

## Special Collection Today

One of just a few special second collections required by the Ordinariate each year, the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Priests** – which supports retired Ordinariate Priests and their families – will be held **today, Sunday, December 2**. Envelopes are available in the pews, and checks should be made out directly to the Ordinariate. *The monthly parish Building Fund collection will therefore take place the next Sunday, December 9.*

## Eucharistic Adoration After Mass

**First Sunday Eucharistic Adoration** will be offered **today, Sunday, December 2**, from the conclusion of 10:00 a.m. Mass until 1:30 p.m. Those not remaining for Adoration are reminded to *please depart in silence, in deference to those who remain to adore.* Thank you!

## Advent Adult Education Begins Today

**Beginning today, December 2**, our weekly Advent Adult Education Series will feature a recounting of the **Ordinariate Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** undertaken this fall by Fr. Bergman and several parishioners, featuring many slides on the Parish Hall screen. Join us for light potluck lunch after 10 a.m. Mass, and then the presentation.

## Holy League This Wednesday

The Holy League – a parish-based network of men united in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, combatting the forces of evil in today’s culture – will meet **this Wednesday, December 5**. Following the weekly 5:30 p.m. said Mass, potluck supper is at 6:15 and Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. All men are welcome.

## First Friday/Saturday: Evensong, Adoration, & Masses for Immaculate Conception

Our next First Friday/First Saturday devotions will be offered **this weekend, December 7 & 8**... the Vigil and Day of the **Immaculate Conception**, a Holy Day of Obligation. **Evensong** for the Eve of the Immaculate Conception (sung by our Maria Kaupas Academy Choir) will begin our devotions at **4:30 p.m.** on Friday, with **24-hour Eucharistic Adoration** continuing until that time on Saturday. **Solemn Mass** for the Immaculate Conception will be offered on **Saturday morning, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.**, with Said Mass earlier that morning at 7:00 a.m.

## Upper School Council Meeting Next Sunday

The members of the Maria Kaupas Academy Upper School Council will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall – including **next Sunday, December 9** – to steer the operations and development of the Upper School.

## Christmas Cookie sale December 23

A Christmas Cookie and Bake Sale will be held after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 23... a date whose proximity to Christmas will ensure fresh goods for your holiday entertaining! Please contact Sue Bergman at [sylviasbergman@hotmail.com](mailto:sylviasbergman@hotmail.com) if you would like to bake. A decision will be made soon regarding whether orders will be taken in advance. Please plan to patronize the sale, stocking up to entertain holiday guests, and supporting your Parish to boot!

## 2019 Parish Calendars - \$5

Parish Calendars for 2019 are now available at the back of the church. The calendar is in complete accord with the Ordinariate liturgical calendar, and the recently adjusted Parish Mass schedule has also been updated. A handsome stocking stuffer, the calendars are a great way to share information about our Parish and its liturgical tradition with family and friends. Pick yours up today for \$5 each!

## Parish to Receive New Organ

We are pleased to announce that after three months of due diligence and second opinions, our insurance company has finally agreed to replace our organ – severely damaged by a lightning strike on Labor Day – with a brand new instrument. The timeframe for the new organ to be built and installed is on the order of 3 to 4 months; however, worshipers this morning will note that the investigation into the damage revealed some very limited functionality, which we are testing this morning. Thank you for your patience through this ordeal for our Parish, and thanks be to God for a final resolution!

## Home Care Opportunity Sought

The elderly mother of a nationally renowned Catholic writer and speaker recently suffered a stroke, and her adult children are looking for someone to stay in her Archbald home with her to be on the lookout for any further incidents, and to summon medical care if needed. Free room and board. Please speak with Fr. Bergman if you can help.

## Bishop’s Appeal

God bless all of you who have contributed to this year’s Bishop’s Appeal! If you have not yet responded, please pick up a pledge card in your pew, or visit [ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal](http://ordinariate.net/bishops-appeal) to give. *Our Parish has another \$4,000 to go to reach our goal by the end of the year, which will be billed to the Parish if not met... so please pledge or give right away.*