

# Parish of St. Margaret Mary

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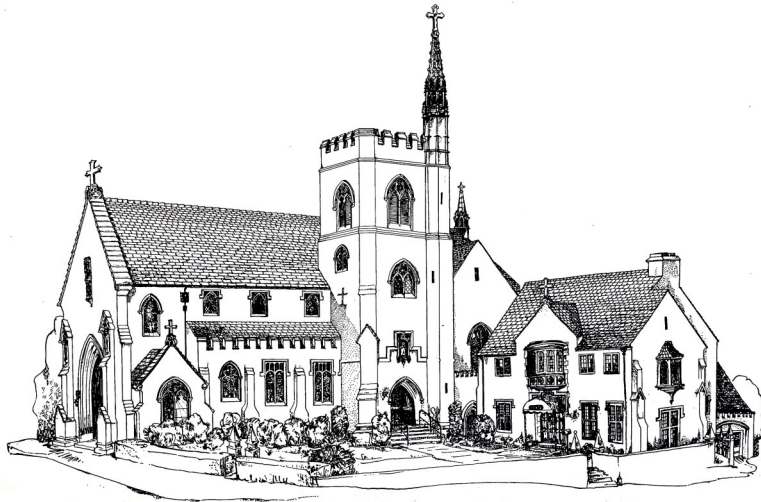
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## Masses in the Ordinary Form

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 Monday evenings); Confessions heard also on Saturdays from 4pm to 4:40pm

## Liturgy of the Hours – Lauds

Weekdays: 7:40am

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Every First Friday of the Month after the 8am Mass, and all night after 6pm Mass until after 10am Mass on First Saturday

## Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Every Tuesday after the 8am Mass

Every 3rd Saturday after the 10am Mass

## Fatima Devotions

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

## Holy Face Devotions

Tuesdays of Lent after 6pm Mass; outside of Lent, every 3rd Tuesday

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
**Saturday/Sunday, March 28-29, 2026**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*[OF=Ordinary Form; EF=Extraordinary Form]*

**Sat, Mar 28**

5pm: †Cesar Alejandro Cumpuzano

**Sun, Mar 29**

7am: Souls in Purgatory  
8:30am: †Dermot Harris  
10:30am: Jose Gerardo Avila Guerrero  
12:30pm: *Pro populo*

**Mon, Mar 30**

*(Monday of Holy Week)*

8am: Carol Ann Blake  
6pm: Sarah Ponitkoff

**Tue, Mar 31**

*(Tuesday of Holy Week)*

8am: †Delvin John Martinez  
6pm: †Dermott Harris

**Wed, Apr 1**

*(Wednesday of Holy Week)*

8am: †Jim Michael Allen  
6pm: Family & Friends of Steve & Mona Peglow

**Thurs, Apr 2**

*(Holy Thursday)*

6pm: †Fr. Vladimir Kozina

**Fri, Apr 3**

*(Good Friday)*

3pm: *Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by  
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*

**Sat, Apr 4**

*(Holy Saturday)*

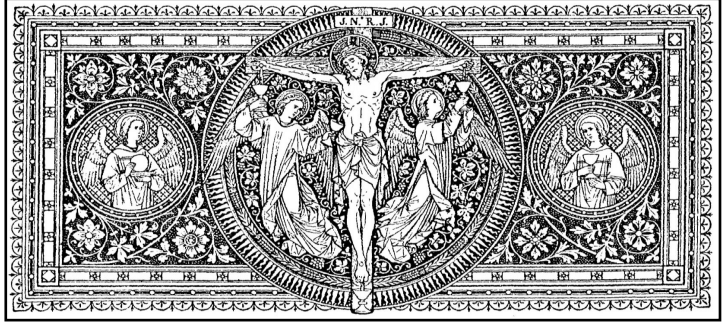
8pm: †Fr. David Link

**Sun, Apr 5**

*(Easter Sunday of the Resurrection)*

7am: *Pro populo*  
8:30am: Sherilyn Sage  
10:30am: Mullen Family  
12:30pm: †Norma Jean Labat

*To offer a Mass Intention please complete the Mass Intention envelope found in the vestibule, enclose your offering (\$10 per Mass) and drop it in the mailbox in front of the Parish Office or mail it to the Office.*



**Anthem To Our Lady**

**Ave Regina caelorum,  
Ave Domina Angelorum,  
Salve radix, salve porta,  
Ex qua mundo lux est orta.  
Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,  
Super omnes speciosa,  
Vale, O valde decora!  
Et pro nobis Christum exora.**

*Hail, Queen of Heaven. Hail, Lady of Angels. Hail, thou root,  
hail, thou gate. From whom into the world, a light has arisen:  
Rejoice, glorious Virgin, Lovely above all others, Farewell,  
most beautiful maiden, And pray for us to Christ.*

**Please keep in your prayers.....** Nancy & Vic Miloslavich, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Catherine Willis, 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, Ishmael Usison, Lianne Claver.

