

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Saturday / Sunday December 2 & 3, 2017

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Dec.02-5pm: Joseph Brady, Shannon Brady
Sun.	Dec.03-7am: 8:30am: †Yolanda Cattoche 10:30am: †Elisa & Giovanni Mancarti 12:30pm: <i>Pro populo</i>
Mon.	Dec.04-8am: †Margaret Lipovich 6pm: The Souls in Purgatory
Tues.	Dec.05-8am: †Titus Ekanem 6pm: Linda Jean Hopwood
Wed.	Dec.06-8am: †Stanley Avila 6pm: Barbara Powell
Thu.	Dec.07-8am: Elizabeth Wyborny 12pm: †Bruns Grayson
Fri.	Dec.08-8am: †Felicula N. Porcuna 12:10pm: †Leticia Delarmente, †Adoracion & Alfredo Usison, Sr. 6pm: †Damasa E. Borbon
Sat.	Dec.09-8am: Cait Kennedy 10am: †Richard St. Lezin 5pm: †Simon Tang

**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 Kunihira, Lianne Claver, Paul Oei, Mike Bozzardi, Betty Garland, John Benish, Diane Kasdan, Michael Quinones, Marc Wyborny.

**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, †Michael Smith. *Requiescant in pace.*

### Silence and the Primacy of God

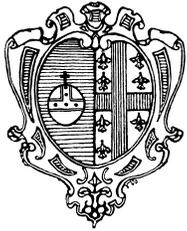
In the citation from Cardinal Ratzinger with which I opened this address, the Cardinal asks: "What happens if the habit of forgetting about God makes itself at home in the Liturgy itself and if in the Liturgy we are thinking only of ourselves?" This may seem to be a strange question, but it arises out of a real tendency in recent decades to plan and hold liturgical celebrations where the focus is mostly on the celebrating community, almost at times to the apparent exclusion of God. I say "apparent" because I do not wish to judge the intentions of those who promote or celebrate such anthropocentric liturgies: they themselves may be the victims of a poor or even deficient theological and liturgical formation.

Nevertheless, such celebrations are unacceptable because they reduce something which is of its very essence supernatural to the level of merely the natural, contrary to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (and before that of the Encyclical *Mediator Dei* of the Venerable Pius XII), that:

The liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of the man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members."

From this it follows that 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).

As I said in my 2016 address to *Sacra Liturgia* in London, England: "Catholic liturgy is the singularly privileged locus of Christ's saving action in our world today, by means of real participation in which we receive His grace and strength which is so necessary for our perseverance and growth in the Christian life. It is the divinely instituted place where we come to fulfil our duty of offering sacrifice to God, of offering the One True Sacrifice. It is where we realise our profound need to worship Almighty God. Catholic liturgy is something sacred, something which is holy by its very nature. Catholic liturgy is no ordinary human gathering." (*Excerpt of the 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*).



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The schedule of Masses for the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** (Friday, Dec. 8) is as follows: 8am and 12.10pm (Masses in the Ordinary Form); 6pm (Mass in the Extraordinary Form). The Solemnity of Our Blessed Mother is a holy day of obligation. Please join us.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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 December, 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. 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](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com) for more information, or to put your name on the schedule. Thank you.

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**St. Vincent de Paul** request: One of our parish families is facing large medical bills due to emergency medical treatment not covered by insurance. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference asks for your support for this family. You may assist them financially by making a check out to "St. Margaret Mary Parish" with a notation - SVdP - medical support. Please put the check in any collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Thank you!

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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 Valerie at [stmmworks@ymail.com](mailto:stmmworks@ymail.com) or the parish office 510.482.0596.

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Gaudete Sunday Bake Sale and Boutique will be held on December 17, 8-3 pm. Help us raise funds for flowers by donating/and or purchasing home-made baked items to share with your family or



*"Father, I know you know who's naughty and nice, but are you making a list and checking it twice?"*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (continued):

friends. 100% of the proceeds will be used for church flowers that adorn our beloved church.

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**Boutique:** We need crafty people or home business owners to show and sell their wares. We ask only 10% of the day's gross sales be donated to the flower fund. Tell your friends! To reserve your boutique table, please contact Lily Mullen at 925-827-1946 or [lily.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com)

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St. Margaret Mary's is looking for 2 women to assist in the care of the **altar linens**. If interested, please contact Lori Libby [lorilibby@earthlink.net](mailto:lorilibby@earthlink.net)

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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 December 9, after the vigil Mass and on December 10 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](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

To our parishioners who had been using ParishPay: Your information has been securely transferred to **WeShare**—the online-giving platform from Liturgical Publications which recently purchased ParishPay. Your recurring donations continue as scheduled. Former ParishPay users may access their account by logging in at <https://www.churchgiving.com/?pc=yyjmttd79>. This web address is also in our new 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.

