

# Parish of St. Margaret Mary

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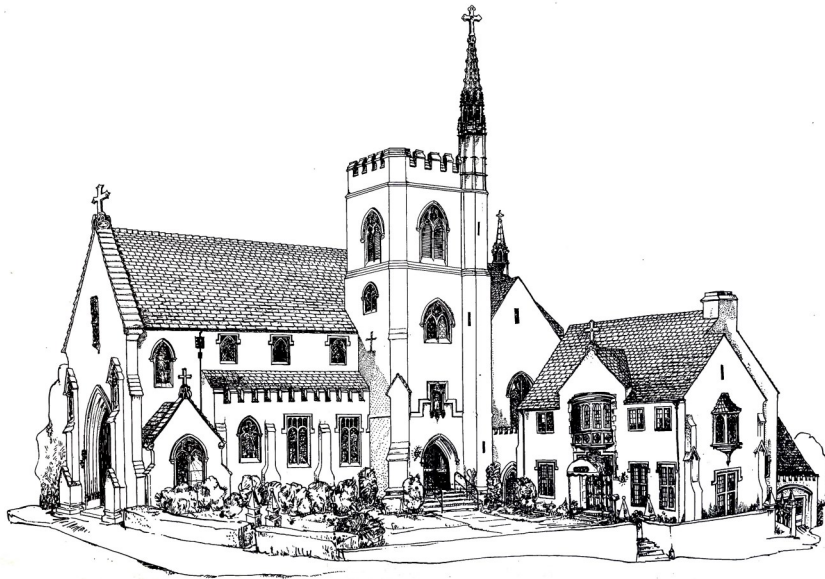
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## Masses in the Ordinary Form

Monday – Saturday: 8am

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 10:30am

## Masses in the Extraordinary Form

Monday -Wednesday & Friday: 6pm

Thursday: Noon

Saturday: 10am

Sunday: 7am & 12:30pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

One half hour before all Masses except Wednesday mornings; Confessions heard also on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:45pm

## Liturgy of the Hours – Lauds

Weekdays: 7:40am

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every First Friday of the Month, after the 8am and 6pm Masses

## Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Every Tuesday after the 8am Mass

## Fatima Devotions

13th of the month from May – October: On weekdays the devotions follow the 6pm Mass; on Saturdays the devotions follow the 8:30am Mass; on Sundays, the devotions follows the 10:30am Mass

For Anointing of the Sick call (510) 482- 0596 (Extension 250).

## Jennifer Sacramento-Streett,

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**Carlos Gutierrez**, Chair, Parish Council

**Bill Sawyer**, Chair, Finance Council

**Bill Duffy**, St. Vincent de Paul Society (call Parish Office, ext. 201)

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH

*If you would like to register, please complete the form, send it back to us, or drop it in the collection basket.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner  New Address/Phone  Moving (remove from list)  Send offering envelopes  Interested in volunteering

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Saturday/Sunday, December 21-22, 2024**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, December 21**

5pm: Melinda Belieu

**Sunday, December 22**

5am: †Dermot Harris  
 7am: Jana Gelo  
 8:30am: †Bishop John Cummins  
 10:30am: *Pro populo*  
 12:30pm: Garcia-Rodriguez Family

**Monday, December 23**

6am: †Dermot Harris  
 8am: †Philip & †Maybelle Helfrich  
 6pm: †Nguyen Van Ky

**Tuesday, December 24**

6am: †Dermot Harris  
 8am: Joseph Vu & Family  
 10am: †Angelina Persinger  
 5pm: Leonardo Espinosa  
 8pm: †Joseph & †Leo Cumbelich

**Wednesday, December 25**

12am: †Nhan Thi Nguyen  
 7am: Alfredo Rodriguez & Family  
 8:30am: Souls in Purgatory  
 10:30am: *Pro populo*  
 12:30pm: James & Cora Evart

**Thursday, December 26**

8am: †Fr. Ciaran Dillon  
 Noon: Nguyen Van Dang

**Friday, December 27**

8am: Kimberly  
 6pm: Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, December 28**

