



# 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*  
Rev. Brad Doyle (Ext. 111) *Parochial Vicar*  
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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*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

20/21 FEBRUARY 2021

# IT'S LENT AGAIN!

What if we described Lent as a “Retreat?” A Retreat, in Catholic and other religions, is a space of days taken out to pray and to be with the Lord. Often one goes to a retreat house to do these. In St. Louis, for instance, there is a beautiful place called “White House”—different from the one for the president—which has a stunning view of the Mississippi River. For many decades Jesuits have preached retreats there every weekend and sometimes during the week. Sizeable groups of men or women stay for two or three days to meditate, listen to talks, and refresh their spiritual lives. I am not saying that you should disappear to the nearest retreat house for the five weeks of Lent. But what about letting each Lenten day partake of certain retreat practices? For instance, what about setting aside a little time each day to let your insides settle down for a while, to create a space within you to welcome God. Maybe set up a special place in your home or someplace else just to pray. How about a picture or crucifix or maybe a candle? Or just 10 minutes of silence? And why not use some time to read in advance the



gospel from the upcoming Sunday Mass? Sit down, read it slowly, and let the scene described take place within the your heart and mind. This week you could ask Jesus how it felt to have the Spirit drive him into the desert, as described in this week’s Gospel. The point? Let the Lord’s loving deeds be your motivation for “giving up” anything during Lent. Make a gift of gratitude to God—rather than just refraining from something or other. How does any of this prepare you for Holy Week and Easter? By doing exactly what Jesus does when he makes of himself a gift consisting of suffering and death. He is returning a gift of love to the Father. Lent prepares us to witness this reality of our savior. *-John Foley, SJ*

# Events Around the Parish

## 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.



## Faith Formation

### FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Next week's session of Family Faith Formation scheduled on **Sunday, 28 February 2021** is entitled "Lent: Sacrifice, Fasting & Almsgiving." Randall Waguespack 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.

### 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 Faucheux 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.



## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

*Gather Hymnal Number 1017*

### Genesis 9:8-15

*God's unconditional covenant with Noah.*

### 1 Peter 3:18-22

*All are saved by Christ through baptism.*

### Mark 1:12-15

*Jesus is driven into the desert for 40 days.*



## ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

*Second Sunday of Lent — 27/28 February 2021*

**Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Romans 8:31b-34;**

**Mark 9:2-10**

## RITE OF ELECTION THIS SATURDAY!



In the Diocese of Baton Rouge, the **Rite of Election (for the catechumens)** is celebrated jointly with the **Call to Continuing Conversion (for the candidates)** during the first week of Lent. Then, throughout the remainder of Lent – which focuses on the need for ongoing conversion – the elect and candidates join with Catholics throughout the world in seeking to deepen their faith, grow in holiness, and strengthen their relationships with God and neighbor. These rituals are usually celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral, but due to COVID, this year's celebration will take place at each of our parish churches. Congratulations to the men, women, and children who will soon join us in full communion at the Easter Vigil!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Cindy Brasington, Tony Button, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stilley 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 Wicherich, 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

First Sunday of Lent — 20/21 February 2021

4:00PM Vigil Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Theresa Christina (By Steven & Joann Constance)
Merrill Cooper (By Martha Cooper & DWayne)
John Courouleau (By KC 4th Degree Assembly 2801)
Fred Gauthier (By Glenn & Rhonda Young)
Homer Gaspard (By Grandchildren)
Betty Jo Graham (By Her Loving Family)
Ricky Harrison (By Shannon Macbeyne)
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz (By the Family)
Shirley Lacour (By KC Ladies Auxiliary)
Laurie Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & the Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)

Mike Michon (By the Family)
Bill Moran (By Karen Moran)
Lynette Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Peggy Richards (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Bill Michael Rodgers (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Frank & Denise Schilling (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Geraldine Sziber (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Andrew & Irene Sziszak (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Paul Sziszak, Jr. (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Harry Wilder (By Cher Arceneaux)
Holy Souls in Purgatory (By Mary Stabile)

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

8:00AM Caleb Degenhardt (By Degenhardt Family)
Anthony & Anna Friedman (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Doris Haydel (By A. J. & Cindy Martinez)
Joseph & Suzanna Ivanyisky (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By John & Mary Gaeta)