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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](http://www.virtusonline.org). You do NOT have to finish the course in one sitting. You may leave and return at any time to continue where you left off. It takes about 60 – 90 minutes total. 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](mailto:stmmworks@ymail.com). Thank you in advance for all you do for St. Margaret Mary Church.

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**Church Cleaning Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to keep our church swept and vacuumed. If you would like to help, please contact Administrative Assistant, Larysa in the parish office, (510) 482-0596, [parishoffice@stmargaretm.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretm.org). This would be a commitment of just one hour every other month to clean with one other person. Cleaning takes place on Saturday between the two morning Masses or on Friday afternoon between 4pm and 5pm.

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Our monthly **young adults' potluck** will be on Friday, **December 15th** in the parish hall at 7PM. As usual, gentlemen please bring dessert and ladies and couples please bring side dish! Main dish provi-

## **Dark Night of the Body**

One of the greatest mistakes the human heart can make is to seek pleasure as a goal of life. Pleasure is a by-product of the fulfillment of duty; it is a bridesmaid, not a bride; it is something which attends and waits on man when he does that which he ought. To go through life with the idea of always having a good time is not to have a good time. A boy does not eat ice cream to have pleasure; he has a pleasure because he eats ice cream. The satisfaction of the appetite of hunger gives pleasure, but one does not eat just to have pleasure. One does not marry to enjoy pleasures of the flesh; one enjoys the pleasures of marriage because one fulfills to the utmost the functions and obligations of the married state. A good husband wants to love and to have a happy life; a wicked husband wants to be loved and to enjoy himself. The good man seeks a woman to complement his imperfection and to work toward mutual enrichment. The evil man wants to immolate a woman in order to enjoy himself. The happiness of marriage is in a certain sense a prepayment of God for its trials. Because its burdens are many, its pleasures are meant to be many. The honeymoon precedes the labors of birth, and is a credit God extends in advance because of the responsibilities involved.

The greatest joys of life are purchased at the cost of some sacrifice. No one ever enjoys good reading, good music, or good art without a certain amount of study and effort. Neither can one enjoy love without a certain amount of self-denial. It is not that love by its nature demands suffering, for there is no suffering in Divine Love. But whenever love is imperfect, or whenever a body is associated with a soul, there must be suffering, for such is the cost of love's purification. One cannot grow from ignorance to love of poetry without discipline. Neither can one mount from one level of love to another without a certain amount of purification. The Blessed Virgin passed from one level of love, which was for her Divine Son, to the higher level of a love for all whom He would redeem, by willing His Passion and Death at the Marriage Feast of Cana.

All love craves a cross by the very fact that love is forgetful of self for others. But even in the midst of sacrifice, it can say: "Suffering is in me, but I am not in it." The joy which is seen forthcoming as the result of the trial makes one in some way independent of it. A marriage which is entered into solely for the sake of pleasure lacks this essential element of love.

(From *Three To Get Married* by Fulton Sheen)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (continued)

ded. December's talk: "Not Exactly Ideal: The West's Abandonment of Realism for Idealism and its Disastrous Effects on Modern Culture." For approximately two thousand years, Western Civilization operated under the philosophical assumptions of realism, which taught that essences exist and may be known by human reason. Following the Cartesian Revolution, modern philosophers discarded realism in favor of idealism. Now, several hundred years later, the chickens of idealism are roosting comfortably in our culture. Mr. Hockel will explore the epistemological and metaphysical assumptions of idealism and their effects on various aspects of modern culture, including law, marriage, gender theory, morality, and art.



Corpus Christi's Troop 6 opened the 48th annual **Piedmont Council Scout Christmas Tree Lot** on Saturday, November 25. There are freshly cut silver tips, noble and douglas firs. The Tree Lot is located in Piedmont at Coaches Field, 898 Red Rock Road and will be open November 25-December 20: weekdays from 4pm-7:30pm and weekends from 9am-7pm. Local delivery is available Tuesday, Thursday and on weekends.

This weekend's second collection is for the **Building Fund**. The previous collection for the Campaign for Human Development totaled \$615. Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the Retired Religious Fund. Thanks!

