



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**  
**Saturday / Sunday December 24 & 25, 2016**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. Dec. 24: 5pm: *Pro Populo*  
10pm: *Pro Populo*  
12(midnight): *Pro Populo*

Sun. Dec. 25: 7am: Suzanne Board  
8:30am: All Benefactors  
10:30am: All Benefactors  
12:30pm: All Benefactors

Mon. Dec. 26: 8am: †Gordon Cooper  
6pm: Monica Roberts

Tues. Dec. 27: 8am: Gladys Isedu  
6pm: Reno Masini

Wed. Dec. 28: 8am: †Stephen Lipovich

6pm: Souls in Purgatory

Thu. Dec. 29: 8am: Fr. Glenn Naguit  
12pm: †Santiago Jose E. Dakudao  
6pm: Rose Stone

Fri. Dec. 30: 8am: The Brady Family  
6pm: Pam's Family

Sat. Dec. 31: 8am: Gladys Isedu  
10am: Can. Olivier Meney  
5pm: †Stephen Fulcaas

**There are Masses still open for intentions on January 22, 25 - 28, and 30-31.**

**Please keep in your prayers....** Fr. Paul Schmidt, Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Mary Walker; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Brad O'Leary; Titus Ekanem; Elisa Mancarti; Vic and Nancy Miloslavich; Kathryn Rieger; Judy & Louis Delligatti; Rose Bloom; Stella Lurton; Sue Weber; Cornelius McCauley; Laura Montgomery; Sara Zendejas; Rosaline White; Josephine Palacios; Francis Martinez, Mike Rodriguez; Paul Ehrfurth; John Ehrfurth; Lily McWilliams; 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, Garrett McGowan.

***In Memoriam:*** +Jeffrey Garland, +Myrna Lanzar, +Barbara Shadix, +Virgil Garcia, +Wanda Krawczyk, +Bill Leitaο, +Michael Smith, +Eugenia Hunter, +Ursula Edwards. ***Requiescant in pace.***

### **MESSAGE FROM FR. GLENN NAGUIT**

Christmastime brings families together. This season of gifts, of carols, and of lights conjure warm and fond memories of family gatherings, and they create memories for our little ones. And so this holy season continues to remind us that the King of the universe, the Messiah, was born into a family, thus dignifying family life and all families.

Having been part of this Parish family of St. Margaret Mary for a little over a year, I continue to be heartened by the strong faith of the families and households that make up our community. Your spiritual and physical wellbeing have been the constant subject of my prayers. Join me in offering prayers for all who join us for Holy Mass, for we are all in this journey toward God Almighty together as members of God's Family, the Church.

I wish you and yours a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

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I would like to thank all who planned, organized, and participated on the recent Bake Sale. There are quite a few names to list for thanks, but for fear of missing a name, I will mention only one: a special thanks must go to **Betty Garland** who patiently and cheerfully manned the till for at least a couple of hours. Thanks Betty.

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Please join us for a **New Year's Eve celebration** in the Parish Hall on New Year's Eve after the 5pm Vigil Mass. Towards the end of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, followed by Benediction. Then we will sing the beautiful hymn *Te Deum*, in praise of God Almighty. There is an **indulgence** attached to singing or reciting the Te Deum in Church on New Year's Eve, just as there is an indulgence attached to singing or reciting the hymn to the Holy Spirit, Veni Creator Spiritus in Church on New Year's Day, which we will offer on all Masses on New Year's Day.

After these devotions, we will gather at Kozina Hall for roasted pig, savory noodles, salad, and dessert. Please join us!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please join us for an evening of music, raffle prizes, and delicious crab. The **Knights of Columbus' Crab Feed** will be held Saturday, January 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Reservations are necessary. Sign up sheets will be in the vestibule of the church. Proceeds from the dinner go toward the purchase of a prenatal ultrasound machine.



