THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Saturday / Sunday January 6 & 7, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan. 6-5pm: †Carmela Behrens

Sun. Jan. 7-7am: Mrs. Nora
8:30am: *Pro populo*
10:30am: †Ann Adams
12:30pm: Nikolai Kindy–Baillot

Mon. Jan. 8-8am: †Sara Florence Beck
6pm: Anthony, Mara, & Monica Roberts

Tues. Jan. 9-8am: †Ingeborg Maria Samsinger
6pm: John Ehrfurth & Ann Linquist

Wed. Jan.10-8am: †Christian Brochet
6pm: †Jose Hector Arias

Thu. Jan.11-8am: †Mary Rhodes
12pm: Nathaniel Larrabee

Fri. Jan.12-8am: †James A. Siebert
6pm: Anna Guerra

Sat. Jan.13-8am: †Jeff Garland
10am: Can. Olivier Meney
5pm: †Emeliano Tapas

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, James Smithwick.

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

Silence and the Primacy of God

All our external offerings, including what we give through any liturgical ministry we exercise, must be a reflection of our internal relationship with the Lord. They should arise in humility from the "acceptable sacrifice" of a "broken and contrite heart" of which the psalmist sings (cf. Ps. 50[51]:19). Otherwise there can be the danger of hollow ritualism, even of a form of 'liturgical materialism' or Phariseeism. What we give to God for the Sacred Liturgy, what we do in public service in His Church, must be the best that is possible, certainly, but they must be in complete harmony with our Christian life and mission so that our external liturgical actions are imbued with an integrity which is itself something holy, something sacred, and which itself sings of the glory of God alive and working in His Church in our day.

Our response to encountering the sacred: silence and awe

In the Book of Revelation we read that when the Lamb opened the seventh and final seal on the scroll, "there was silence in heaven for about half an hour" (Rev 8:1). Why this silence, coming after the cosmic upheaval ushered in by the opening of the sixth seal? Scholars tell us that this is the silence of expectation, of the anticipation of God's vindicating judgement for the martyrs throughout Christian history. It is the silence of awe, of adoration, in the silent presence of Almighty God who is present and who is about to act.

When we encounter the sacred, when we come face to face with God, we naturally fall silent and kneel in adoration. We kneel in humble awe and in submission to our creator. We await His Word, His saving action, in awe and anticipation. These are fundamental dispositions for how we approach the Sacred Liturgy. If I am so full of myself and of the noise of the world that there is no space for silence within me, if human pride reigns in my heart so that it is only myself of whom I am in awe, then it is almost impossible for me to worship Almighty God, to hear His Word or to allow it space to take root in my life.

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

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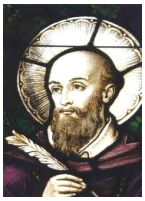
HUB OF THE LATIN MASS LITURGY IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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

I would like to thank all of our lay liturgical ministers: all of our altar servers, MC's, our music director, David Sundahl, Arthur Connick, our organists, our choirs, our ushers. Our Christmas Masses would not be as they were without them. Also, thanks to Canon and Abbe for the manger scene, and to Joan Konrad for the floral arrangements.

I'd also like to thank to all who donated poinsettias that currently adorn the sanctuary.

Many thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Epiphany Chalk Blessing:

The lintel of the main door of the house is marked with the blessed chalk by the head of the household in the following manner:

20+C+M+B+18

while saying the following prayer:

"The Three Wise Men: (C) Caspar, (M) Melchior, & (B) Balthasaar, followed the star of God's Son who became Man two thousand (20) and eighteen (18) years ago: + May Christ + Bless our home + and remain with us through the new year. Almighty God, incline Thine ear. Bless us and all who are gathered here. Send Thy holy angel who will defend us, and fill with grace all who dwell here. Amen."

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We will be having a **"Walking Tacos"** Feed in the parish hall after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, January 7th to benefit the Wyborny family. We hope you will join us for lunch!

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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.

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The next **Bible trivia** will be on January 14th. The questions will be on Acts, Chapters 1-14. And, there will, once again, be cash prizes and delicious desserts. Please join us.