**In memoriam:** †Dove Pierce, †Fr. David Link, †Ray Muther, †Lillian Lum, †Kathyrn Poon, †Kathryn Rieger, †Bishop John Cummins, †Allen Kuhl, †Alex Porcuna, †Fr. Stan Zak, †Fr. Alexander Snyder, †Roseanne Cino, †Canon Henrique Fragelli, †Rose Stone, †Mary Murphy, †Holly Raineri, †Diane Kasdan, †Louise Grayson, †Fred Martinez, †Benjamin Ocampo, †Mildred Correia, †Genevieve Cunningham, †Jerome Ducasse, †Scholastica Keimon, †Gabriel Angel Barrera Yoc, †Roberto Ponce, †Betty & Harry Garland, †Ramon Lanzar, †Jesus & Rita Cristobal, **May they rest in the peace of Christ.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Schedule of Services for Holy Week:**

#### Holy Thursday, April 2

6pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper in the Extraordinary Form.*

#### Good Friday, April 3

Noon: *Church opens for private prayers*

1pm: *Stations of the Cross*

2pm: *Bitter Lamentations*

3pm: *Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, immediately followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Reception of Holy Communion in the Extraordinary Form.*

#### Holy Saturday, April 4

8pm: *Vigil of Easter (Ordinary Form)*

The "**Bitter Lamentations**" (scheduled for Good Friday at 2pm) is a traditional Polish-Catholic devotion primarily sung during Lent. Originated in the early 18th century at Holy Cross Church in Warsaw, this musical meditation focuses on the Passion of Christ and the sorrows of the Virgin Mary.

The devotion is a three-part cycle typically sung on the Sundays of Lent, with all three parts performed together on Good Friday.

Each part includes a specific sequence of hymns and reflections. The following is the structure:

It begins with an Invitatory: A "wake-up call" to begin meditating on the Passion.

Intentions: A spoken reflection or request for specific prayer intentions.

Hymn: A poetic account of scriptural events of Christ's suffering.

Lament of the Soul: A litany-like song addressed to Jesus, expressing sorrow for His pain.

Atmosphere: It is known for its haunting, melancholic melodies and intense emotional depth, designed to lead the faithful to repentance and compassion.

While originally and most commonly sung in Polish, translations for English-speaking communities have been developed and are used in many Polish-American parishes.

The singing of the "**Bitter Lamentations**" has been a tradition at the Parish on Good Friday, started by the previous Pastor, †Fr. Stan Zak.

Support the **Music Ministry** in the Parish.

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**Text the word "music" to (510) 573-STMM (7866).**

You may also donate through the second collection for Music Ministry. The next second collection is on the weekend of May 2-3.

**Lenten guidelines:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence.

Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal.

Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have completed their 14th year of age.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare to share more fully and celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. As always, anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

**Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross** after the 8am and 6pm Masses according to the method of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

**Tuesdays of Lent: prayers in Honor of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ: after the 6pm Mass.**

Devotion to the Holy Face was revealed by Our Lord to Sr. Marie of St. Peter (1816-1848) a Carmelite nun of Tours in France. The primary purpose of the devotion is to make reparation for sins against the first three commandments: denial of God, Blasphemy, and the profanation of Sundays and Holy Days. The devotion was eventually approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1885.

**Easter Egg Hunt** after all Masses on Easter Sunday, April 5th, to be held at the Garden next to the Church. Please join us

**Informational meeting for parents who attend the 7am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses** with

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children in need of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Join us in the Hall after Mass with Rosemary Gutierrez and Fr. Naguit.

Men, if you're tired of being held back by the comforts and distractions of our time and desire to grow closer to God, **Exodus 90** is the path you've been searching for. **Exodus 90** is the #1 Catholic Men's app.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in the **Exodus 90** challenge beginning in the New Year. Join us by accessing the Exodus 90 app through your mobile device or laptop.

For questions, please email the group at: [Smm.exodus.mens.group@gmail.com](mailto:Smm.exodus.mens.group@gmail.com)

We are in need of volunteers who will assist in preparing luncheon for visiting priests for the monthly **Holy Hour For Priests** every 3rd Friday of the month through May. 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 Anne Richnavsky at [parishoffice@stmargaretm.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmargaretm.org) or leave a message

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with the Parish Office.

**The 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.

We're looking for volunteers who can help with Receptions after the 7am Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the Month. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Do you have books to donate OR want to volunteer in the library? Contact [stmmaryhands@gmail.com](mailto:stmmaryhands@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/>

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

Due to First Thursday in April falling on Holy Thursday this year, there will not be the regular meeting with **Cor** on the month of April. The meeting resumes in May.