8am: †Ella Bradley Sullivan  
 10am: †Harold & Monique Gordon  
 5pm: †Bishop John Cummins

**Sunday, December 29**

7am: Alyssa Pham  
 8:30am: †Dermot Harris  
 10:30am: *Pro populo*  
 12:30pm: †Laura Jane Buckley



**Anthem To Our Lady During Advent**

**Alma Redemptoris Mater, quæ pèrvia cæli  
 Porta manes, et Stella Maris, succurre cadènti,  
 Sùrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,  
 Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem  
 Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore  
 Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére**

*Loving Mother of the Redeemer, who remains the accessible Gateway of Heaven, and Star of the Sea, give aid to a falling people that strives to rise; O Thou who begot thy holy Creator while all nature marvelled, Virgin before and after, receiving that "Ave" from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.*

**Please keep in your prayers...** Fr. Paul Schmidt, Catherine Willis, Dove Pierce, Joshua Nascimento, The McBride Family, Xavier Figueroa, Daniel Guerrero, Miguel Guerrero, Bonita Evart, Perpetuo Tito Tayco, Nate Larrabee, Sergio Bianchi, Gloria Torres, Takisha Upshaw, Nick Glumac, Lois Belmessieri, Lillian Jimenez.

**In memoriam:** †Bishop John Cummins, †Allen Kuhl, †Alex Porcuna, †Fr. Stan Zak, †Fr. Alexander Snyder, †Canon Henrique Fragelli, †Dermot Harris, †Rose Stone, †Mary Murphy, †Julian Martinez, †Holly Raineri, †Diane Kasdan, †Louise Grayson, †Benjamin Ocampo, †Mildred Correia, †Paulann Dymond, †Jerome Ducasse, †Scholastica Keimon, †Gabriel Angel Barrera Yoc, †Betty & Harry Garland, †Ramon Lanzar, †Andree Crawford, †Patricia Ann Butler, †Jesus & Rita Cristobal, †Jeffrey Glass, †Jeffrey Gurmendi-Marshall, †Theresa Hamilton, †Barbara Powell, †Mike Martinez, †Walter Wagoner. **May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Schedule of Masses** for Christmas Day and New Year's Day is as follows:

### December 24, Christmas Eve:

5pm: Vigil of Christmas

8pm: Mass at Night

Midnight: Midnight Mass

### December 25, Christmas Day

8:30am & 10:30am: Masses in the Ordinary Form

7am & 12:30pm: Masses in the Extraordinary Form

### January 1, 2025, Solemnity of the Mother of God

8:30am & 10:30am: Masses in the Ordinary Form

7am & 12:30pm: Masses in the Extraordinary Form

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With great sadness the Diocese announces the passing of **Bishop Emeritus John Cummins**. He passed away on December 3rd.

Bishop Cummins was the 2nd Bishop of Oakland, installed on January 30, 1977. He served as bishop until his retirement in 2003.

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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The Parish's **St. Vincent DePaul Society** is organizing a collection of maternity clothes, baby clothes, diapers, and other items for donation to the **Gabriel Project** of the Diocese of Oakland.

At the same time, St. Vincent DePaul is also collecting larger-sized diapers, children's clothes, warm clothing for women (eg, sweat suits), umbrellas, and other items for homeless and low-income women and their children.

Please bring these items listed above on the last weekend of December and the first two weekends of January. These items will be stored in a designated location in Kozina Hall.

Are you interested in joining our **St. Vincent DePaul Conference** or learning more about the Society of St. Vincent DePaul? You may call Bill Duffy at (510) 225-8667 for more information.

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**Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men:** The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 04840 are excited to share the implementation of *Cor*, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Margaret Mary's Parish. *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

The next *Cor* meeting will be held on Thurs-

day, at 6pm, January 2nd, beginning in the Church. Come join your brother parishioners in prayer, formation and fraternity. **James Brady** continues his presentation on Theological/Christian anthropology. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Carlos Gutierrez at [Carlos.Gutierrez@kofc.org](mailto:Carlos.Gutierrez@kofc.org).

