



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Closed from 12:00PM until 1:00PM for Lunch

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses

4:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

There is no Mass scheduled on Monday or Tuesday!

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday Mass

7:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

RECONCILIATION: The Sacrament is offered weekly at 3:00PM on Saturday at St. Margaret Church or by acceptable scheduled appointment.

MARRIAGE: Interested parties should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to their desired date and must complete an acceptable Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM: Contact Mary Herbert for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Visits to the hospitalized and infirm are made regularly. Contact Fr. Jamin for home or hospital visits.

FUNERALS: Call the parish office during normal business hours. After hours, call Mary Hooks at 985.974.1991.

“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 02/03 FEBRUARY 2019

WORDS LIVED, NOT SAID

Why be good? Why keep the commandments? What difference does our response make? Our response makes a big difference, but not in terms of giving God offense, driving God away, or making God punish or reward us. It makes a difference in how we stand and feel in the face of love. We cannot offend against God, but we can offend against others and ourselves. We can, like Satan, live in bitterness and unhappiness right within love itself and we can deeply hurt others. The spiritual and moral precepts of the faith, all of them, including the ten commandments, are therefore meant to do a couple of things:

First, for anyone who is mature in the faith, living out what faith and morality asks of us is in fact a natural response of gratitude for being loved and a natural expression of sensitivity to others. The desire to be good and to keep the commandments follows from genuine faith and love the way smoke follows fire. The intent is never to earn love or reward, but to respond properly to them. This is true in the case of mature love and faith. However, for those of us who are still struggling to be mature, the spiritual and moral precepts of the faith are meant as a discipline—precisely as a



discipleship—that helps teach us what it means to be a spiritual and a sensitive human being. Trying to be still good should not be an attempt to somehow earn love or heaven, but rather an acknowledgement, a humble one, that one still needs a lot of help in knowing how to live in the face of love. Why be good if God loves us anyway? For the same reason that an artist doesn't deface a masterpiece and a lover doesn't violate his or her beloved. Ethics follow naturally when truth, beauty, and love are properly appropriated. -Ron Rolheiser

Events Around the Parish

BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Gear up for another season delving into the Sacred Scriptures! St. Margaret will offer a Bible Study series this winter about the Book of Isaiah beginning the week of 05 February 2019. Please consider participating in this four week study course about your Catholic faith. Your participation in this study and future bible study offerings are important to help us all grow in our faith. Consider making the commitment to attend for your spiritual nourishment. Contact the Parish Office or ministry leader Christine Stolf at caribe500@gmail.com or at 504.450.7343 for more information. Sign up now!



YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY

Get ready for this month's installment of the "Yummy for Your Tummy" ministry. February's potluck theme is our annual Italian Feast and it will be held in the St. Margaret Room on Saturday, 09 February 2019 at 5:00PM. Food favorites such as rice balls, Italian sausage sandwiches, fried eggplant strips, calamari, panini, pasta, cannoli and more are good dinner choices. Of course, if you can't prepare any of these, cook something that makes you comfortable. What's most important is that you're there creating fellowship with us!

MISSION KREWE MEETING

The 2019 Mission Krewe informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 5:30PM** in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints.

We are looking for enthusiastic people to work with our sister communities from Portland, Oregon the week of **25 June through 02 July 2019**. Please make sure to attend if you are interested in helping and participating to keep this partnership alive and to spread the Gospel by the work of our hands and hearts.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Join Bishop Michael Duca to celebrate couples that have been married for 25, 50, or 65 years or more on **Sunday, 10 February 2019 at 2:00PM** at St. George Church in Baton Rouge. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Kleinpeter Activity Parishioner Center. Would you like to register as a participant so that our local Church can celebrate your important anniversary? Visit www.mfldiobr.org for details!



BE MY VALENTINE?

