



# ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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## “The Pew Buddy”

*The Weekly Parish Bulletin*

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

28/29 MAY 2022

### 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. Paul Gros (Ext. 111) *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Byrd Corbett (Ext. 108) *Permanent Deacon*  
Deacon Tim Messenger (Ext. 149) *Permanent Deacon*  
Mary E. Herbert (Ext. 105) *Administrative Assistant*  
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Shirley Darouse (Ext. 104) *Contributions Manager*  
Gill Scioneaux (Ext. 150) *Maintenance Supervisor*  
Ansleigh Munn (Ext. 113) *Youth Formation*  
Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *Wedding Coordinator*  
St. Vincent de Paul Hotline (Ext. 144)

### 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*)

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

7:00AM, Monday through Friday

**RECONCILIATION:** The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday and on Saturday at 3:00PM 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 the parish office 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, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

## THEIR HEARTS CLEAVED TO HIM

At the start of the story about the ascension, Christ and the apostles are in Jerusalem. After his final talk with them there, Christ is ready to ascend to the Father. In his ascension, he goes directly upwards towards heaven. One might suppose that there is something childish about the miracle that has him levitating into the sky. He has just vanished on other occasions during his resurrected life. Why does he now not simply vanish, in a dignified way, one might say, and this time not return? The question contains the answer within it. How would those who loved him know that *this time* he would not return? Why would those who loved him not still somehow suspect that around any corner he might still after all return again? And even if he said he would not return, it might still be possible for a loving and hopeful heart to expect him around any corner. Watching him ascend slowly into the sky does have a kind of finality about it. And so perhaps Christ protects those who love him from endlessly watching for him through this mode of leaving his resurrected earthly life. But there is also something important to notice in a little remarked bit of the story: Christ, who is in Jerusalem, walks with his apostles to the Mount of Olives, where Bethany is, and ascends from there. Christ's mode of ascension is straight upwards, and no place on earth is closer than another to the destination when the destination is straight upwards. So there is something odd in Christ's walking some distance from Jerusalem in order to ascend from some place outside Jerusalem. Why does Christ not simply ascend from where they all are already in Jerusalem? The answer is *Bethany*. Christ walks from Jerusalem to ascend from Bethany or some place very near it. It is worth remembering, then, that Bethany is the home of Mary of Bethany. Is it reasonable to suppose that the resurrected Christ could walk into Bethany or its environs with at least eleven other men and not be noticed there? Perhaps one part of Christ's last act on earth was to make sure that he consoled and took his leave of a woman in Bethany whose heart cleaved to him. *-Eleonore Stump*



# Events Around the Parish

## COME TO THE WATER

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the months of April and May including **Sutton Mailhes, Lorelai Welch, Ellie Bayhi, Lydia Fouche, Valencia Totman, Theo Gendusa, Eleanora LaSalle, and Jeremiah Heroman.** May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact the Parish Office if you're interested in having your child baptized!



## SIGNS OF GROWTH

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Kyle Plauche', Jennifer & Alexa Chavez, Luis & Lisa Garfias Mesias, Sydney Allen, Ryan Barron, and Michael & Gina LaSalle.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to "officially" register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God's love!



## CONGRATS AND WELCOME



Congratulations to newly ordained Deacon Joseph Bresowar! He will become a part of our St. Margaret community soon and to welcome him we would like to invite everyone to meet him after all Masses next weekend. Join us for coffee

and donuts after Mass on Sunday, 8:00AM at St. Thomas and 10:00AM at St. Margaret and for a reception after Mass on Saturday at 4:00PM and Sunday at 5:30PM in the St. Margaret Room. Come out, congratulate Deacon Joseph and show him our welcoming hospitality!

## YUMMY FOR YOUR TUMMY



Come and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! Mark your calendars for next month's "Yummy for Your Tummy." The theme will be "Pizza on the Padre" and will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 11 June 2022 at 5:00PM.** "The Padres" will provide the pizza if you can bring dessert! Join us for food, fun and fellowship.

## ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

If your home address, telephone number, or email address has changed within the past year, please call the Parish Office to update your registration information. This information is our means of staying in touch with you and your family as members of the St. Margaret Church community.



## MAKE PLANS FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for **Monday, 18 July through Friday, 22 July 2022** for *Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.* Be on the lookout for the more information and the registration form in our bulletin and on our website!