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 Pfiffner & Family)

10:00AM Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)
St. Margaret

5:30PM June Koles Olah
St. Margaret (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Mon., 22 Feb. (7:00AM)
The Chair of Peter (F)
Michael Michon
(By Mary Ann Michon)

Tues., 23 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Floris Relfe
(By the Family)

Wed., 24 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Eric Navarre
(By the Family)

Thurs., 25 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Karen Chemay
(By Glenn & Rhonda Young)

Fri., 26 Feb. (7:00AM)
Weekday in Lent
Frances Reine
(By the Family)



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of Eric Navarre by George & Kim Navarre.



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!

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). A sign up link is available on our Facebook page to sign up for Friday adoration. Please remember to practice physical distancing. If you have already committed to an hour, but can not make it please find a replacement.



A NEW CENSUS

We ask that you complete the form 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!

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 13/14 February 2021

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$8,997.00
Church in Eastern Europe Collection	\$1,020.00



*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*

*The Second Collection next weekend will be for our Prison Ministry Outreach!*

## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

Inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' formal statement *Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography*, **Safe Haven Sunday** is a weekend set aside within the liturgical calendar to directly address the societal harms of pornography. St. Margaret will provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages, and families in making all homes a safe haven. More details soon to come!



## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 21 February 2021

*Black & Indian Missions Special Collection!*

11:15AM—Family Faith Formation, St. Margaret Church

11:15AM—PSR (K-6), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Kindergarten)

12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, Hall of Saints

3:00PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

6:45PM—PSR (7-11), Hall of Saints

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, Parish Hall

### Monday, 22 February 2021

6:30PM—Girls Lenten Bible Study

### Tuesday, 23 February 2021

6:00PM—Margaret's Men, Ignatius Room

### Wednesday, 24 February 2021

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

6:30PM—Open Doors (RCIA), Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room

6:30PM—RCIC, Goretti Room

### Thursday, 25 February 2021

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

### Friday, 26 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, 27 February 2021

*Prison Ministry Second Collection!*

*Safe Haven Weekend!*

10:00AM—TeenFemm Training, St. Margaret Room



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

Why does Jesus go into the wilderness? Most people would say to prepare. I mean, others like Elijah and Moses had to spend some time along with God before they could carry out their mission. But that's not why Jesus is there. He heard God loud and clear at his baptism. He actually goes out to the desert to hear from Public Enemy Number One – NOT the kind of retreat that you would expect.

The Scriptures say that Jesus was “led” into this place where humans cannot survive by the Spirit. And that's the Good News, I guess. Lent didn't come naturally to Jesus either. It took the Spirit to get him there, and if you listen to the Mark version of this story, he may have never gone on his own.

When he's out there, he meets his date. It's interesting that the devil doesn't have a pitchfork and wear spandex. He doesn't announce himself. Rather, the voice of evil sounds like the voice of good. “Save the world.” “Take care of yourself.” “Prove your faith.” The message of the Gospel becomes a little more clear – Lent is about helping us to recognize the most potent tools of the tempter – the temptations that don't like temptation until we see them in the rearview mirror.

How does Jesus fight them – with sheer obedience. His escape from the devil is not a matter of making the best decision. It's a willful choice to submit to God. Again, and again, and again. He whispers, “Life is more than eating bread” as his stomach rumbles in knots. “Worship God alone” he says as anything he wants is right in front of him for the taking. Obedience is what delivers him and helps refine his baptismal call.

For us too, Lent doesn't come naturally. It isn't about strength-training for the soul or exercising our spiritual muscles. Lent is about obedience. And reliance. And dependence. It's about the awareness that every good door that opens is not necessarily the will of God. It's about learning to be led into a desolate place within ourselves where our hungers, and our dreams, and all our fears take turns trying to shut out the voice of God.

Lent really is our last hope. If we can recognize the voice of the tempter in these forty days of self-denial, we might be wise enough to know him when he speaks with our own voice. This Lent, may we receive the grace to choose who we will be and whose we will be!

What are you doing to prepare spiritually? How will you fast, pray more, and give alms in Lent 2021?