



# 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

Very Rev. Jamin S. David, J.C.L. (Ext. 102) *Pastor*  
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Carol Girdwood (Ext. 152) *Sacramental Coordinator*  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

4:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
6:00PM Saturday Vigil (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
8:00AM (*St. Thomas Chapel, Springfield*)  
10:00AM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)  
5:30PM (*St. Margaret Church, Albany*)

### Daily Masses (St. Margaret Church, Albany)

7:00AM, Monday through Friday

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday 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 Carol Girdwood 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 Carol Girdwood at 985.974.3313.

# “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 06/07 FEBRUARY 2021**

## WHAT IS NEEDED TO SERVE THE LORD

In the Gospel Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter’s house, he finds that Peter’s mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her. And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter’s house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital. He is so besieged that he can’t even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning. When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. “Hey,” they say when they find him, “Everybody is looking for you!” They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours. Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

So maybe it isn’t hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside. Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down. Jesus’ disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter’s village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter’s village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came. What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord’s service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfill that particular purpose to which the Lord has called you. *-Eleonore Stump*



# Events Around the Parish

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Next week's session of Family Faith Formation scheduled on **Sunday, 21 February 2021** is entitled "Trinitarian Theology." Dr. David Whidden will be the presenter. This session will be held from 11:30AM until 12:30PM at St. Margaret Church. Remember at least one parent per child is required to attend a *Family Formation* session or *Theology in a Bottle* every month. All Family Formation Sessions are open to all parishioners as well.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1105*

**Job 7:1-4,6-7**

*Job laments and questions his suffering.*

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23**

*Paul's mission is to preach the Gospel.*

**Mark 1:29-39**

*Jesus preaches and drives out demons.*



## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13/14 February 2021*

**Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1;**

**Mark 1:40-45**



## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next installment of Theology in a Bottle, our adult education ministry, will be held on **Sunday, 21 February 2021** from **6:45PM until 8:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Norman Fauchaux will be the presenter for his presentation entitled "Sipping with the Masters: The Role of Art in Worship." You might remember Norman as the artist for much of the work done in St. Margaret Church! Do consider joining us! Spread the word about how we learn about the faith with a cold brew or glass of wine in hand. And don't forget to do your part to invite friends and neighbors to learn more about our faith.

## NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of January including **Manson Wascom**. May this child grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Carol Girdwood in the Parish Office if you're interested in having your child baptized!



## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is searching for a Catholic Chaplain to serve at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW). This position is part-time (20 hrs. per week), benefit ineligible and is paid directly by the State of Louisiana. The Catholic Chaplain will provide faith-based support to incarcerated female population by arranging Catholic liturgical services and programs, providing direct spiritual counseling and facilitating the distribution of various Christian reading materials and Catholic sacramentals and provide administrative support to LCIW faith-based operations. Further information regarding minimum education, experience requirements and additional duties can be found at <https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities>

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Shelli Domiano, Therese Domiano, Sal Faldetta, Pauline Frisbie, Wendy Gill, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Dan Huszar, Kansas Johnson, Lily Lebowitz, Stephanie Livingston, Joe Lobue, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Heath Martin, Rosemary Novak, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Eric Plauche, Steve Plauche, Carl Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Dutch Schilling, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Bruce Taylor, Jerry Vicknair, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr. and Family, Troy Wichterich, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, 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](mailto:fdantin@bellsouth.net).

## MASS INTENTIONS

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 06/07 February 2021*

**4:00PM Vigil** Sat., 06 Feb.  
**Andy & Olga Bartosh** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Ramona & Michael Jenkins)  
**Theresa Christina** (By Steven & Joann Constance)  
**William Dupre, Sr.** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Fred Gauthier** (By Rose Gauthier & Family)  
**Homer Gaspard** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Betty Jo Graham** (By Her Loving Family)  
**Ricky Harrison** (By Shannon Maccheyne)  
**Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Shirley Lacour** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Laurie Landry** (By Pete Pffiffner & the Family)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Mike Michon** (By the Family)  
**Bill Moran** (By Karen Moran)  
**Lynette Pffiffner** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Peggy Richards** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Bill Michael Rodgers** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Olivia Scalisi** (By Joe Scalisi)  
**Geraldine Sziber** (By Iris Stilley)  
**Andrew & Irene Sziszak** (By Chuck & Sandy Rayborn)  
**Paul Sziszak, Jr.** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Brian Vassil** (By Marie & Bill Prokop)  
**Harry Wilder** (By Cher Arceneaux)  
**Henry & Nora Williams** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Holy Souls in Purgatory** (By Mary Stabile)

**6:00PM** **Paula & Anna Distefano** (By Joe Distefano)

**8:00AM** Sun., 07 Feb. St. Thomas  
**Doris Haydel** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**Melissa Labranche** (By Lydia Brabham)  
**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**Charlie Martin** (By Iris Stilley)  
**Adrian & Lorraine Martinez** (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)  
**A. J. Martinez** (By Boogie & Rose Johnson)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)  
**Frank & Denise Schilling** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)