There is a custom in the Parish of giving a **blessing to those who are expecting a baby**. If you're pregnant and wish to receive a blessing, please speak to the priest after Mass for the blessing. Likewise, couples who wish to receive a **blessing on their marriage or to renew their wedding vows** may do so at any time of the year: either on their anniversary or on any other special day. Please approach the priest for the blessing.



**Baptism classes** are required for first babies or new parishioners, and should be scheduled before the arrival of the baby if possible. One month's notice is highly recommended, unless there is an emergency regarding the health of the baby.



Through February 2017, we have volunteers to prepare and serve luncheon to the visiting priests for the monthly **Holy Hour** for priests. We still need volunteers for April only. There are usually 8-12 priests.

The simple meatless meal can be prepared in the hall's kitchen or at home and brought in; then served. Two people per Friday are needed to do this. 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. Get a friend (or two) and sign up for a particular month to do this act of charity

towards the priests of our parish and those who join them for the morning of recollection. and Merciful God will richly bless your generosity towards them.

Please contact Lily Mullen (925)827-1946 or [lily.mullen@gmail.com](mailto:lily.mullen@gmail.com) for more information, or to put your name on the schedule.



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.



Once again **Teen Talks** will be offered several times throughout the year. The talks are geared towards today's topics, to help give support to our youth, to learn about Truth, to keep kids remain Catholic. the bulletin for further information.



St. Margaret Mary's **Young Adult Group** for those in their 20's and 30's meets on Tuesdays at 7PM in the parish hall. join us on Tuesdays to discuss interesting topics and then we'll attend a local establishment for some Catholic camaraderie! Please note the second Tuesdays of the month the group will meet for Mass at 6PM and then head off to some local eatery. Next meeting is in January. Please stay tuned for the date. If you have any questions, please contact Joni at [joni@durlingfamily.net](mailto:joni@durlingfamily.net) or 925-550-3122.



On every second Sunday, please join us at the Kozina Hall for a **Donut Sunday reception** from 11:30a.m. to 1p.m.



Are you an adult disciple who hungers for a deeper encounter with the person and the way of Jesus Christ? Then you will want to join other seekers in this inspiring course as Dr. Margaret Turek leads you to not only understand Jesus' person in light of the beatitudes but also to appreciate the

beatitudes as a spiritual road map to follow him. This course is one of six being offered at the Diocesan School for Pastoral Ministry. Classes start on February 11 and meet every 2nd Saturday through June 10. Visit [oakdiocese.org/spm](http://oakdiocese.org/spm) for more information or contact Sandra Martinez, see above. Deadline to register is January 4.



Join the **Sisters of Life and the Dominican Friars** for the annual Vigil for Life at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in San Francisco on Friday, January 20. Vespers begins at 5:00 pm, Mass begins at 5:30 pm, and Holy Hour with reflection, prayerful music, and Confession begins after Mass until 8:00 pm.



**Bishop's Appeal 2016 Update:** The actual funds raised on behalf of the Parish is \$18,450.88 which is 100.14% of the Parish Goal of \$18,424.95. We have reached the goal set for St. Margaret Mary. Many thanks for your contribution!



This week's **second collection** is for the the Insurance & Diocesan Assessment. The amount collected for the Catholic Voice totaled \$851. The second collection next week is for the Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

Weekly update	December 17 & 18	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$5,321	\$235,741
Parish Pay 1st Plate	\$1,160	\$75,075
Total 1st Plate	\$6,481	\$310,816
Goal	\$6,400	\$330,000
Shortfall	0	(-\$19,184)