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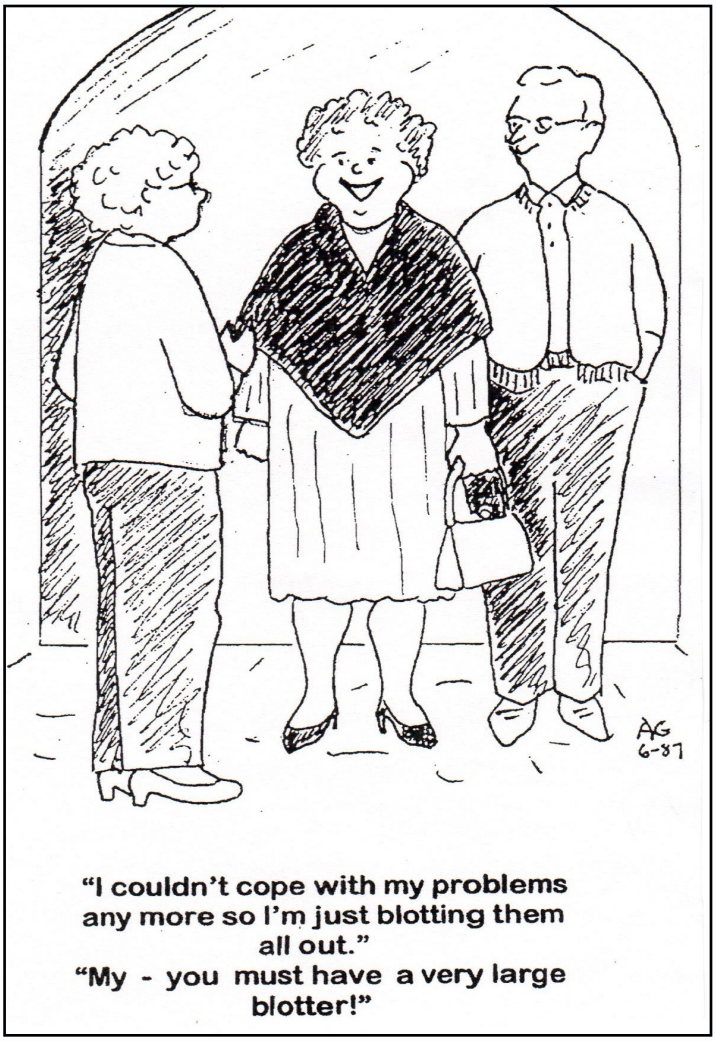

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued):

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. 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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To all individuals and families that make up St. Margaret Mary's: a year-long subscription to **FORMED.ORG**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

FORMED.ORG is an online platform that allows you to access fine Catholic books, movies, audio materials, Bible studies, children's books, materials for youth and young adults, catechetical programs, and more. You may download many of these materials to your smart-device. Many individuals have already claimed their free subscription when the Parish subscribed last year. This is a great resource for teachers (homeschool teachers out there), catechists, and for anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

Resources from the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press, Word On Fire and more are featured in FORMED.ORG. You will have access to works by Bishop Joseph Perry, Dr. Brant Pitre, St. Mother Teresa, Dr. Tim Gray, Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Sarah, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Jennifer Fulwiler, Matt Fradd, Dr. Scott Hahn, and more.

This is made possible through the generous Sunday offering of our parishioners.

To register, visit FORMED.ORG, and register with the Parish Code **7328CP.**

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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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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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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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We'd like to urge our parishioners who use **WeShare** to please log in to their account and update their donation information. Your recurring donations

Dark Night of the Body

Every great thing begins with a dream, whether it be that of the engineer who plans a bridge, or of the heart that plans a home. The soul draws upon its infinity and colors it with the gold of paradise. No one ever climbs to the heavens without passing through the clouds, and at the beginning every lover has his head in the clouds. This foretaste of heaven is good, and even heaven-sent. It is the advance agent of heaven, telling the heart of that real happiness which lies ahead. Actually, it is a bait, a blueprint, a John the Baptist, an announcer telling of the program yet to come. If God did not permit this preview of joy, who would venture in beyond the vestibule?

But such primitive love does not continue with the same ecstasy. Because flesh is the medium of married love, it suffers the penalty of the flesh: it becomes used to affection. As life goes on, a greater stimulus is required to produce an equal reaction to sensation. The eye can soon become used to beauty, and the fingers to the touch of a friend. The intimacy which at first was so desirable, now becomes at times a burden. The "I-want-to-be-alone feeling," and the "I-think-I-will-go-home-to-mother feeling" strip the eye of its rose-colored glasses. Bills coming into the kitchen make love fly out of the parlor. The very habit of love becomes boring, because it is a habit and not an adventure. Perhaps the yearning for a new partner accompanies a disgust with the old partner. The care of children, with their multiplying accidents and diseases, tends to bring love down from its vision in the clouds to periodical, realistic visitations to the nursery.

Sooner or later those living the affective life are brought face to face with this problem: Is love a snare and a delusion? Does it promise what it cannot give? I thought this would be complete and total happiness, and yet it has settled down to a routine sprinkled with an occasional faint recalling of what love was in the beginning. At this point, those who think that love is an evolution from the beasts and not a devolution from God, falsely believe that if they had another partner, he or she could supply what the other lacks. The fallacy here is that they forget that the indigence and emptiness comes not from the other partner, but from the very nature of life itself. The heart was made for the infinite, and only the infinite can satisfy it. That first ecstasy of love was given to remind the couple that their love came from heaven, and that only by working for heaven would they ever find the love they wanted in its infinity.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

continue as scheduled. But if you wish to update your contributions, please log in. You may access your account visiting the parish website at https://stmargaretmaryoak.org and following the link for WeShare. 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 link referred to 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. 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 please contact Valerie at stmmworks@ymail.com. Thank you in advance for all you do for St. Margaret Mary.

