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SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
(Mass Propers available in the Parish Bulletin)

Dear Faithful,

This Gaudete Sunday, on which we rejoice at the nearness of Our Lord's Nativity, the Collect of the Mass subtly hints at the motive for supernatural joy:

"Incline Thine ear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to our petitions: and, by the grace of Thy visitation, enlighten the darkness of our minds: Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end."

Seeing us in the miserable state in which we find ourselves, our minds darkened and our wills weakened by the effects of Original Sin, God takes pity on us. He bends low to hear our prayers, and to aid us in all our needs. That we have a Father who is at once all-powerful and infinite, and at the same time so close to and so good to His creatures! Behold the source of our joy, even in tribulation.

The St. Margaret Mary Parish **Christmas Market**, including a bake sale, is taking place after all Masses this Sunday. We will not have our regular Sunday reception, but some refreshments will be made available on the sidewalk. Some of the faithful will also be **making tacos, quesadillas and nachos** and selling them at the Christmas Market in Fr. Kozina Hall. Sounds delicious!

How are your **Christmas decorations coming?** If you haven't begun putting up the decorations, such as holly and ornaments, it's about that time. The symbolism of evergreens is the victory of Christ over death and the eternal life He promises to all who believe in Him and keep His commandments. The bright and shining ornaments remind us of the joy we should cultivate always, because of our hope in the better life to come, and the Beatific Vision in Heaven. Nevertheless, it still being Advent, we must balance this joy with the penitential nature of the season. The color violet still has its place!

We hope to see you on Christmas Day, especially at the **beautiful Midnight Mass** (12 am on Wednesday, December 25). The full Christmas and New Year's **liturgical schedule** is now available in Flocknote. An addition this year: there will be a **hot chocolate social** (pastries too) after the Midnight Mass!

In addition to the *Veni Creator* being chanted before both Masses on **January 1**, there will be yet another opportunity to gain a **plenary indulgence** under the usual conditions. A *Te Deum*, one of the most ancient and traditional hymns of thanksgiving to God, will be chanted after the 6 pm Mass on **Tuesday, December 31** to give thanks for all the graces received throughout the year 2024.

The calendars have arrived! The **2025 Institute of Christ the King calendars** are filled with beautiful, high-quality images of life at the Institute's **seminary** (Gricigliano, outside Florence, Italy), **apostolates in twenty-one different dioceses** of the United States, **many apostolates** throughout Europe, and missions in the West African nation of Gabon, on the Ivory Coast. These include stunning shots of **solemn liturgies**, and the various **apostolic activities** of Institute priests and the **Sisters Adorers**, such as retreats and **summer camps**. Live the Year of Our Lord 2025 day-to-day with the Institute of Christ the King! The calendars will be sold after **all Masses** this Sunday in Fr. Kozina Hall.

Fresh out! These are two words that frequently apply to our stock of the catechism *My Catholic Faith*. As it happens, they apply once again. This excellent catechism from 1954, composed by Louis LaRavoire Morrow, Bishop of Krishnagar, India, always **flies off the proverbial shelves**. Filled with Scriptural and



St. John the Baptist

Patristic evidence for Catholicism, as well as arguments from **history, reason, Apologetics** and gifted illustrations, it's a **must-have for your bookshelf**. Sixteen copies will soon be on their way, so don't wait to reserve yours for the **reasonable price of 25 dollars each**. That's about **half-off** compared to most online sellers!

Calling all those with the spirit of **Christmas joy!** We are organizing a **Christmas Eve Toy Drive** for the benefit of less fortunate families in Oakland. Nothing brings a smile to a child's face on Christmas Day like presents! A large open box will be made available in Fr. Kozina Hall during this month for depositing **unwrapped, new toys. No food or old toys, please**. Donations must be in by **Sunday, December 22**. For questions, contact Ben Palacios: benjaminpalacios1@gmail.com or (510) 388-7207.

A great tradition is being revived! The **Christmas Crèche drawing contest** is in full swing. Show your love for Our Lord's Nativity through your artistic talent! Submit your (or your children's!) best illustrations by **Sunday, December 22**. Illustrations can be delivered to Canon Norman in person or by email. The winner (and prizes!) will be revealed at the Sunday reception on **January 5**.