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY



Vincent Alfano, Maurice Armagnac, Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Batty Family, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Pauline Cannon, Vincent Catalanatto, Amber Stille Cocchiola, Alan Cutrer, Frances Dantin, Hattie Davis, Amanda Degenhardt, Irene DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Hayes Gauley, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Patty Hubert, Deanna Kennedy, Dee Keslick, Kansas Johnson, Stephanie Kippers, Lebowitz Family, Christopher Letendre, Stephanie Livingston, Gregg Mader, Payton Mangipano, Fr. Jerry Martin, Cynthia Martinez, Jessica Miller, Fay Murray, Rose Mary Novak, Vickie Ortego, Lydia Palisi, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Pete Piffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Adam Robert, Sr., Jason Rochelle, Dutch Schilling, Kayla Sharp, Alexis Sterling, Brittany Stille, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Liz Varnado, Joe Vilardo, Brent J. Waguespack, Sr., Dolores Wheat, Robert Wheat and Family, Gabby Young, 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 Rose Mary Novak at 985.507.7487.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*The Ascension of Our Lord — 28/29 May 2022*

**4:00PM Vigil**  
 Sat., 28 May  
 St. Margaret  
**Sarah Bankston** (By the Class of 1954)  
**Joann & Bill Born** (By the Family)  
**Philip Brabham** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)  
**Karen Chemay** (By Mark Chemay)  
**Joe Gaeta, Sr.** (By Cathy Huckabee)  
**Homer Gaspard** (By the Family)  
**Ricky Genre** (By Mary Ann & Family)  
**Paul Andrew Ivanyisky** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz** (By the Family)  
**Francis Kronlage** (By Alberta & Family)  
**Vernon & Dorothy Landry** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Irene M. Leon** (By Tommy & Mona Watkins)  
**Ray J. Louviere** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)  
**Beverly Rose Cunningham Dominique** (By Mr. & Mrs. Donald Soignet)

**Ricky Messer** (By Barbara & Kenny Sherman)  
**Dustin Novak** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Sue Novak** (By Jim & Family)  
**Dr. William T. O'Brien, III** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)  
**June Koles Olah** (By JuJu's Bunch)  
**Lynette Pffiffner** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner** (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)  
**Anne Sherman** (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)  
**Paul Szyszak, Jr.** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Kalman Szucs** (By Alex & Royannne Kropog)  
**Helen Tallia** (By Virginia LaMonica)  
**Joe Vassil** (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)  
**Special Intention** (By the Family)

**8:00AM**  
 Sun., 29 May  
 St. Thomas  
**Jerry Adamcewicz** (By the Family)  
**Pauline Frisbie** (By the Family)  
**Melissa Labranche** (By Rose Mary Novak)

**John LaGrange** (By Edie & Family)  
**Charlie Martin** (By Susan & Family)  
**Joan McKinney** (By Brenda Bailey)

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

**5:30PM**  
 St. Margaret  
**Robert Grey Hammett**  
 (By Cynthia & Bill Cummer)

**Mon., 30 May (7:00AM)**  
 Weekday in Easter  
**Paula Distefano**  
 (By Joe Distefano)

**Tue., 31 May (7:00AM)**  
 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin (F)  
**Eric Navarre**  
 (By George & Kim Navarre)

**Wed., 01 June (7:00AM)**  
 St. Justin (M)  
**Lynette Pffiffner**  
 (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)



**Thu., 02 June (7:00AM)**  
 Weekday in Easter  
**Jimmy & Michael Darouse**  
 (By the Family)

**Fri., 03 June (7:00AM)**  
 St. Charles Lavanga & Companions (M)  
**Anna & Paula Distefano**  
 (By Joe Distefano)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Fred Gauthier** by Rose Gauthier.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

*Gather Hymnal Number 1079*



**Acts 1: 1-11**  
*Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach and continue his work.*  
**Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23**  
*Christ has entered into heaven itself.*  
**Luke 24:46-53**  
*Jesus instructs the disciples to return to Jerusalem.*

**ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK**

*Pentecost Sunday — 04/05 June 2022*

**Acts 2:1-11; I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23**

**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE**

Beginning this **Sunday, 29 May 2022**, a statue of Our Lady will be available to any parishioners that want to welcome her for a weeklong visit. Consider taking this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to participate in praying a special Rosary for peace and all your special intentions and needs with Our Lady. For more information or to sign up for this devotion, you can call, text, or leave a voicemail with your name and number for Janeen Broussard at 504.628.5526, and she will get back with you. It is our intention to have weekly signups for this traveling devotion throughout our parish and to deliver the statues to families at the conclusion of our weekend Masses.



