



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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STAFF/TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Very 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*)
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

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13/14 FEBRUARY 2021

THE HEALER'S TOUCH

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time. How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed! Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, “Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.” Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us! But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says, unkindly,



about Christians, “They don’t even look like the redeemed!” That is a painful accusation, isn’t it? Why aren’t we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord’s healing touch at every mass? But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us

not to judge others. Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves? So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch. *-Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish



Growing in our faith in Christ 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. There is no Family Formation Session scheduled this week!



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.



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>.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING OPPORTUNITY

As part of your Lenten sacrifice, we encourage you to make a donation to Metanoia Manor, located in greater Baton Rouge. Metanoia was founded in 2018 by Fr. Jeffery Bayhi, one of our Diocesan Priests, and it is a faith-based residential facility. Then Center assists girls aged 11-18 with mental, physical, and spiritual health, instruction in academics, life skills, and job training. Programs offer a place of refuge to female adolescent victims of human trafficking. Metanoia is sustained by grant funding and private donations. Please make all checks payable to St. Margaret Church. Children are also invited to "Journey with Jesus" in this almsgiving opportunity.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1108

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

Ancient Israelite teachings on purity/leprosy.

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul's summary advice about Christian behavior.

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus heals the leper.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

First Sunday of Lent — 20/21 February 2021

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Tony Button, 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, Mary Mocsary, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13/14 February 2021

4:00PM Vigil
Sat., 13 Feb.
St. Margaret



Andy & Olga Bartosh (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Theresa Christina (By Steven & Joann Constance)
John Courouleau (By KC 4th Degree Assembly 2801)
Fred Gauthier (By Glenn & Rhonda Young)
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 KC Ladies Auxiliary)
Laurie Landry (By Pete Piffner & the Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Mike Michon (By the Family)

Bill Moran (By Karen Moran)
Lynette Piffner (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Piffner (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Peggy Richards (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Bill Michael Rodgers (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Frank & Denise Schilling (By Pete Piffner & Family)
Geraldine Sziber (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
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)

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

8:00AM
Sun., 14 Feb.
St. Thomas

Caleb Degenhardt (By Frank Degenhardt)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Melissa Labranche (By Rose Gauthier)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)
Charlie Martin (By Larry & Kathy DeArmond)

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 Piffner & Family)
Belinda Babineaux Wilson (By Bonnie & David Anderson)

10:00AM
St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM
St. Margaret (By the Family)

Mon., 15 Feb. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Lynette Piffner
(By Glenn & Rhonda Young)

Tues., 16 Feb. (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mike Michon
(By Glenn & Rhonda Young)

Wed., 17 Feb. (6:00AM)

Ash Wednesday

Jimmy & Michael Darouse
(By the Family)

Wed., 17 Feb. (12:00PM)

Ash Wednesday (St. Margaret)

Joann Faldetta Nelson
(By Sal & Elvie Faldetta)

Wed., 17 Feb. (12:00PM)

Ash Wednesday (St. Thomas)

Melissa Labranche
(By the Family)

Wed., 17 Feb. (6:00PM)

Ash Wednesday

Bill Moran
(By Glenn & Rhonda Young)

Thurs., 18 Feb. (7:00AM)

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Gene Rychlinski
(By Glenn & Rhonda Young)

Fri., 19 Feb. (7:00AM)

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Joseph Reine
(By the Family)



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday, 17 February 2021 is **6:00AM** at St. Margaret Church, two Masses at **12:00PM** Noon, one at St. Thomas Chapel AND one at St. Margaret Church, and **6:00PM** at St. Margaret Church. Make plans to attend! Remember there will be **NO Adoration** on Ash Wednesday; please sign up for these Masses and for Friday Adoration!

A NEW CENSUS

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 is 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!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Every Wednesday and Friday of Lent at St. Margaret Church, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available. It begins both days after 7:00AM Mass; it concludes on Wednesdays with Benediction at 8:00PM and on Fridays with Benediction at 5:00PM (pending sufficient available adorers). Sign up links will soon be available on our electronic media. Please remember to practice physical distancing. If you have already committed to an hour, but can not make it please find a replacement.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 30/31 January 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$10,272.00
Debt Reduction Collection	\$4,100.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Special Collection next weekend will be for the Black & Indian Missions!



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

Lent starts again this week, and it might be good to simply talk about a lot of our penitential practices around the parish. We begin this Ash Wednesday with four Masses, three at St. Margaret and one at St. Thomas. Don't forget to sign up for Mass. The imposition of ashes will look a little different this year. Based upon guidance from the Holy See and in conformity with the wishes of Bishop Duca, we will not smear ashes in the form of a cross on your forehead. Rather, you will be asked to approach the altar with your head bowed, and ashes will be sprinkled upon you. For me, this is a great representation of what we hear about spirituality in the Gospel read on Ash Wednesday itself. We approach the altar to receive the ashes with no one seeing or knowing that you're fasting, praying, and giving alms but your heavenly Father! Many people make the commitment to attend daily Mass during the Lenten season. This is surely something that you might want to consider. Remember daily Masses are at 7:00AM at St. Margaret.

During the year, we provide an opportunity to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday from 7:30AM until 8:00PM. On Fridays in Lent, we also add another day of adoration from 7:30AM until 5:00PM. Both sessions conclude with Benediction. Please sign up for Friday adoration sessions using the link found on our social media pages!

On Fridays, we gather at St. Margaret Church at 5:30PM to pray communally the Stations of the Cross. Our beautiful, custom creations give us all wonderful art as we reflect upon our Savior's sacrifices for us all.

Every year, we have our annual Lenten Parish Mission. This year, Fr. Brice Higginbotham from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be our presenter, and the mission will be held 28 February through 02 March. Plan on attending, and more information will be found in upcoming editions of the bulletin.

Last weekend, we distributed flyers outlining the many things that you and your family can do to make the season holy. We also outlined an almsgiving opportunity for adults and children. Funds collected will assist Metanoia Manor, a house that assists young women who fall victim to human trafficking. Please consider adding this to your penitential practices.

These are just some of the ways that we can gather to journey through these next forty days. How do you plan on joining us?

Fr. Brice Higginbotham

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

Our annual Lenten mission will be presented by Fr. Brice Higginbotham. The mission will be entitled "Believe & Remain: How to Live as a Disciple of Jesus." The mission will be held on three consecutive Lenten nights at St. Margaret (Sunday, 28 February, Monday, 01 March and Tuesday, 02 March) at 6:45PM (Sunday) and 6:00PM (Monday and Tuesday). Make plans to join us as we journey through this season!



LENT

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 14 February 2021

Church in Eastern Europe Special Collection!

Happy Valentine's Day!

10:00AM—RCIC Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming

Monday, 15 February 2021

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 16 February 2021

Happy Mardi Gras!

Parish Office is Closed Today!

Wednesday, 17 February 2021

No Eucharistic Adoration Today!

6:00AM—Distribution of Ashes, St. Margaret

12:00PM—Distribution of Ashes, St. Margaret & St. Thomas

6:00PM—Distribution of Ashes St. Margaret

Thursday, 18 February 2021

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—CDA Meeting, St. Margaret Room

Friday, 19 February 2021

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—Benediction, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—Stations of the Cross, St. Margaret Church

Saturday, 20 February 2021

Black & Indian Missions Special Collection!

10:00AM—First Reconciliation, St. Margaret Church

4:00PM—KC Quarterly Mass & Communion

6:00PM—Rite of Election, St. Margaret Church