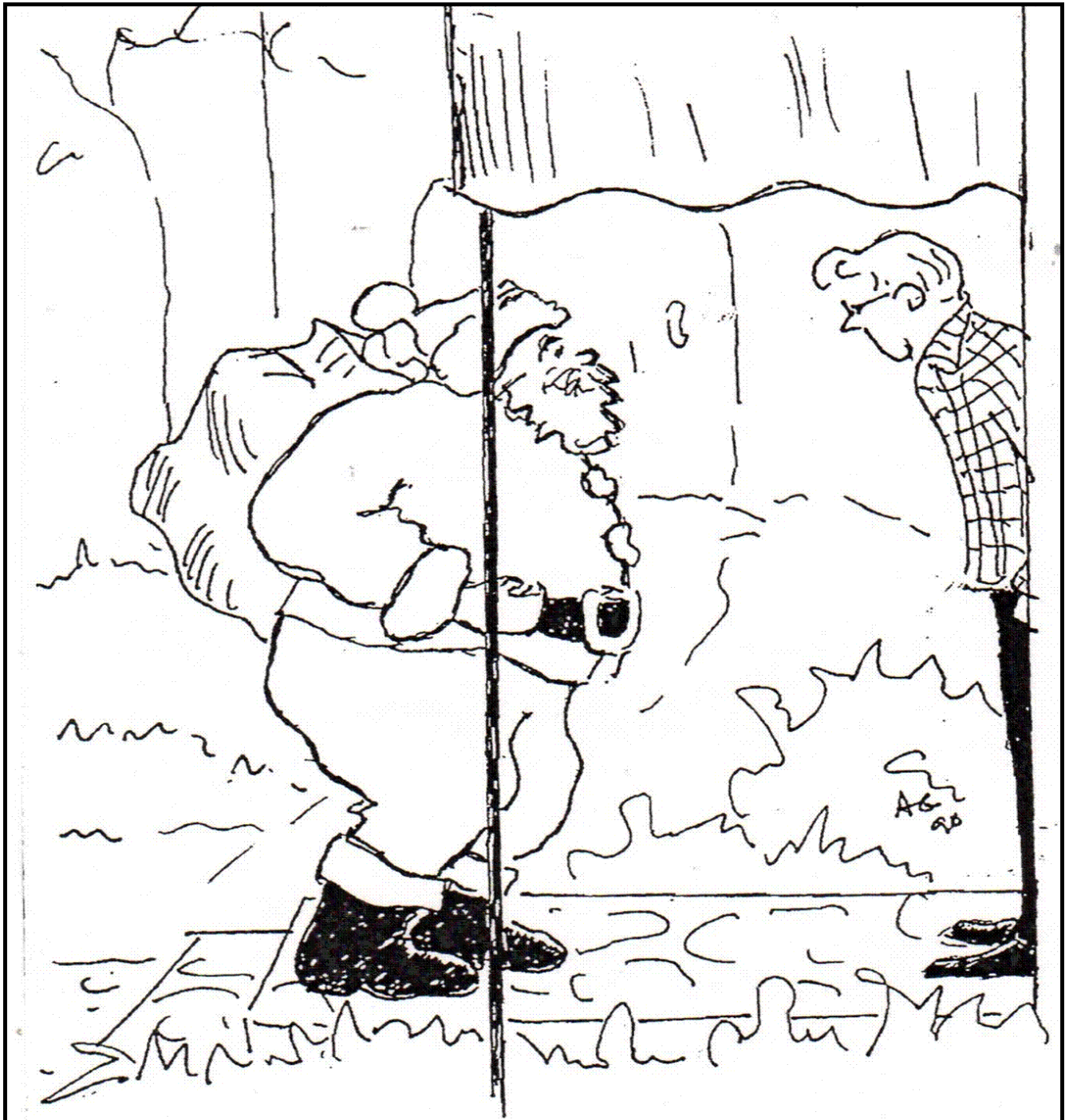
## MUSIC

**Hymns:** #321 Adeste; #338 Silent Night; #320 Joy to the World

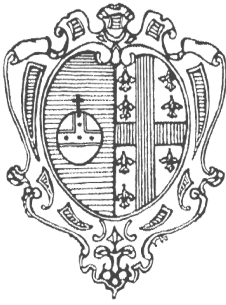
**Vigil Mass at 5pm:** Mass of the Angels, TORCH choir

**Mass at 10pm:** Mass of the Angels, cantor & organ **Christmas Mass**

**during the Day, 10:30am:** Mass of the Angels/Missa Adeste Fideles



*"I couldn't find a chimney so  
I had to ring the doorbell!"*



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## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