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**Parish Library** is open on the 2nd Sunday of each month after all Masses. We have an incredible collection of Catholic books, DVDs, and CDs available for lending. If you have items checked out, please return them so they are available to other parishioners. Thank you.

Do you have books to donate OR want to volunteer in the library once a month on the 2nd Sunday after 1 Mass? Contact [stmmmaryhands@gmail.com](mailto:stmmmaryhands@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office, ext. 201 and leave a message for Lily. More info can also be found at <http://stmargaretmaryoak.org/parish-library/>

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Thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to serve luncheon to our guest priests after the **Holy Hour** each 3rd Friday of the month through May for their morning of recollection. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

If you would like to help someone who is cooking for the priests on the 3rd Friday of each month, we can use your help setting the table, serving, and cleaning. More hands make it go quicker! Please contact Alma Hill at [stmpriestlunch@gmail.com](mailto:stmpriestlunch@gmail.com) or leave a message with the parish office.

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Avoid credit card and bank fees when contributing to the Parish online. Donate through the Diocese of Oakland Giving Portal. Go to <https://oakdiocese.org/parish-support>

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Sign up for Flocknotes to receive information on what's happening at church. Log on to: [Stmargaretmary13.flocknote.com](http://stmargaretmary13.flocknote.com)

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Have you offered a Mass Intention lately? The Mass is offered not only for the general intention for the Church, for the ministers and assembly present, but also for a specific intention. The faithful may ask for a regularly scheduled Mass in the Parish to be offered for their particular, personal intention. It can be for themselves, or for their loved ones both living or deceased. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of prayer in the Church and is the propitiatory

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Sacrifice of Our Lord, and therefore has the power to atone for sins. Historically, Mass Intentions have been offered for the response of the soul of our beloved dead.

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention, drop the Mass Intention envelope in the Parish mailbox; or send us an email; or leave a message in the Parish voicemail.

Intentions are assigned to Masses on a “first come, first served” basis. If the date you requested is already taken, we will assign your Intention to the closest Mass that is still open for Intentions. If you have no particular date in mind, that’s also acceptable: the Office will assign your Intention to an available Mass.

We can only assign Masses to dates four months ahead and not beyond.



Remember our Seminarians: The second collection on January 11-12, 2025 is for our Diocesan seminarians. Please support our future priests who are in training to serve the Catholic faithful in the East Bay. Your donation supports their education. Please pray for our seminarians.

Weekly update	December 1	Year-to-Date
5pm Mass (Saturday)	\$153	\$180,681 (Total from all Masses)
7am Mass	\$481	
8:30am Mass	\$624	
10:30am Mass	\$534	
12:30pm Mass	\$1,041	
WeShare -Regular	\$1,200	\$92,981
Total 1st Collection	\$4,033	\$274,862
Goal	\$6,000	\$288,000
Variance	(-\$1,967)	(-\$13,138)



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**Schedule of Second Collections**

December 28-29: St. Vincent DePaul Society  
 January 11-12: Diocesan Seminarians  
 January 25-26: Building Fund  
 February 8-9: Institute of Christ the King

**Except from the Encyclical *Dilexit nos*: On the Human & Divine Love of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

17. At the same time, the heart makes all authentic bonding possible, since a relationship not shaped by the heart is incapable of overcoming the fragmentation caused by individualism. Two monads may approach one another, but they will never truly connect. A society dominated by narcissism and self-centredness will increasingly become “heartless.” This will lead in turn to the “loss of desire”, since as other persons disappear from the horizon we find ourselves trapped within walls of our own making, no longer capable of healthy relationships. [Cf. ID., *Agonie des Eros*, Berlin, 2012] As a result, we also become incapable of openness to God. As Heidegger puts it, to be open to the divine we need to build a “guest house”. [Cf. Martin Heidegger, *Erläuterungen zu Hölderlins Dichtung*, Frankfurt a. M., 1981, p. 120]

18. We see, then, that in the heart of each person there is a mysterious connection between self-knowledge and openness to others, between the encounter with one’s personal uniqueness and the willingness to give oneself to others. We become ourselves only to the extent that we acquire the ability to acknowledge others, while only those who can acknowledge and accept themselves are then able to encounter others.

