



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday / Sunday March 4 & 5, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Mar. 4- 5pm: Joseph Brady, Shannon Brady

Sun. Mar. 5- 7am:
8:30am: *Pro Populo*
10:30am: †Helen Geiger
12:30pm: Alex Roberts

Mon. Mar. 6- 8am: †Paddy O'Dwyer
6pm: Christopher Cortez

Tues. Mar. 7- 8am: †Rogelio & Juanita DeGuzman
6pm: †Nicolas Dela Cruz Wijangco

Wed. Mar. 8- 8am: Phuong Nguyen
6pm: The Inst. Of Christ the King
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Thu. Mar. 9- 8am: †Mae & Earl Braten
12pm: †Augusto Garcia

Fri. Mar.10- 8am: †Ruby Toro
6pm: †Emilio & Catalina Abella

Sat. Mar.11- 8am: Dana Michelle Baicher
10am: Shelly A. Reyes
5pm: †Cornelius McCauley

There are Masses still open for intentions on April 17, 20-22, and 24-30.

Please keep in your prayers....Fr. Stan Zak, Fr. Bill Marshall; Mary Walker; Alex Porcuna; Lewis Mullen; Carmel Mahoney; Nancy Duenas; Brad O'Leary; Elisa Mancarti; 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; 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, John Benish, Diane Kasdan.

Confessions Of A Roman Catholic

The first of these surprising revelations had to do with the intrinsic structure of Christ's true church. In the most literal and absolute sense Christ's true church is a body, I learned. Further, this body is not a group body, like a body of people, but is an organic and spiritual entity, like the body of a single person. Further, this body, the true Christian Church, is not strictly a human

body but is akin to being a divine body - this is by virtue of the fact that it is the Mystical Body of Christ Himself. Actually, albeit mystically, Christ's true faithful constitute the members of His church body, while he reigns in Heaven as the Head of His church body.

And where does the Bible say such a thing? This significant truism is expressed in a great number of Bible passages, but it is most apparent in the following:

"And he is the head of the body, the church." (Col. 1:18). "But now there are many members indeed, yet one body... Now you are the body of Christ, and members of member." (I Cor. 12:20-27) "Because we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." (Eph. 5:30) "For as in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office: So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." (Rom. 12:4-5) "Know you not that your bodies are the members of Christ?" (I Cor. 6:15). Because the body of Christ is one body, His Church must perforce be one body also:

"There shall be one fold and one shepherd." (John 10:16). "Careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. One body and one Spirit; as you are called in one hope of your calling. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in us all." (Eph. 4:3-6). "Now I beseech you, brethren, to mark them who make dissensions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17). Because a special supernatural grace was needed to cement permanently the unity of His Church, Christ provided that special supernatural grace – had His Church sanctified in truth:

"These things Jesus spoke, and lifting up his eyes to Heaven, he said... Holy Father, keep them in my name whom thou hast given me; that they may be one, as we also are... sanctify them in truth. Thy word is truth... that they all may be one, as thou, Father, in me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us (John 17:1-23). (Paul Whitcomb)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This year's **40-Hour Devotion** of the Blessed Sacrament is on March 10-12 (Friday-Sunday). Exposition begins at 2pm (March 10) followed by

confessions and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. The Devotion ends with the 7am Mass on Sunday.

On March 11th (Saturday), **Fr. Francisco Nahoe, OFM, Conv.** will give a Parish retreat. The schedule is as follows.

- 11.30am First Conference (on the Institution of the Eucharist) begins at 11.30am.
- 12.30pm: Lunch in the Parish Hall (light lunch served).
- 1.30pm: Rosary
- 2pm: Second Conference (*Lauda Sion: Expressing the piety of the Church*).
- 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet



Raymond Cardinal Burke will be offering the Mass in the Extraordinary Form at our Parish on March 19 at 12.30pm. There will be a reception following Mass in the courtyard.

A great friend of the Institute of Christ the King, His Eminence was invited by Canon Meney to St. Margaret Mary to offer Mass.