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

For Current Schedules & Events, please check the Institute of Christ the King's Weekly Bulletin:

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# CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 25, 2016

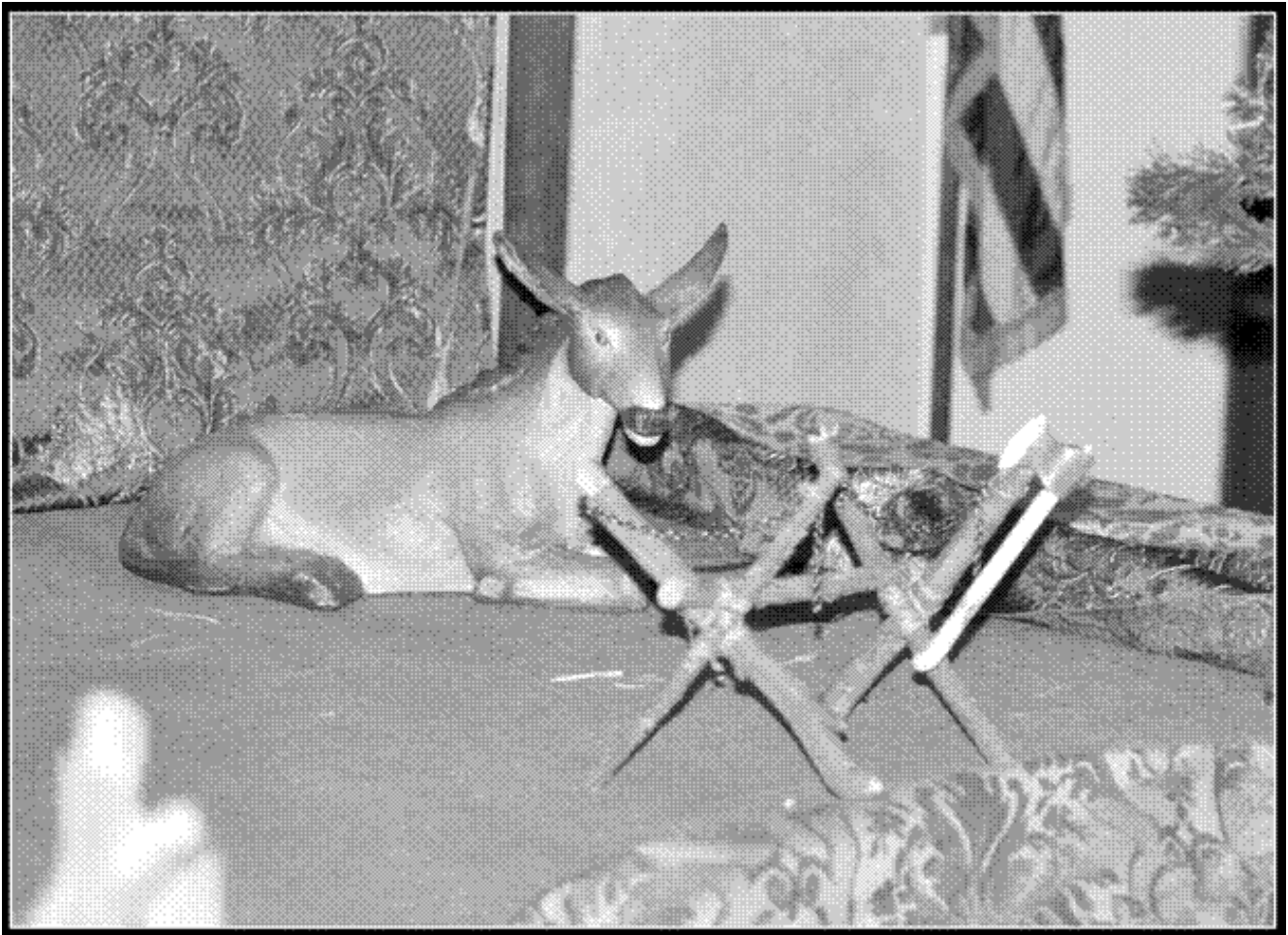
## ON THE NATIVITY SCENE

The tradition of setting a Nativity scene comes from Saint Francis of Assisi. The art of making them the most beautiful possible and a feast for the eyes of children and adults developed with ages of practice. Neapolitan Creches have reached a level of perfection. All characters are carefully crafted and clothed in rich fabrics. Throughout Italy we find them in all churches. Their preparation became quite a competition among parishes. Lights, trees, rock paper, magnificent characters, sometimes animated, are part of the displays. In France that is without any doubt in the south, in Provence that we find the



culture of Creches. The characters are usually of small sizes, made out of clay, of simple make. But beside the most obvious figure to be there, Mary, Joseph, the Ox, the Donkey, few Shepherds and their flock, followed by the three kings, comes a multitude of people representing the all city or village. Parish priest, baker, farmers, wine makers, geese feeder, the “ravi”, or village 'fool', imagination and number of characters grows with the passing years...

Our Nativity scene is pretty small but rich of symbolisms that are explained below.



Set on the First Sunday of Advent, the custom is to build it up until Christmas, culminating with the solemn reposition of the Infant Jesus during Midnight Mass.

The barn, work of Mr. Mullen, is the heart of the scene. Everything is about it. It will become the House of God, the gate from heaven. Empty at first, it

gets prepared to receive the Holy Family. The humble cave that used to be home for animals becomes the palace of the King of the King. Hence the contrast with the rich dark blue fabric. Contrarily to the inhabitant of Jerusalem at the time, we now know who is coming and want to be prepared.

