



## PARISH BULLETIN

### FOR JANUARY 17, 2016

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 5pm: Nancy & Joseph Brady

Sun. 7am: Thanksgiving

8:30am: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

10:30am: *Pro Populo* (for the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary)

12:30pm: The Peter Martinez Family

Mon. 8am: +Virgil Garcia

6pm: Paul Gagliotti

Tues. 8am: +Virgil Garcia

6pm: +Angelita Santiago, +Feliza Alzate, +Francisca and  
+Domingo Guinayen

Wed. 8am: Fr. Stan Zak

6pm: The Dakudao - Fernandez Families

Thurs. 8am: +Virgil Garcia

12pm: +Gilbert St. John

6pm: +Alfred Blaker

Fri. 8am: +Virgil Garcia

6pm: Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone  
Sat. 8am: +Virgil Garcia  
10am: +E.C. Geiger  
5pm: *Pro Populo* (for the parishioners of St. Margaret Mary)

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved-one or for your intentions, please contact the Parish Office. **There are Masses still open for January 26, February 6, 10-13, 15-20, 23-27, and 29.**

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**Please keep in your prayers....** Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Lianne Claver; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Brad O’Leary; Titus Ekanem; Elisa & Giovanni Mancarti; Vic and Nancy Miloslavich; Kathryn Rieger; Judy & Louis Delligatti; Eugenia Hunter; Rose Bloom; Stella Lurton; Sue Weber; Cornelius McCauley; Laura Montgomery; Sara Zendejas; Rosaline White; Josephine Palacios; Annie Bozzardi; Francis Martinez, Mike Rodriguez; Patrick Ventanilla; Paul Ehrfurth; John Ehrfurth; Lily McWilliams; Anaidel Perezarevalo; Janice Siliger; Claudia Bermudez; Robert Martinez, Laverne Seliger; Eddie Martinez; Jim Gilheany; Nathan Knight.

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***In Memoriam:*** +Virgil Garcia, +Bill Leitaio, +Inetta Calori, +Michael Smith, +Rolando “Ron” Arnaldo, +Taro Yamaguchi. ***Requiescat in pace.***

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**The Beginning of “The Hour”** When the wine gave out at Cana, it is interesting to note that Mary was more concerned with the guests than was the wine-steward; for it was she, not he, who noticed their need of wine.

Mary turned to her Divine Son in a perfect spirit of prayer. Completely confident in Him and trusting in His mercy, she said, “They have no wine left” (John 2:3).

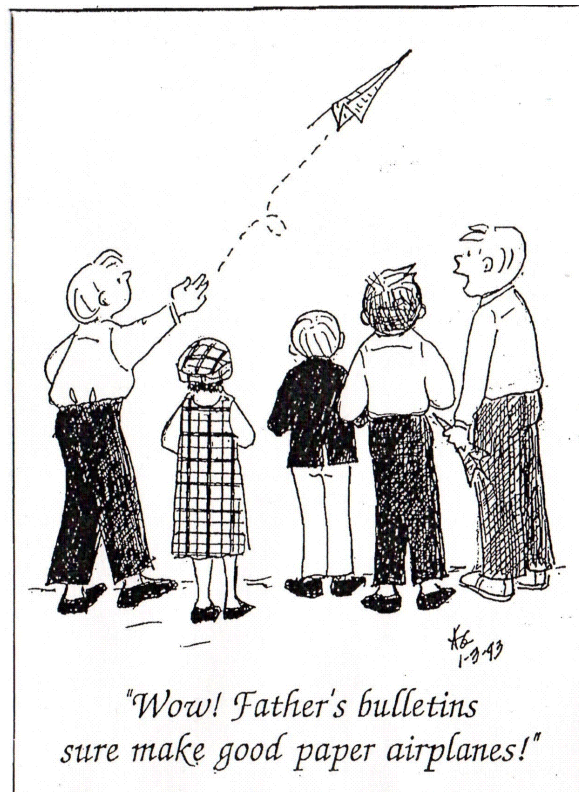
It was not a personal request; she was already a mediatrix for all who were seeking the fullness of joy. She has never been just a spectator, but a full participant willingly involving herself in the needs of others. The mother used the special power which she had as a mother over her Son, a power generated by mutual love. He answered her with apparent hesitation: “Your concern, mother, is not mine. My hour has not yet come” (John 2:4)...