**FREE ADOPTION MATTERS SEMINAR**

Interested in adopting, but don't know where to start? Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge is hosting a free virtual Adoption Matters Seminar on **Tuesday, 14 June 2022 at 6:00PM**. Led by adoption experts, learn how you can navigate your way through a successful adoption journey. Registration is required. Visit [adoptbatonrouge.com/events](http://adoptbatonrouge.com/events) to learn more and to show how much you respect the dignity of all human life!

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 21/22 May 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$12,079.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$1,057.00



*Thank you for your continued and generous support!*

*Next weekend's second collection is for the  
Building & Maintenance Fund!*

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, 29 May 2022

*Mission Krewe Second Collection!*

### Monday, 30 May 2022

*Happy Memorial Day!*

### Tuesday, 31 May 2022

- 9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
- 9:30AM—Bible Study, Acts Part I, Seton Room
- 6:00PM—Women's Bible Timeline Study, JP II Room
- 6:00PM—Bible Study, Acts Part I, Seton Room

### Wednesday, 01 June 2022

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

### Thursday, 02 June 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

### Friday, 03 June 2022

*No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!*

### Saturday, 04 June 2022

*Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!  
Welcome Deacon Joseph Bresowar!*  
3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

## CONFESSION PROTOCOL

The doors of the confessional are always open to the faithful! As a courtesy to all those seeking reconciliation, for Thursday confessions, please enter the church through the front doors facing the piazza and remain in the main body of the church until the current person in confession returns to the Church. For privacy purposes, please do not wait on the pew near the rear entrance! Thanks for your consideration.



## A VOCATION VIEW

After the Risen Lord ascended into heaven, his disciples continued his work on earth. Blest are the ones found working when he returns. Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? If you feel a call to a Church vocation, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).



## Sundry Ruminations

*A Weekly Column from Your Pastor*

One author once wrote about the Church, “To many outside of the Church, the Church is like a football huddle. You know that something important is being said there, but you can’t understand a word of it. And all you can see is their rear ends!”

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, and we’re faced with a real dilemma. On the one hand, the Scriptures reiterate the Great Commission that Jesus gives each and every one of us – to do equally great things in the name of the Lord. Sometimes, though, I wonder if the practice of today’s Gospel is instead more or less the “Great Omission.” Perhaps our challenge, then, is to create a realistic plan in our quest to evangelize all peoples?

In our first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus disciples stand around gazing at the sky trying to figure out what happened to Jesus and what might happen to them. Soon enough, two men in white garments appear and ask them that very question “Why are you standing here looking around? You have work to do!” In other words, you have a commission to fulfill. You’re supposed to drive out demons and heal lepers. Imagine the reaction of the disciples – “Who, US?”

Both the second reading and the Gospel today might tempt us to focus on various theological questions about the Ascension. Questions like “Where is heaven?” or “Is Jesus’ body actually there?” all provide interesting Christological discussions. But we shouldn’t overlook a basic theological concept found in the Gospel itself. Jesus gives his promises to his disciples that they’ll be able to do great things. But he gives them a warning – stay in the city until you’re clothed with power from on high. In other words, you can’t do it by yourself! Sure, you’ll be able to work great miracles, things just as Jesus did; but unless you do these in the name of the Lord under the Spirit’s inspiration, they WILL NOT be fruitful.

Sometimes I think we’re the same way! We can be quite zealous, willing to take the Scriptural challenge literally. But there’s a temptation always present. In the seminary, we called it the Messiah complex – people who think that without their presence or ministry, the Church would simply crumble. We even refer to it in our own conventional wisdom. When a pope dies, another one is soon elected. Charles de Gaulle once said “The graveyards are full of indispensable people.” Perhaps that’s the message for us today – evangelization doesn’t happen in a bubble. Do you follow the words of the Great Commission? Do you truly believe that you have great work to do?

*Father Jimmie*