19. The heart is also capable of unifying and harmonizing our personal history, which may seem hopelessly fragmented, yet is the place where everything can make sense. The Gospel tells us this in speaking of Our Lady, who saw things with the heart. She was able to dialogue with the things she experienced by pondering them in her heart, treasuring their memory and viewing them in a greater perspective. The best expression of how the heart thinks is found in the two passages in Saint Luke’s Gospel that speak to us of how Mary “treasured (*syneterei*) all these things and pondered (*sybállousa*) them in her heart” (cf. Lk 2:19 and 51). The Greek verb *sybálllein*, “ponder”, evokes the image of putting two things together (“symbols”) in one’s mind and reflecting on them, in a dialogue with oneself. In Luke 2:51, the verb used is *dieterei*, which has the sense of “keep”. What Mary “kept” was not only her memory of what she had seen and heard, but also those aspects of it that she did not yet understand; these nonetheless remained present and alive in her memory, waiting to be “put together” in her heart.

By The Holy Father Pope Francis  
 (Continued next week)



# 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

INTROIT Isaias 45: 8 : Psalm 18: 2

RORATE cœli, désuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiátur terra, et gérmínet Salvatórem. Ps. Cœli enárrant glóriam Dei: et opera mánuum ejus annúntiat firmamentum. Glória Patri.

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. Ps. The heavens show forth the glory of God: and the firmament declareth the work of His hands. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

EXCITA, quæsumus, Dómine, poténtiam tuam, et veni: et magna nobis virtúte succúrre; ut per auxiliúm grátiae tuæ, quod nostra peccáta præpédiunt, indulgéntia tuæ propitiatiónis accéleret: Qui vivis et regnas.

Stir up Thy power and come, we pray Thee, O Lord, and with great might succour us; that our deliverance, which our sins impede, may be hastened by the help of Thy grace and the forgiveness of Thy mercy: Who livest and reigneth.

EPISTLE 1Corinthians4: 1-5

FRATRES: Sic nos existimet homo ut ministros Christi, et dispensatôres mysteriôrum Dei. Hic jam quaeritur inter dispensatôres, ut fidélis quis inveniátur. Mihi autem pro minimo est, ut a vobis júdicer aut ab humano die: sed neque meipsum júdico. Nihil enim mihi cóncius sum: sed non in hoc justificátus sum: qui autem júdicat me, Dóminus est. Itaque nolite ante tempus júdicare, quoadúsque véniat Dóminus: qui et illuminábit abscondita tenebrárum, et manifestábit consília córdium: et tunc laus erit unicuique a Deo.

Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of anything: yet am I not hereby justified, but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge not before the time, until the Lord come; who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

GRADUAL Psalm 144: 18, 21

PROPE est Dóminus ómnibus invocántibus eum: ómnibus qui invocant eum in veritaté. Laudem Dómini loquétur os meum: et benedicat omnis caro nomen sanctum ejus.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him: to all that call upon Him in truth. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless His holy name.

ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, alleluia. Veni, Dómine, et noli tardáre: reláxa facinora plebis tuæ Israël. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 3. 1-6

ANNO quinto décimo impérii Tibérii Caésaris, procuránte Póntio Pi-láto Judæam, tetrárcha autem Galilææ Heróde, Philíppo autem fratre ejus tetrárcha Iturææ et Trachonítidis regiónis, et Lysánia Abilínæ tetrárcha, sub princípibus sacerdotum Anna et Cáipha: factum est verbum Dómini super Joánem, Zachariæ filium, in desérto. Et venit in omnem regiónem Jordánis, prædicans baptismum pœniténtiæ in remissionem peccatórum, sicut scriptum est in libro sermónum Isaiæ prophète: Vox clamántis in desérto: Paráte viam Dómini: rectas fácite sémitas ejus: omnis vallis implébitur: et omnis mons et collis humiliábitur: et erunt prava in dirécta, et áspera in vias planas: et vidébit omnis caro salutáre Dei.