Our local Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court will be holding a Bake Sale after all of the Masses the weekend of 09/10 February 2019. A whole variety of different sweet treats will be available for your purchase. Funds realized will help support the Catholic Daughters and their works of charity. Consider stopping by to surprise your Valentine with an extra sweet treat!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Pat Aldredge, Stephanie Alexander, Robert Baldwin, Sr., Bridget Anderson, Tabitha Arceneaux, Don Bankston, Justin Bardwell, Paul Bates, Bruce Beard, Cindy Brasington, Joan Brein, Rob Brower, Taylor Cabler, Rosa Flores Castellon, Theresa Christina, Amber Cocchiola, Debbie Contorno, Phillip Contorno, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Tate DeMarche, Charles DeMars, Irene DeMars, Salvador "Sambo" Depaula, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Tracey Doran, Mary Ann Drone, Diane Dufour, Davis Dupuy, Jr., Paul Fontenot, Justin Goelz, Rose Hakenjos, Brenda Harris, Cherie Hartdegen, Joan Hauck, Mary E. Herbert, Kimberly Hidalgo, Jason Huber, Tracy Kenney, May Kinler, Helen Kropog, Frans Labranche, Mary Meyer, Joseph Mocsary, Eileen Monson, Dennis Monteleone, Rosalie B. Myrick, Charles Norman, Rosemary Novak, Vincent Palisi, Carolyn Rodrigue, Denise Schilling, Barbara Stallcup, Landon Stewart, Brittany Stillely, Iris Stillely, Hilma Stolf, Joseph Stolf, Alice Dean Sullivan, James Sziber, Wendy Talbot, Mary Ann Taylor, Ricky Thompson, Rose Threton, Erin Trent, Liz Varnado, Joseph Vilardo, Jr., Bobby Vitter, Gilbert Vuljoin, Rita Vuljoin, Debbie Wheat, Tonya Wheat, Pat Wright, those in the Armed Services, victims of the flooding, and all who are in need of our prayers.



Want to add someone to the prayer list? Call the parish office for more information.

Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Frances Dantin at 225.209.6537 or fdantin@bellsouth.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 02/03 February 2019

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 02 Feb.
St. Margaret

- Janet Bergeron (By Harry & Linda Oalmann)
Philip Brabham (By Knights of Columbus Council 10178)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Fred Gauthier (By Rose Gauthier & Family)
Walter Hakenjos (By Rose Hakenjos)
Doris Haydel (By A.J. & Cindy Martinez)
Francis Kronlage (By the Family)
John Kropog (By Helen Kropog & Family)

- Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
June Olah (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Chris Orbeck (By the Orbeck Family)
Lynette Pfiffner (By the Labranche Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Arleen Sylvester (By Charles & Susan Richard)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

8:00AM
Sun., 03 Feb.
St. Thomas

- Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Janis Brough (By the Family)
Marie Elisar (By Marie & William Prokop)
Bobby Johnson (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Floyd "Boogie" Johnson (By A.J. & Cindy Martinez)
Rose Johnson (By Boogie Johnson)

- Lawrence Kluka (By the Labranche Family)
Frans Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
A. J. Martinez (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)
Joan McKinney (By Larry Kiss)
Marie & Frederick Schilling (By Marie & William Prokop)



10:00AM
Sun., 03 Feb.
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
Sun., 03 Feb.
St. Margaret
Buck & Mitzi Grantham
(By Edmond, Linda & Garrett Harris)

Wed., 06 Feb. (7:00AM)
Paul Miki & Companions (M)
Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

Thurs., 07 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Lynette Pfiffner
(By Donna B. Hill)

Fri., 08 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Ordinary Time
Madeline Good Cheramie
(By Shelia & Dennis DeMars)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret
this week is given in memory of
Philip Brabham
by Lydia Brabham & Family.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: ADULT CONFIRMATION
Catholic adults who have been baptized but not confirmed are encouraged to contact the church office. As you enter into full communion with the Church, the Holy Spirit will grace you with gifts that will enrich your life and the lives of others. Five classes will be scheduled as needed to prepare these interested candidates to receive this sacrament at a specific Mass scheduled annually. Consider assisting our Deacons and Pastor in reaching out to those who have never been confirmed. Next weekend one of the Deacons will speak about Adult Confirmation and will be available to answer questions after all Masses.
Adult Confirmation
"Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (Acts 2:3).