Through the window, we can see a view of the walls of the City of Jerusalem. Three doctors of the synagogue are discussing about Holy Scripture in front of the Golden Gate. This is a particular feature of the Great Wall of Jerusalem. It is the only door on the east wall. On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered the City through it. This gate now has been walled. Tradition is that when the Messiah will come, he will pass through this closed gate. Fathers of the Church saw here an image of the miraculous birth of Our Lord coming into the world through the virginal womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Under the city, behind the barn is this lonely lamb... image of the Lost One, reason of the coming of the Savior on earth.

The manger made with four sticks and two chains reflects the finding of the archeologists who opened the reliquary set in Saint Mary Major in Rome and containing the few remains of the actual manger in which Jesus was laid in swaddling clothes. It was not difficult to know what it looked like.

Under the manger, there are three pebbles that came from Holy Land.

The bundle of wood is made of vines mixed with wheat, obvious symbols of the Eucharist to come.

On the top of the mountain, shepherds keep their flock.... See the angel announcing the birth of Jesus....

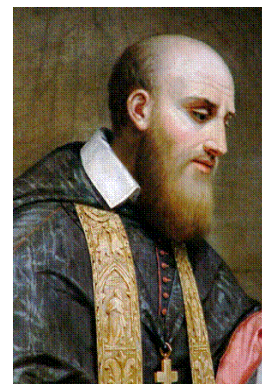
The little dog refers to the chapel of the nativity in Bethlehem. All paintings that you can see there feature this dog.

May The Little Child help us to retrieve the spirit of infancy and the desire of being of good will.

## Men's 3-Day Silent Retreat

In the Spirit of St. Francis de Sales,  
preached by Canons  
**January 27-29, 2017**  
at the Holy Redeemer Center, Oakland  
Cost for the weekend: \$185

Please contact Canon Ueda  
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**OUR OAKLAND APOSTOLATE IS  
IN NEED OF YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Please donate**  
to the Institute for our Apostolate.

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

You can also go to the Institute's website at [www.institute-christ-king.org](http://www.institute-christ-king.org) and click  
on  
"St. Margaret Mary Oakland, CA,"  
then click on "Donate."  
**Many thanks for your support.**



Canon Meney

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