**Icon Painting Workshop** at the Cathedral in Oakland. This is a six-day intensive course under the direction of Theodoros Papadopoulos. He will guide students stop-by-step through the ancient techniques of Byzantine iconography. Course is from August 3-8, from 9am-4:30pm. Tuition is \$850 which includes all materials including boards, brushes, pigments, etc. Space is limited. Contact Mr. Papadopoulos at [theodoreicons@gmail.com](mailto:theodoreicons@gmail.com) or visit [theodoreicons.com/Oakland](http://theodoreicons.com/Oakland)

**2026 Bishop's Appeal:** In 2025 the Parish raised a total of \$30,726 which is 140% of our goal. Thank you for your contributions to Bishop's Appeal. This year, the goal for the Parish is \$21,900.

The theme for this year's Appeal is "**One Faith, One Family, One Mission.**" The Bishop's Ministries Appeal supports the ministries that go out into the parishes – faith formation and evangelization, CYO sports, formation of seminarians, care of the retired priests, and meeting the unexpected needs of schools and parishes. Next collection: April 26.

Weekly update	March 1	Year-to-Date
5pm Mass (Saturday)	\$197	\$28,688 (Total from all Masses)
7am Mass	\$617	
8:30am Mass	\$848	
10:30am Mass	\$464	
12:30pm Mass	\$938	
WeShare -Regular	\$1,200	\$16,468
Total 1st Collection	\$4,264	\$45,156
Goal	\$6,000	\$54,000
Variance	(-\$1,736)	(-\$8,844)



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**Schedule of Second Collections**

March 28-29: St. Vincent dePaul  
 April 11-12: Building Fund  
 April 25-26: Bishop's Appeal  
 May 2-3: Music Ministry

## *Dominica II Passionis seu in Palmis*

***Please find the texts for the Palm Sunday liturgy in your hand missals. We invite you to read the excerpted commentary on Palm Sunday by Dom Prosper Gueranger, in The Liturgical Year, published in the 1860s. Dom Gueranger's description of the Palm Sunday liturgy is largely applicable today as it was in his day.***

### ***From Dom Gueranger's The Liturgical Year***

Early in the morning of this day, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, leaving Mary His Mother, and the two sisters Martha and Mary Magdalene, and Lazarus, at Bethania. The Mother of sorrows trembles at seeing her Son thus expose Himself to danger, for His enemies are bent upon His destruction; but it is not death, it is triumph, that Jesus is to receive today in Jerusalem. The Messias, before being nailed to the cross, is to be proclaimed King by the people of the great city; the little children are to make her streets echo with their Hosanna to the Son of David; and this in presence of the soldiers of Rome's emperor, and of the high priests and pharisees: the first standing under the banner of their eagles; the second, dumb with rage.

The prophet Zachary had foretold this triumph which the Son of Man was to receive a few days before His Passion, and which had been prepared for Him from all eternity.' ... Jesus, knowing that the hour has come for the fulfilment of this prophecy, singles out two from the rest of His disciples, and bids them lead to Him an ass and her colt, which they would find not far off. The two disciples lose no time in executing the order given them by their divine Master; and the ass and the colt are soon brought to the place where He stands.

The disciples spread their garments upon the colt; and our Saviour, that the prophetic figure might be fulfilled, sits upon him, and advances towards Jerusalem. As soon as it is known that Jesus is near the city, the Holy Spirit works in the hearts of those Jews, who have come from all parts to celebrate the feast of the Passover. They go out to meet our Lord, holding palm branches in their hands, and loudly proclaiming Him to be King. They that have accompanied Jesus from Bethania, join the enthusiastic crowd. Whilst some spread their garments on the way, others cut down boughs from the palm-trees, and strew them along the road. Hosanna is the triumphant cry, proclaiming to the whole city that Jesus, the Son of David, has made His entrance as her King.

Thus did God, in His power over men's hearts, procure a triumph for His Son, and in the very city which, a few days later, was to clamor for His Blood. This day was one of glory to our Jesus, and the holy Church would have us renew, each year, the memory of this triumph of the Man-God. Shortly after the birth of our Emmanuel, we saw the Magi coming from the extreme east, and looking in Jerusalem for the King of the Jews, to whom they intended offering their gifts and their adorations: but it is Jerusalem herself that now goes forth to meet this King.

Each of these events is an acknowledgment of the kingship of Jesus; the first, from the Gentiles; the second, from the Jews.