**10:00AM** **Missa Pro Populo** (The Mass for All Parishioners)

**5:30PM** **Eric Navarre** (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Monday, 08 Feb. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM** **Andy & Eleanor Ivanyisky** (By the Family)

**Tuesday, 09 Feb. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM** **Lynette Pffiffner** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)

**Wednesday, 10 Feb. ~ Scholastica, Virgin (M)**

**7:00AM** **Eric Navarre** (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Thursday, 11 Feb. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM** **Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)

**Friday, 12 Feb. ~ Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**7:00AM** **Valentine Langlois** (By the Family)

## A NEW CENSUS

Fr. Jamin begins his 10th year as pastor this year, and the census has not been updated since he arrived. Even if you've completed it recently or some time ago, we ask that you complete the form once more so that we can obtain correct phone numbers, addresses and email addresses for all of families. The form will also be available on the website and will be mailed out to all registered parishioners. New parishioners are welcome to join too! Please return completed forms to the office by mail or email or place yours in the collection basket with your offering. Help us to keep "up-to-date" records so that we can be in constant contact with you!

**Be Counted!**



## MARRIAGE RETREAT

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you and your other seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and it offers hope for a better relationship.



Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication and shows you how to build intimacy and heal, just as these couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. It can help get your relationship back on track. For confidential information about the local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples which will take place March 5-7, 2021, contact Bill and Missie at 985.232.5963 or visit their website [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org). There is always hope that your marriage can be better and you can look forward to a brighter tomorrow.

## LAST CALL

If you need a statement of your annual contributions to our Church community for 2020, 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! As always, we appreciate your kindness and great generosity that supports the work of our faith community!



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Valentine Langlois** by the family.

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 30/31 January 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection \$11,321.00



*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*

*The Special Collection next weekend will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe!*



### THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, 07 February 2021

- 11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Church
- 11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
- 12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, Hall of Saints
- 6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

#### Monday, 08 February 2021

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

#### Tuesday, 09 February 2021

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

#### Wednesday, 10 February 2021

- 6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room
- 6:30PM—RCIC, Goretti Room
- 6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

#### Thursday, 11 February 2021

- 4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
- 6:00PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Seton Room

#### Friday, 12 February 2021

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

#### Saturday, 13 February 2021

*Church in Eastern Europe Special Collection!*

### THE BEST LENT EVER

Did you enjoy your Christmas present from us? Matthew Kelly's book "I Heard God Laugh" will be shared on the Dynamic Catholic website. You can go to their website to sign up for daily reflections and short clips on the book. Consider this part of your Lenten penance and make this the best Lent ever!



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

Life seems like it sometimes throws an unbearable burden upon us. When bad things happen, the days just seem to drag by; when good things happen, the days seem to fly like the wind. We ask that ultimate question, "Why does God allow good people to suffer?" Are we victims of fate, pawns on some cosmic chessboard? Or does life have more meaning?

In our first reading, Job seems so pessimistic. He says that his life is one of misery and that he is filled with restlessness. Job has suffered much in his life. At one point, he was quite successful: he had lots of money, a family that loved him, and friends who supported him. Not to mention, Job is portrayed as being a faithful man. But the tide has now turned for him. He's lost his possessions; his family seems ready to abandon him; his friends question his innocence. Job struggles with that age old question, "Why do good people suffer?" And though he doesn't get a clear answer, he begins to sympathize with those who suffer.

In our Gospel, we realize that Jesus could sympathize with all of the questions that we have about suffering and the burdens that we care because they were his questions as well. Jesus watched those who he knew and love – good people – diminish before his eyes. Later in the Gospels, his best friend, Lazarus, would suffer. Jesus knew about good people suffering at the hands of the military – Judea was occupied by foreign forces.

We might ask the same questions today too! Why does God allow the elderly, the people who built our society, to languish away in nursing homes? Why does God allow children to suffer from malnutrition in some countries? Why is the economy falling to pieces before our eyes? Jesus give us no satisfactory answer to any of our "why" questions." He never denies the suffering that we endure. But he does turn our attention toward the suffering of others.

So how do we deal with our tragedies and suffering? We should approach others who suffer and offer a hand to them in the same way Jesus did. It's okay to cry out to God about our suffering just like Job. Otherwise, if we just accept it, we do nothing to change it. All of us, at one time, had to deal with some form of suffering, hurt or pain. Sometimes it comes to us in the most difficult moments. Don't ignore the pain or the hurt. Embrace it, share it with others, but more importantly, look for the blessings that might accompany it. Death hurts, but it brings new life. Otherwise, why would God have allowed his innocent Son to suffer for us?

*Father Jim*