what God has chosen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

website at <https://stmargaretmaryoak.org>. You will need your ParishPay ID to verify. If you no longer remember this ID, please contact WeShare's customer support at (800) 950-9952 (option 1).

We'd like to encourage more of our parishioners to use this new online platform to continue to support St. Margaret Mary. New users may also use the web address above to begin.



Volunteers: we are currently updating the volunteer list for all ministries at St. Margaret Mary Church for the 2017-2018 Diocesan Cycle for **Safe Environment Training**. All training is now online for volunteers and employees of St. Margaret Mary Church. Retraining is mandatory every three years according to the Diocesan SE retraining calendar. The Safe Environment training is mandated for ALL volunteers, and is accomplished through: www.virtusonline.org. Please make sure to print out a certificate and return to the parish office.

Those that volunteer with children/youth will need to take a Live Scan. For information about LiveScan, accessing the site, and about the Safe Environment Program, please contact Valerie at stmmworks@ymail.com. Thank you in advance for all you do for St. Margaret Mary Church.

This weekend's second collection is for the **Insurance & Diocesan Assessment**. The previous collection for the Retired Religious Fund totaled \$1,777. Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Weekly update	Dec. 9 & 10	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$4,389	\$261,960
WeShare -Regular	\$1,160	\$83,774
Total 1st Plate	\$5,549	\$345,734
Goal	\$6,400	\$320,000
Variance	(-\$851)	\$25,734

MUSIC

Organ: "Prelude on Stuttgart", R. Ellsasser
Hymns #301 O Come O Come Emmanuel; People Look East (Missalette)
5pm (Sat.) Missa Veni Emmanuel, Proulx.
8:30am: Missa Jubilate Deo p. #50, 52, 54 (Missalette)
10:30am: Missa de Adventus, #126 hymnal
Offertory: Ave Maria, Arcadelt. Communion: The Angel Gabriel.
Organ: "Postlude on Stuttgart", by Edward Mead.

The Great Mystery Is Accomplished

Of all the works done by God in time and outside of Himself, the redemptive Incarnation of the Word is the greatest. It is the greatest because it has for an end not a mere creature, however sublime, but God Himself, the eternal Word, who, in time, assumed a human nature. It is the greatest because it is the supreme manifestation of the merciful love of God, and the work which above all others glorifies Him; and it glorifies Him precisely in reference to charity which is His very essence. It is also the greatest of His works because of the immense good it brings to mankind. The salvation, sanctification, and eternal happiness of the whole human race depend wholly upon the Incarnation of the Word, upon Jesus, the Incarnate Word. God the Father "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and unspotted...Who hath predestined us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ unto Himself...In whom we have redemption...the remission of sins according to the riches of His grace...God hath quickened us together in Christ...and hath raised us up together, and hath made us sit together in the heavenly places, through Christ Jesus" (Eph. 1:4-5,7-2:5-6). Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is the once source of our salvation, and our sanctification. Without Him, man would not be able to call God by the sweet name of Father; he could not love Him as a son loves his father, nor could he hope to be admitted to His intimacy: there would be no grace, no Beatific Vision. Without Jesus, man would be imprisoned within the limits of a purely human life, deprived of every supernatural horizon, in time and in eternity.

God's greatest work, the incarnation of the Word, destined to enlighten and save the whole world, takes place in obscurity and silence, and under the most human and most human conditions. Caesar's edict obliges Mary and Joseph to leave their little home in Nazareth and undertake a journey. They travel on foot like the poor, in spite of the discomfort of Mary's condition. They do not think of objecting to the trip; they make no complaint, but obey with promptness and simplicity. He who commands is a man, but their profound spirit of faith discovers God's will in the command of a pagan emperor. And they go, trusting in God's Providence; God knows, God will provide: "To them that love God, all things work together unto good" (Rom. 8:28). In Bethlehem there is no room for them; they are obliged to take shelter in a hillside cave. The poverty of this refuge for animals does not dismay or scandalize them. They know that the Child who is about to be born is the Son of God. (From *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, OCD)



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

DIOCESAN APPROVED TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE
FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOTU PROPRIO, *SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM*
IN THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 24, 2017

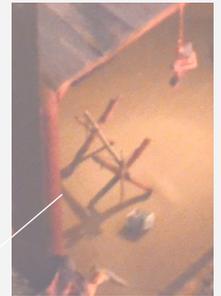
An extra post links the architecture of the Nativity Scene to the Confessional. It is through the Incarnation that sins are forgiven.



Jerusalem, the Romans and the doctors of the Law discussing the coming of the Messiah through the walled Golden Gate....



The bundle of wood... is made from vine and wheat, symbol of the Eucharist.



Opening the reliquary of the Holy Manger preserved in Saint Mary Major in Rome, it revealed a very simple manger that would have resembled to this.



Live fish is a new feature of the crèche 2017.

Christians of the first Centuries were identifying themselves by this secret sign.

Our Lord Jesus Christ will call his first disciples to become fishers of men..

Hictus (Fish) is an abbreviation in Greek letters standing for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour.



These three little stones are relics since they were gathered and brought from Bethlehem itself.



Facetious squirrel. He moves often. Try to locate it and the rabbit!