Both were to pay Him this regal homage, before He suffered His Passion. The inscription to be put upon the cross, by Pilate's order, will express the kingly character of the Crucified: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Pilate, the Roman governor, the pagan, the base coward, has been unwittingly the fulfiller of a prophecy; and when the enemies of Jesus insist on the inscription being altered, Pilate will not deign to give them any answer but this: 'What I have written, I have written.' To-day, it is the Jews themselves that proclaim Jesus to be their King: they will soon be dispersed, in punishment for their revolt against the Son of David; but Jesus is King, and will be so for ever. Thus were literally verified the words spoken by the Archangel to Mary, when he announced to her the glories of the Child that was to be born of her: 'The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David, His father; and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever.' Jesus begins His reign upon the earth this very day; and though the first Israel is soon to disclaim His rule, a new Israel, formed from the faithful few of the old, shall rise up in every nation of the earth, and become the kingdom of Christ, a kingdom such as no mere earthly monarch ever coveted in his wildest fancies of ambition.

This is the glorious mystery which ushers in the great week, the week of dolours. Holy Church would have us give this momentary consolation to our heart, and hail our Jesus as our King. She has so arranged the service of today, that it should express both joy and sorrow; joy, by uniting herself with the loyal hosannas of the city of David; and sorrow, by compassionating the Passion of her divine Spouse. The whole function is divided into three parts, which we will now proceed to explain.

The first is the blessing of the palms; and we may have an idea of its importance from the solemnity used by the Church in this sacred rite. One would suppose that the holy Sacrifice has begun, and is going to be offered up in honour of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Introit, Collect, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel, even a Preface, are said, as though we were, as usual, preparing for the immolation of the spotless Lamb; but, after the triple Sanctus! Sanctus! Sanctus! the Church suspends these sacrificial formulas, and turns to the blessing of the palms. The prayers she uses for this blessing are eloquent and full of instruction; and, together with the sprinkling with holy water and the incensation, impart a virtue to these branches, which elevates them to the supernatural order, and makes them means for the sanctification of our soul and the protection of our persons and dwellings. The faithful should hold these palms in their hands during the procession, and during the reading of the Passion at Mass, and keep them in their homes as an outward expression of their faith, and as a pledge of God's watchful love.



*From Dom Gueranger The Liturgical Year - continued*

The second of to-day's ceremonies is the procession, which comes immediately after the blessing of the palms. It represents our Savior's journey to Jerusalem, and His entry into the city. To make it the more expressive, the branches that have just been blessed are held in the hand during it. ... In to-day's procession, the Church wishes us to honor Jesus Christ as though He were really among us, and were receiving the humble tribute of our loyalty. Let us lovingly go forth to meet this our King, our Saviour, who comes to visit the daughter of Sion, as the prophet has just told us. He is in our midst; it is to Him that we pay honour with our palms: let us give Him our hearts too. He comes that He may be our King; let us welcome Him as such, and fervently cry out to Him: 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'

At the close of the procession a ceremony takes place, which is full of the sublimest symbolism. On returning to the church, the doors are found to be shut. The triumphant procession is stopped; but the songs of joy are continued. A hymn in honour of Christ our King is sung with its joyous chorus; and at length the subdeacon strikes the door with the staff of the cross; the door opens, and the people, preceded by the clergy, enter the church, proclaiming the praise of Him, who is our resurrection and our life.

This ceremony is intended to represent the entry of Jesus into that Jerusalem of which the earthly one was but the figure—the Jerusalem of heaven, which has been opened for us by our Saviour. The sin of our first parents had shut it against us; but Jesus, the King of glory, opened its gates by His cross, to which every resistance yields. Let us, then, continue to follow in the foot

steps of the Son of David, for He is also the Son of God, and He invites us to share His kingdom with Him. Thus, by the procession, which is commemorative of what happened on this day, the Church raises up our thoughts to the glorious mystery of the Ascension, whereby heaven was made the close of Jesus' mission on earth. Alas! the interval between these two triumphs of our Redeemer are not all days of joy; and no sooner is our procession over, than the Church, who had laid aside for a moment the weight of her grief, falls back into sorrow and mourning.

The third part of today's service is the offering of the holy Sacrifice. The portions that are sung by the choir are expressive of the deepest desolation; and the history of our Lord's Passion, which is now to be read by anticipation, gives to the rest of the day that character of sacred gloom, which we all know so well. For the last five or six centuries, the Church has adopted a special chant for this narrative of the holy Gospel. The historian, or the evangelist, relates the events in a tone that is at once grave and pathetic; the words of our Saviour are sung to a solemn yet sweet melody, which strikingly contrasts with the high dominant of the several other interlocutors and the Jewish populace. During the singing of the Passion, the faithful should hold their palms in their hands, and, by this emblem of triumph, protest against the insults offered to Jesus by His enemies. As we listen to each humiliation and suffering, all of which were endured out of love for us, let us offer Him our palm as to our dearest Lord and King. When should we be more adoring, than when He is most suffering?

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