Cardinal Burke will then deliver a conference at the Cathedral later in the afternoon at 5pm, followed by Benediction.



Many thanks to **Ron and Joni Durling** for planning and organizing the Mardi Gras celebration two Fridays ago. A fun night was had by all!



St. Vincent DePaul is in need of pants for men of any size. A donation cart is in the vestibule for those who wish to donate very lightly-used pants for men. Thanks!



If you are interested in becoming part of the **Legion of Mary** at St. Margaret Mary, a new group (*praesidium*) is being planned. We would like to invite you to join this lay apostolate whose objective is the sanctification of each of its members through prayer and apostolic work. The Legion is open to all Catholics who have a devotion to Our Blessed Mother. For more

information about the Legion, please call Tessie de la Paz at (510) 693-1096.



St. Margaret Mary's **Young Adult Group** for those in their 20's and 30's meets on third Fridays at 7PM in the parish hall. join us to discuss interesting topics and then we'll attend a local establishment for some Catholic camaraderie!



We have volunteers to prepare and serve luncheon through May for visiting priests who come for the monthly **Holy Hour For Priests**. But if you're interested in helping in the fall, please contact Lily Mullen. The simple meatless meal can be prepared in the Hall's kitchen or at home and brought in; then served. 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.

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



From the Bishop's Office: Bishop Barber in a decree given on Feb. 22nd has granted to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as to all present here a **dispensation from abstinence from meat and meat products** on the feast-day of St. Patrick, which this year falls on March 17, a Lenten Friday, usually a day of fasting and abstinence.

The Bishop encourages all who make use of this dispensation to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day.



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 or the parish office 510.482.0596.



Parents who are expecting a child may receive a special blessing. 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.



Lenten reflections by Bishop Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet (1627-1704) are available. His great piety and simple eloquence won him renown as one of the greatest preachers of his time. From Bishop Bossuet's sermons and spiritual writings, believers drew ever greater Lenten wisdom and strength.

Translator Christopher Blum has selected from Bishop Bossuet's voluminous works fifty brief but remarkably powerful meditations that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful and fruitful Lent.

If you read and meditate briefly on just one of them each day in Lent, this good French bishop's eloquence will soon have you not merely remembering the events of Christ's journey to His Crucifixion; it will have you spiritually walking with Him on that journey . . . which is precisely what we are called to do in Lent!

With Bossuet, this Lent you will find yourself saying, "O Jesus! I present myself to you to make my journey in your company. O my Savior, receive your traveler! Here I am ready, holding on to nothing. Let me go with You to the Father."

That's the fire that should burn in the heart of all Christians. This Lent, let Bishop Bossuet enkindle it in yours.

Bishop's Bossuet's Lenten reflections and more are available if you sign-in to FORMED.ORG, using the Parish code 7328CP and your email address. This subscription is free through December 2017.





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"You know, Father, I think weeds are just like sin. No matter how hard you try to get rid of them, they keep on coming back!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued:

The following regulations regarding fasting and abstinence are observed in the United States: Catholics ages 14 and over are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast – eat one full meal – on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted if necessary to maintain strength, But eating between meals should be avoided. These obligations, however, do not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.

The Lenten season is a special opportunity to grow spiritually through other penitential practices, especially those of self-denial, almsgiving, and through work of kindness and compassion.



The second collection this weekend is for the **Building Fund**. The collection for Bishop's Appeal totaled \$1,423. Next week's second collection is also for the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your support!

Weekly update	Feb. 18 & 19	Year-to-Date
Actual - 1st Plate	\$4,332	\$35,553
Parish Pay 1st Plate	\$1,160	\$11,055
Total 1st Plate	\$5,492	\$46,608
Goal \$6,400	\$51,200	
Shortfall (-\$908)	(-\$4,592)	



MUSIC

Hymns for today: #365 , Domine (recessional)

5pm (Sat.) Heritage Mass, Alstott.

10:30am: Mass for Lent, by Charlotte Ellis

During the season of Lent, organ will be silent and will play only to sustain the singing.