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high-priests Annas and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins, as it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make straight His paths: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY Luke 1, 28, 42

AVE María, grátia plena: Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

Hail Mary, full of grace: the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

SECRET

SACRIFÍCIIS præsentibus quæsumus, Dómine, placátus inténde: ut et devotióni nostræ proficiant et salúti. Per Dóminum.

Look down favorably upon these sacrifices, O Lord, we beseech Thee: that they may be profitable to our devotion and salvation. Through our Lord.

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## PREFACE OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

VERE dignum et justum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper, et ubique gratias agere: Domine sancta, Pater omnipotens, aeternae Deus. Qui cum unigenito Filio: tuo et Spiritu Sancto, unus es Deus, unus es Dominus: non in unius singularitate personae, sed in unius Trinitatis substantiae. Quo denique de tua Gloria, revelante te, credimus, hoc de Filio tuo, hoc de Spiritu Sancto, sine differentia discretionis sentimus. Ut in confessione verare, sempiternaeque Deitatis, et in personis proprietates, et in essentialibus unitas, et in maiestate adoretur aequalitas. Quam laudant Angeli atque Archangeli, Cherubim, quoque ac Seraphim: qui non cessant clamare quotidie, una voce dicentes:

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God: Who, together with Thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, are one God, one Lord: not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe by Thy revelation of Thy glory, the same do we believe of Thy Son, the same of the Holy Ghost, without difference or separation. So that in confessing the true and everlasting Godhead, distinction in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty may be adored. Which the Angels and Archangels, the Cherubim also and Seraphim do praise: who cease not daily to cry out with one voice saying:

ECCE virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel

## COMMUNION Isaiah 7. 14

Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son: and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

SUMPTIS munerebus, quaesumus, Domine: ut cum frequentatione mysterii, crescat nostrae salutis effectus. Per Dominum.

## POSTCOMMUNION

Having received Thy gifts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that with the frequentation of the mystery, the work of our salvation may increase. Through our Lord.

## CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE OF MASSES (EXTRAORDINARY FORM):

### Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24:

10:00 am Low Mass (no 6 pm Mass on this day)  
Christmas Carols in church at 11:30 pm

### Tuesday, December 31:

Chant of the *Te Deum* after the 6 pm Mass  
for a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions

### Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25:

12:00 am Midnight Mass, followed by **hot chocolate social**  
on the sidewalk  
7:00 am Low Mass with organ  
12:30 pm Low Mass with organ  
(no 6 pm Mass on this day)

### Octave of the Nativity: Wednesday, January 1: New Year's Day and Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 am Low Mass with organ  
12:30 pm Mass (no 6 pm Mass on this day)  
*Veni Creator* chanted before each Mass for a plenary indulgence  
under the usual conditions

## EXTRAORDINARY FORM MASSES AND DEVOTIONS:

### MASSES:

**Sunday, at 7:00 AM and 12:30 PM**  
**Monday - Wednesday and Friday,**  
**at 6:00 PM**

**Thursday, at 12:00 Noon**  
**Saturday, at 10:00 AM**

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before each Mass,  
and during Adoration on Fridays

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:**

Contact Canon Norman at (408) 600-4218 or  
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**ADORATION:** Every Friday, after the 6 pm Mass

### **1ST FRIDAY AND 1ST SATURDAY:**

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed  
Sacrament following Mass

### **MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

3rd Saturday of each month, after the 10am Mass  
(**Next:** December 21)

### **CATECHISM CLASSES (ZOOM)**

**Youth classes:** Tuesdays 4:00 PM

**Adult classes:** Saturdays 2:30 PM

**Prospective Catholics:** please contact

Canon Norman for the twice-monthly classes