In order to understand His meaning more fully, consider the words, “My hour is not yet come.” The ‘Hour’ obviously refers to His Cross. Whenever the word ‘Hour’ is used in the New Testament, it is used in relation to His Passion, death, and glory. References to this ‘Hour’ are made seven times in John alone.

The ‘Hour,’ therefore, referred to His glorification through his Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. At Cana, Our Lord was referring to Calvary and saying that the time appointed for beginning the task of Redemption was not yet at hand. His mother was asking for a miracle; He was implying that a miracle worked as a sign of His Divinity would be the beginning of His Death. The moment he showed himself before men as the Son of God, He would draw down upon Himself their hatred, for evil can tolerate mediocrity, but not supreme goodness. The miracle she was asking for would be unmistakably related to His Resurrection.

There were, in His life, two occasions when His human nature seemed to show an unwillingness to take on His burden of suffering. In the Garden, He asked His Father if it be possible to take away His chalice of woe. But he immediately afterward acquiesced in his Father’s will: “Not My will, but Thine be done.” The same apparent reluctance was also manifested in the face of the will of His mother. Cana was a rehearsal for Golgotha. He was not questioning the wisdom of beginning His Public Life and going to death at this particular point in time; it was rather a question of submitting His reluctant human nature to obedience to the Cross. There is a striking parallel

between His Father's bidding Him to his public death and His mother's bidding Him to His public life. Obedience triumphed in both cases; at Cana, the water changed into wine; at Calvary, the wine was changed into blood. (Taken from *Life Of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen)



(Taken from *Father's Flock of St. Margaret Mary's Parish* by Arden Glass)

Our annual Parish's **Novena For the Sick** begins on February 6th at the Vigil Mass at 5pm and continues through February 11th—the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick. To include your loved-ones in the Novena, please write their names in the form found in the pews and in the vestibule (please write the names in capital letters). Then please send the form and your donation to the Parish. Their names will be entered in the Book of Prayer for the Sick, and the Novena Masses will be offered for their intentions. During the days of the Novena, the Book of Prayer will be enshrined before the image of Our Lady of Lourdes. ●

## **WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST:**

The 12th Annual **Walk For Life** West Coast is this coming Saturday, January 23. The Parish's JP2 Youth Group is joining the Walk again this year and will be attending the morning Mass at the Cathedral in San Francisco at 9.30am. Fr. Glenn is planning to join the Mass. The youth of the Parish will be among those leading the walk near the front. Some from the Parish will be joining Canon Meney by gathering at a designated spot at the Civic Center Plaza (the third flag pole counting from the building on the right as you look at the Civic Center). Join us and make a statement in support for the sanctity of life. ●

This week's **second collection** is for the Seminary. Last week's second collection for Bishop's Appeal totaled \$1,388.82. Next week's second collection will be for the Insurance and Diocesan Assessment. Thank you for your support. May God reward your generosity.

**CCD and Religious Education Classes** offered this Fall: Pre-First Communion (Grade 1); First Holy Communion (Grade 2), Post First Communion (Grades 3-4), Grades 5 and 6, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes. We also have the Teen Youth Group (Post Confirmation). ●

**Catechesis for those who desire to be baptized or received** in the Catholic Church are held on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Rectory. Instructors are: Dr. Steve Cortright, Dr. Lynn Suer. Call the Parish Office for information. ●

**To all who donated towards Christmas poinsettias in memory of their loved ones, many thanks. Thanks go to:** Andrada, James; Basich, Helen; Bodie, John and Margaret; Brady, James and Nancy; Burkart, John and Valerie; Cerdenola, Priscilla; Connolly, Sean and Leiyan; Corley, Evan and Jennifer; Cumbelich, William and Sara; D'Souza, Nina; DaSilva, Grace; Day, Evelyn; De Ornelas, Maria; England, Carl; Franz, Larry; Grayson, Louise; Gulbransen, Jerry; Harris, Randolph and Bridgett; Isquirdo, Margaret

and Diana; Jackson, Bernice; Kasdan, Diane; Kelly, Irene; Kiker, Jonathan and Rachel; Lange, Margaret; Lanzar, Ramon and Myrna; Linder, Rita; Maderious, Arlene; Matias, Rom and Amelia; Montgomery, Laura; Navaraini, Moreno and Nancy; Ngai, Cindy; O'Connor, Steve and Linda; Porcuna, Alejandro; Rekey, Cecilia; Rose, Douglas; Sevilla, Josefina; Sharrar, Mary Lou; Torres, Marguerite; Vieira; Watkins, Evan; Wikes, Brion and Claudia Bermudez; Wyborny, Mark and Lucia; Zeitz, Douglas and Karen. ●

**Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy**, A Multimedia Drama with a Message of Mercy,  
Sun. Jan. 31, 7pm at Castro Valley Center for the Arts. Admission: \$15 each/  
\$12 Seniors and Youth under 17/\$40 per family of 4. Call Our Lady of Grace  
for tickets and information: (510) 537-0806 (Sponsored by OLG Church and  
School). ●

### **Alive To God**

In Matins of the Dead the words of the invitatory run: *Deum, cui omnia vivunt, venite adoremus*—"To God, all things are alive; O come, let us adore him".

All things, not all men; the body, which is dead to us, is still alive to God. Every particle of that dust is still obedient to his creative will; the same Power that once gave it freedom of movement is now exercised to imprison it in stillness; the same law which once ordained its growth now dooms it to decay. That, after all, is the astonishing fact: nothing can exist away from God; everything must, of necessity, come from him and tend to him. As the circle exists because each point on the circumference is in a particular relation to its centre, so the universe exists because everything in it is in a particular relation to God. As the satellites revolve round the planet, so everything in its creation keeps its place there by keeping its proper distance from God, who is its sphere. As the flowers open to the sun from which their vigor has returned to them, so in the natural and in the supernatural order all

things turn continually towards God, who is their sun. All things are alive to God, react to him.

Do you doubt it? Then watch the actions of the Son of God, listen to the words of the Son of God, when he came to earth. You are crossing an inland sea in an open rowing-boat; suddenly, lashed by the draught that comes down through the funnel of those hills, the water rises about you in mountainous waves, tossing the boat from crest to crest, terrifying. They seem, those waves, to have all the greed and the fury of wild beasts; you have the illusion that the whole purpose of their ravaging is to overwhelm this particular craft, in which you are voyaging—ah, if that were only so! Living beasts might be amenable to some trick of human mastery; these waves are senseless things; there is no art by which a human will can impose itself on them. But, wait a moment. One of your fellow passengers rises from the bows of the boat, where he lay asleep, and looks out over those roaring billows as if they were a sea of children who had become too noisy over their play. With the tired but calm voice of a grown-up who knows how to deal with children, he says, “Peace, be still.” And there is a dead hush instantly, a hush, almost, of expectancy, as if that noisy company were waiting to hear what game they should play next. (Taken from *A Retreat For Lay People* by Ronald Knox).



Thank you to Mary Sullivan who served the priests lunch for the **Monthly Holy Hour for Priests** in December. The main volunteer (the cook) has been procured for the remaining months from Jan. to May, but we can use some extra volunteers to help out. If you are available to help on any specific month, please contact Lily Mullen to sign up at [lily.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com) or (925)827-1946. The priests who attend this monthly morning of prayer and recollection appreciate our efforts to provide a homemade meal and serve them. In this little way we say ‘Thank You’ for their ministry to us. ● Won’t you consider serving?

Because of computing error found in last week's Collection update, we're publishing the corrected data for January 2nd and 3rd:

<b>Corrected update</b>	<b>January 2nd and 3rd</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Actual- 1st plate	\$3,594	\$3,594
Parish Pay-1st plate	\$1,160	\$1,160
Total 1st plate	\$4,754	\$4,754
Goal	\$6,400	\$332,800
(Year-end goal)		
Shortfall	\$1,646	\$328,046

<b>Weekly update</b>	<b>January 9th and 10th</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
Actual - 1st Plate	\$5,134	\$8,728
Parish Pay 1st Plate	\$1,160	\$2,320
Total 1st Plate	\$6,294	\$11,048
Goal \$6,400		\$332,800
(Year-end goal)		
Shortfall	\$106	\$321,752

### **MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND**

Prelude: "Miniatures on Carols", by June Nixon

Hymns #331 Of the Father's love begotten #334 Good Christian

5pm (Sat.) "Heritage Mass", Altsott

10:30am: St. Vladimir's Mass, Ellis

12:30pm: Gregorian Mass IV, Chorus Magnificat

Postlude: "Noel Toccata" G. Young

**END OF PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

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