Weekly update	Nov. 18 & 19	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$5,840	\$247,691
WeShare -Regular	\$1,160	\$77,361
Total 1st Plate	\$7,000	\$325,052
Goal	\$6,400	\$300,800
Variance	(\$600)	<b>\$24,252</b>

**MUSIC**

Organ Prelude: Veni, Emmanuel, arr. R. Purvis  
 Hymns for today: #301 O Come O Come Emmanuel; People Look East (Missalette)  
 5pm (Sat.) Missa Veni Emmanuel, Proulx.  
 8:30am: Missa Jubilate Deo p. #50 (no Gloria)  
 10:30am: Missa de Adventus, #126 hymnal (TORCH CHOIR today)  
 Organ: "Postlude on Stuttgart", by Edward Mead

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is in perfect harmony with the spirit of Advent; while the soul is preparing for the coming of the Redeemer, it is fitting to think of her, the all-pure one, who was His Mother.

The very promise of a Savior was joined to, or rather, was included in the promise of this peerless Virgin. After having cursed the insidious serpent, God proclaimed: "I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed: she shall crush thy head" (Gen. 3:15). And behold, the Virgin whose coming was foretold, approaches, "white as snow, more beautiful than the sun, full of grace, and blessed above all women."

Precisely in view of the sublime privilege which would make her the Mother of the Incarnate Word, Mary alone, among all creatures, was preserved from original sin. Yet in Mary Immaculate we see not only her preservation from original sin, and the complete absence of the slightest shadow of an imperfection, but we also see the positive side of this mystery which made her, from the very first moment of her existence, "full of grace."

Theologians teach that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary began her spiritual life with grace much more abundant and perfect than that which the greatest saints have acquired at the end of their lives. When we consider also that during her whole life, the Blessed Virgin corresponded fully and most perfectly to every movement of grace, to every invitation from God, we can understand how charity and grace increased in her with incessant and most rapid progress, making her the holiest of creatures, the one most completely united to God and transformed in Him.

St. John of the Cross, in describing the marvels of the state of perfect union with God, presents Mary Immaculate to us as the prototype and model. "Such were those [works and prayers] of the most glorious Virgin our Lady, who, being raised to this high estate of union from the beginning, never had the form of any creature imprinted in her soul, neither was she moved by such, but was invariably guided by the Holy Spirit" (*Ascent of Mt. Carmel*, III, 2, 10).

The two essential conditions for achieving divine union are found in their fullness in Mary. The first condition...is that there be nothing in the soul's will which is contrary to the divine will....The second condition...is that the human will be moved in all and through all, only by the will of God. (From *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, OCD)



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FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOTU PROPRIO, *SUMMORUM PONTIFICUM*  
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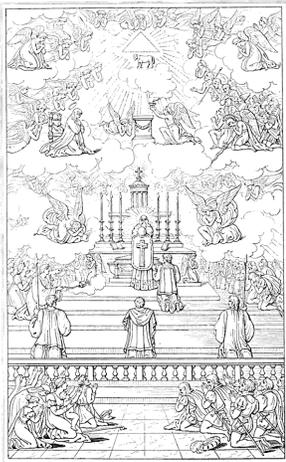
### 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2017

A brief explanation of some aspects of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite

Encouraged by the Motu Proprio of Benedict XVI who invited all Catholics to acquire a “notable liturgical formation and a deep, personal familiarity with the earlier form of the liturgical celebration”, we resume our study of the Mass, prayer after prayers. We left that presentation with the explanation of the prayer “Quam Oblationem”. Let us reprint here what we said then to refresh our memory:

#### On the Prayer Quam Oblationem Part 4

At the Prayer, Quam Oblationem” the priest makes three signs of the Cross above the Chalice and the Host saying “Benedictam, ascriptam, ratam”. Then he makes the sign of the Cross on the Host as he says “ Ut nobis corpus”, and another one on the chalice as he says: “Sanguis”. Then raising his hands in front of his chest he says “Fiat dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostril Jesu Christi”.



The priest makes three signs of the Cross. It is a constant attitude of the Church to ask the Blessing of God through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Is the number of the sign of the Cross essential? It varied through the centuries. Amalraie says that one would suffice. Some argue that since there are five words in the prayer (add rationabilem and acceptabilem), five signs of the cross should be made. The number of three has been retained in honor of the Blessed Trinity. He makes another sign upon the Host and the chalice expressing his particular and firm intention to ask the changing of these matters, these wafers of bread and this cup of wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The touching adjective “Dilectissimi Filii Tui - Your Beloved Son” joined to the movement of the hands toward the chest marks the partaken affection of the Priest for Jesus “that he could embrace if it would be possible” (Lepin)

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You can also give your donation to Canon Meney. Checks payable to Institute of Christ the King. Envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

Thanks for your support.