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

It's tax time! If you still need a statement of your annual contributions to our Church community for 2018, please call Shirley Darouse at extension 104 and leave her a message with your name and specific request. Unless it is requested, contribution statements will not be mailed. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year! Let's look forward to a 2019 filled with good stewardship!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1103

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Jeremiah, called to prophecy, will face resistance.

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Love is the greatest of all gifts.

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus announces his ministry to those considered outsiders.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 09/10 February 2019
Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 26/27 January 2019

Weekly Church Support Collection \$6,299.00



Next weekend's second collection is for our Prison Ministry outreach!

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 03 February 2019

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Blessing of the Throats After All Masses!

9:00AM & 11:00AM—Coffee & Donuts

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-8), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—Reconciliation (5th & 6th Grades)

12:30PM—Passion Play Practice, JP II Room

12:30PM—Jr. Youth Group, JP II Room

6:45PM—PSR (Grades 9-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 04 February 2019

10:00AM—Altar Society, Parish Hall

10:00AM—Altar Society, St. Thomas

Tuesday, 05 February 2019

9:30AM—Bible Study, Ignatius Room

6:00PM—JYG Retreat Meeting (Adults), JP II Room

7:00PM—Knights of Columbus, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Ladies Auxiliary, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 06 February 2019

7:30PM—Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Hall

5:30PM—JYG Retreat Meeting (Youth), JP II Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Drexel Room

6:30PM—Youth Night, JP II Room

Thursday, 07 February 2019

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, Ignatius Room

7:00PM—Finance Council Meeting, Bosco Room

Friday, 08 February 2019

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 09 February 2019

CDA Bake Sale!

Prison Ministry Second Collection!

5:00PM—Yummy for Your Tummy, St. Margaret Room



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

In the first reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah, we find a Scriptural character with whom we are all quite familiar. We're told that Jeremiah was called from the womb to prophesy. The novelty in the reading today emphasizes his vocation to preach the word of God not just to the people of Israel but to all the nations. The second part of the reading, though, serves as a warning to the prophet about the tribulation he will face from his own people as a result. It seems like God is warning Jeremiah that he should be keenly aware to be consistent in his proclamation of God's message no matter the adversity so that he may viewed as a credible prophet.

The lesson of love in the second reading is a familiar one that calls us to keep our actions in harmony with our words. On paper, love looks so nice. But in reality, it's something much more difficult. Paul knew that the Church at Corinth really had to make some changes if they were ever going to become a model of excellence for others. They were always at the point of breaking up; members couldn't get along even at the Eucharist. Paul thus writes several letters and visits the community personally to encourage them not just to proclaim love but to live it!

In today's Gospel, Jesus knows Israel isn't open to his message, so he uses some examples from their own history to encourage them to preach the gospel in word and in action. He first reminds them of the widow's interaction with Elijah. She and her son enjoyed blessing when Israel was suffering from famine. At first, she didn't want to trust God's word. But when her actions were in harmony with her words – when she set aside her fears – she discovered all the advantages that flow from faith. Jesus not only reveals that he plans to fulfill every promise that he makes, but he invites the community to do the same.

Are your actions in harmony with the promises you make? How many of you reading are Confirmation students? Are your actions in harmony with the promises you make? You promise to be a full, active member of the Church, but are you doing that? How many of you in are godparents? You promised to help your godchildren's parents in their task of rearing them according to the practices of the faith, but are you faithful to that promise? How many of you are married? Have you been faithful to your spouse in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health? Our actions gain authority when they fulfill the promises that we make. Are you being faithful to the promises of your faith? If not, maybe that's the Gospel challenge to you! Good to be home; looking forward to seeing you all!

Father James