Again next **Sunday, December 22**, we will not have our regular reception, but refreshments will be offered on the sidewalk. The reception will resume on Sunday, December 29.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday,
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Date	Time	Mass of the Day	Celebrant	Intention
Sun. 12/15	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Third Sunday of Advent <i>("Gaudete Sunday")</i> <i>1st Class / Rose</i>	Canon Norman	Nei DeCourley, Jr. †
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Candace Neely †
Mon. 12/16	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Eusebius, Bishop & Martyr <i>3rd Class / Red</i>	Fr. Staal	Roseanne Cino
Tue. 12/17	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Gerardo Baccay †
Wed. 12/18	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ember Wednesday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Nina Aonilkh
Thurs. 12/19	12:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Feria / Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Nguyen Cong Thanh
Fri. 12/20	6:00 pm <i>Low Mass</i>	Ember Friday of Advent <i>2nd Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Sebastien & Gabriela Turpin
Sat. 12/21	10:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	St. Thomas, Apostle <i>2nd Class / Red</i> <i>OMPH Devotions after Mass</i>	Canon Norman	Adrianna St. Lézin
Sun. 12/22	7:00 am <i>Low Mass</i>	Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class / Violet</i>	Canon Norman	Jana Gelo
	12:30 pm <i>High Mass</i>			Garcia-Rodriguez Family

SACRAMENTS

Confessions are heard 30 minutes before each Mass, and also during the Adoration after the 6 pm Mass each Friday. Please contact Canon Norman if you are in need of or have questions regarding reception of any of the Sacraments.

CATECHISM CLASSES

Weekly catechism classes online: Please contact Canon Norman to request the Zoom link.

Youth Class: Tuesdays at 4:00 pm

Adult Class: Saturdays, at 2:30 pm

Prospective Catholics: contact Canon

NB: My Catholic Faith is once again available for purchase!

Flocknote: Sign up at icksapoakland.flocknote.com or text "ICKSPOakland" to 84576

PRAYER LISTS *

For the sick:

Thomas Henriksson	Gigi Cunningham	Peter Trong Nguyen
Lianne Claver	Msr. David Link	Steve Farinaro
Marianne Martinez	Angie Gonzalez	Eurydice Buenger
Sylvia Duenas	Catherine Willis	Fil Marquez
Joshua Nascimento	Rick Pawek	Catherine Duenas
Lillian Jimenez	Diana Henriksson	Noe Perez
Tim Irving	Monica Roberts	LesleeRose Thomas
Ana Maria Sandoval		

For the repose of the souls of our beloved departed:

Canon Henrique Fragelli	Mme. Guillemette de Guernon
Msr. Luciano Giovanetti	Count Wolfgang von Waldstein
Bernadette Moreau	Thomas Apple
Louisa Siu	Gabriel Fernandez
Fr. Prokop Jozef Zboron, OCarm	Fr. Alexander Snyder
Alan Wong	Carole Jenkins
Miguel Muñoz Ruiz	Allen Kuhl
Bishop Emeritus John Cummins	Barbara Smith

Requiescant in pace.

***Prayer lists:** If you wish to add a name or revise an entry on the prayer lists, please send an email to oakland@institute-christ-king.org. A longer list of the Apostolate's faithful departed is attached to the weekly Flocknote. *Thank you!*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 21—Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions after Mass

December 24—Vigil of the Nativity; 10 am Mass only (no 6 pm Mass); Christmas Carols in church at 11:30 pm

December 25—Nativity of Our Lord (Midnight, 7 am, 12:30 pm Masses)

December 28—Blessing of Sacramentals in church after 10 am Mass

December 31—*Te Deum* after the 6 pm Mass

January 1—Octave of the Nativity and New Year's Day (Holy Day of Obligation); Masses at 7 am, 12:30 pm; *Veni Creator* before each Mass.

SUNDAY SERMONS, BULLETINS & LIST OF EVENTS

Audio recordings of the Sunday sermons and digital copies of the Sunday bulletin can be found at the following links, respectively:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-sermons>

<https://institute-christ-king.org/bulletins-oakland>

List of current Apostolate events can be found at this link:

<https://institute-christ-king.org/oakland-events>

Christmas and New Year's Liturgical Schedule:

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

Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25:

12:00 am Midnight Mass, followed by hot chocolate social on sidewalk

7:00 am Low Mass with organ

12:30 pm Low Mass with organ (no 6 pm Mass on this day)

Tuesday, December 31:

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

Octave of the Nativity (New Year's Day): Wednesday, January 1:

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