The Great Combat

On this day, which is the real beginning of Lent, the Church invites us to the great combat, the struggle against sin which will bring us to the Easter resurrection. Our model is Jesus, who although exempt from the incitements of concupiscence, willed to be tempted by the devil for us, in order to have “compassion on our infirmities” (Heb. 4: 15).

After forty days of rigorous fast, while He is feeling the pangs of hunger, Jesus is tempted by Satan to change stones into bread. No one can undertake a serious program of penance or mortification without feeling its discomforts; but that is the time to resist the insinuating voices which invite us to condescend to the demands of nature; that is the time to reply with Jesus, “not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God” (Matt 4:1-11).

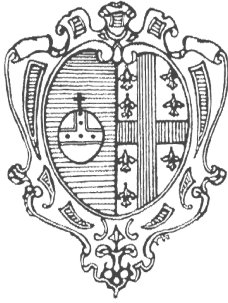
Man’s life is far more dependent on the will of God than on material food. If we are convinced of this truth, we shall have the courage to submit to privations, trusting in divine Providence for our sustenance.

Jesus was next tempted to pride. “If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down...and in their hands the angels shall bear thee up.” Such a miracle would have aroused the admiration and enthusiasm of the people, but Jesus knew that His Father had chosen an entirely different way for Him—the way of humiliations rather than of triumphs, the way of the Cross and of death. Because He had no desire to escape from this way, He resolutely rejected the suggestion to pride. The best means of conquering temptations to pride and vanity is to choose exactly what humiliates us and makes us appear little in the eyes of others.

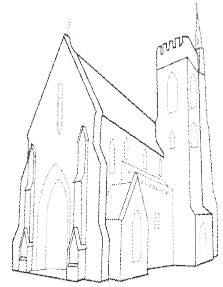
The devil returns to the attack and tempts Jesus to avarice: “All these will I give thee, if falling down thou wilt adore me.” But Jesus replies, “The Lord thy God shalt thou adore and him only shalt thou serve!” He whose heart is firmly anchored in God will never be drawn away from His service by an attraction for, or envy of, earthly things. But if this strong adherence to

God is weakened or lost, the temptations to avarice will often succeed in making even those stray who have a special vocation to be “serving God alone.”

Jesus was tempted because He willed it. We, however, are tempted without willing it, and often against our will. The temptation of Jesus was wholly exterior, for it found no echo within Him; on the contrary, our nature, wounded by the triple concupiscence of the flesh, of pride, and of avarice is...itself the source of many temptations. (From *Divine Intimacy* by Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalene, OCD)



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ON THE PRAYER QUAM OBLATIONEM

Before getting on the words themselves of the prayers touching the Consecration, let us first review what do the diverse creeds and theology of the Church teaches us. Saint Ambrose vouchsafes for the divine origin of all the words of this prayer: "Humbly we pray thee, O God, be pleased to make this same offering wholly blessed, to consecrate it and approve it, making it reasonable and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ". The Doctor of the Church goes on to affirm that these words, "this benediction has a greater strength than nature, since they even change nature." The words added by the Church bring upon and express the meaning of the blessing for the change.

Even though the mere blessing or a simple prayer of Jesus Christ could have operated the change of the bread

in His Body, and of the wine in His Blood in the same manner as His, will changed the jars of water into Wine in Cana, or His blessing multiplied bread, the Fathers of the Church insist upon the fact that Jesus used those words: “this is My Body,” “This is My Blood”.

The consecration that occurs every day on our altars is the consequence of the command of Jesus Christ: “Do it in memory of me”. Jesus prayed, blessed and said these words, “ this is my Body”, therefore, we pray, bless and say the same words. Added words come from divine Tradition, that Saint Basil call the “unwritten doctrine”.

Saint Justin says something very similar: “We know that the ailment aimed to be our ordinary food are changed by prayers into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ because indeed these prayers hold the words of Jesus Christ and all necessary matters that need to be done along.

The annual retreat is May 26-28, 2017

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Checks payable to Institute of Christ the King.
Envelopes are provided in the back of the church.

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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.