There is no second collection this weekend. The collection for the Insurance & Diocesan Assessment totaled $906. Next weekend's 2nd collection is for the Seminary.

Weekly update	Dec. 23 & 24	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	$3,610	$271,051
WeShare -Regular	$1,160	$86,094
Total 1st Plate	$4,770	$357,145
Goal	$6,400	$332,800
Variance	(-$1,630)	**$24,345**

MUSIC

Organ Prelude: "Wie Schoen Leuchtet", Pachelbel
Hymns: #350 We Three Kings, #327 The First Noel
5:00pm (Sat.) "A Christmas Mass" by Paul Gibson.during communion: "I Wonder as I Wander"
8:30am: Missa Jubilate Deo #52, #18 (missalette)
10:30am: Gregorian Mass VIII; Offertory: What Child is This? #330
Communion: "Wie Schoen Leuchtet" P. Nicholai
Postludes: Gaudete! and, God Rest Ye, June Nixon

Jesus Our Mediator

During the Christmas days our thoughts, centered on Jesus, have revealed to us a little of the great "mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God" (Eph. 3:9), the mystery we now wish to consider in synthesis, in order to arouse in ourselves greater admiration for its "unfathomable riches."

The infinite distance between God and man, the impassable abyss, the breaking of every bond of friendship—all this was the tremendous consequence of sin. Then between God and man appeared the sweet Babe of Bethlehem; suddenly and completely the whole situation changes: distance is overcome and across the abyss a wonderful bridge is erected which unites earth with heaven and re-establishes relations of intimacy between God and men. This bridge is Jesus, the "only Mediator between God and man," who 'joins earth to heaven in a truly remarkable manner" (Mystici Corporis). In His office as Mediator, Jesus is really "at the center": He is the point of union between divinity and humanity. His mediation has all the qualifications necessary for perfectly pleasing God, since He Himself is true God; at the same time, because He is true man and as such represents the whole human race, Jesus can make worthy satisfaction to God for the entire debt of sinful mankind.

The divinity possessed by Jesus as the Word is united in His Person with the humanity He possesses as man. These two natures are not merely in juxtaposition, but they embrace each other; even more, they are united in one Person, the Person of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. In Him and through Him, all mankind is readmitted to friendship with the heavenly Father. In Him all can find again the way to reach union with the Trinity.

The eternal Father deigned to reveal this wonderful mystery to St. Catherine of Siena: "It is My wish that you consider the bridge I have build in the Person of my only-begotten Son, and that you notice that it reaches from earth to heaven, because in Him the majesty of the divinity is united with the lowliness of your human nature. It was necessary to construct this bridge in order to repair the road which had become impassable and to open a passage across the trials of this world to eternal life" (Dialogue).

"For it hath well please the Father that in Jesus all fullness should dwell, and that through him He should reconcile all things unto Himself, making peace through the blood of His Cross, both as to the things that are on earth, and the things that are in heaven" (Col. 1:19-20). Jesus accomplished His work as Mediator on Calvary where He shed all His Blood as the price of our redemption. (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

EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7, 2018

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".

"The day before His Passion"

The mention is again of great importance. The Consecration of the bread and wine cannot be considered alone.. that is all about the same act, starting then at the Last Supper, being bloodily consumed on Good Friday, and continued at each Mass It sets up the historical fact of the Last Supper. It can be dated in time.

Accepit Panem. The Last Supper is the celebration of the Passover.

Let me partake these notes from the book of Brant Pitre: "Jesus and the Jewish roots of the Eucharist" *(Image publisher 2016).* Many little known facts of the celebration of the Last Supper are unveiled in this short book.

"The Passover is a ritual dinner codified in the Jewish Scripture (That is the Old Testament) and the Jewish Traditions. The celebration of Passover was not just a meal but a Temple Sacrifice celebrated in Jerusalem.
According to ancient evidence, **the Passover lambs were spitted and roasted on wooden staves in the form of a cross.**

Despite the fact that over a thousand years had passed since the first Passover, at the time of Jesus, the Jewish people saw the celebration of the Passover meal as a way of "going back in time" or spiritually participating in the first Passover at the time of Moses.

According to ancient Jewish tradition, the Messiah was expected to come during the feast of Passover.
It is remarkable then to notice that Jesus, at the Last Supper, instituted a new Passover in which he revealed Himself as the true Passover lamb.

One of the most memorable wonders that takes place during the exodus from Egypt is the giving of the Manna from Heaven. In the Old Testament, the Manna was viewed as miraculous "bread from Heaven". It is also called the "bread of angels".

In ancient Jewish Tradition, the manna was viewed by some as a heavenly substance that had existed since the beginning of the world, was now kept in the heavenly Temple and would come down once again in the days of the Messiah.

In the Lord's prayer and the "Bread of Life" discourse, Jesus speaks of the coming of the manna from heaven and identifies it with the Eucharist"