



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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“The Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

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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*)
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.

THE MOST HONORABLE SEAT

Jesus censures people who take the seats of honor at a feast. Take the least honorable places, he tells them, and then the host can invite you to a more honorable place. Jesus is rebuking the pride of those people who go for the honorable seats. But what is the solution to the problem of pride? If you race your friends to the least honorable seat because the reward for doing so is that you get one of the best seats, isn't this pride too? So what is true humility? Well, think about pride. There is a childish kind of pride, of course, where you brag about your accomplishments while everybody else tries to be polite enough not to roll their eyes while you are talking. And then there is also the grown-up version of that childish pride, the pride of the self-made man. A multi-millionaire who explains that he has gotten where he is all by himself has this kind of pride. He has failed to notice all the gifts he has been given that have helped him get where he is. He thinks he himself is responsible for the good he has. A more complicated kind of pride can be found in a person who knows that all his good comes from the grace of God. But he is sure that God has given such grace to him and not to his neighbors, because God knew that *he*, unlike his stupid worldly neighbors, would make good use of God's gifts. Finally, the worst and most sophisticated kind of pride is found in the Pharisee who thanked God that he was not like other men, especially not like that sinner, the publican, praying next to him in the Temple. The Pharisee knew that every good in him was a gift from God. But he was glad that *he* had God's gifts and that the publican didn't. The Pharisee liked looking down on the publican. Here is what humility is, then. It is recognizing that every good in yourself is a gift from God and is meant to be given



back to the Lord by being shared with others. So you can't get true humility by racing for the least honorable seat. If the least honorable seat is, in the Lord's view, the best place to be seated, then true humility requires your sharing it with others in gratitude to the Lord who gave it. *-Eleonore Stump*

Events Around the Parish

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our first session of Family Faith Formation is scheduled for **Sunday, 28 August 2022 at 11:15AM.** Deacon Joseph Bresowar will be presenting on "Family Faith Formation: The Domestic Church." This session will be in the St. Ignatius Room in the Hall of Saints. At least one parent per student is required to attend each session, though it is preferable that both parents attend these sessions. Indeed, all parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate!



YUMMY TAILGATE PARTY

Come join our "Tailgate Party" and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners! Our next "Yummy for Your Tummy" will be held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 10 September 2022 at 5:00PM.** Bring your favorite tailgating fare: grilled foods, chips, dips, sandwiches, brownies and cookies. Join us for food, fun and fellowship!



CORE TEAM SIGN UP

Did you know that every youth group meeting we share a meal? This is made possible by our Core Team and generous parishioners! Sometimes it is a Cane's tailgate and others it is homemade spaghetti! This is one way to support our youth here at St. Margaret. We hope you consider bringing them a meal at one of their youth events! Check out our Sign Up Genius to see when we need help. If you would rather help donate items or set up/clean up, there are opportunities for that also!



Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a044caaf2da6f94-fall1 or scan the QR code!



THEY KEEP COMING

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Chadwick, Deidre and Abigail Boudreaux; Bryan, Ashley, Cole, Allie and Anna Landry; Richard and Deborah Burch; Sherri, Justin, Hunter and Braylin Monistere; Jacob and Levi Rabalais; and Danielle Magruder and Brandon Stewart.** 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!

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the families and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of August including **Asher Jochum, Levi Plauche, Oakley Boehm, and Beau Wright.** May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Landon Goings in the Parish Office if you're interested in having your child baptized!



CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations all new couples married at St. Margaret during the month of August including **Jacob Guidry and Mary-Kate McGrew.** We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret so that you can be a sign of God's love to his people at St. Margaret!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Peggy Barringer, George Bates, Cindy Brasington, Nancy Campeaux, Vincent Catalanatto, Kristie Cleveland, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Frances Dantin, Hattie Davis, Irene DeMars, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Kathleen Green, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Patty Hubert, Kansas Johnson, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Lebovitz Family, Fr. Jerry Martin, Butch Meche, Rose Mary Novak, Frank Parrino, Terry Parrino, Wayne & Polly Pepitone, Pete Pfiffner, Carl & Jackie Rabalais, Ronnie Randazzo, Brittany Stillely, Joe Stolf, Jason Summers, Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Joe Vilardo, 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 27/28 August 2022

4:00PM Vigil

Sat., 27 Aug.
St. Margaret

William Arpan, II (By the Family)
Sarah Bankston (By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)
Philip Brabham (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Merrill Cooper (By Martha Cooper & Dwayne)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Gayle & Paul Gremillion)
Homer Gaspard (By the Grandchildren)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)
Ray J. Louviere (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)
Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

Adam Mocsary (By the Family)

Sue Novak (By Jim & Family)

Dr. William T. O'Brien, III (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

June Koles Olah (By JuJu's Bunch)

Bertha Ourso (By the Family)

Lynette Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)

Peter J. & Elizabeth Pffiffner (By Pete Pffiffner & Family)

Dennis Rabalais (By Francis & Margaret Goelz)

Bill Rogers, Jr. (By Mike & Betty Rogers & Sisters)

Anne Sherman (By Kenny & Barbara Sherman)

David & Lori Landry Smith (By Barbara & Rodley Henry)

Douglas Williams (By the Fischer Family)

8:00AM

Sun., 28 Aug.
St. Thomas

Jerry Adamcewicz (By the Family)
Adam Cyrier (By Clarise Cyrier Herrmann)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Dorothy Seller Guillory (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)
John LaGrange (By Edie & Family)

Charlie Martin (By Susan & Family)

Joan McKinney (By Brenda Bailey)

Emily Quintana (By Ward & Donna Forsberg)

Charles & Marie Stumpf (By Kerry & Robyn Landeche)

Patrick Tobin (By the Family)

10:00AM

St. Margaret

Missa Pro Populo
(The Mass for All Parishioners)

5:30PM

St. Margaret

June Koles Olah

(By Chuck & Sandy Raborn)

Mon., 29 August (7:00AM)

The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)

Lynette Pffiffner

(By Pete Pffiffner & Family)

Tue., 30 August (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Anna & Paula Distefano

(By Joe Distefano)

Wed., 31 August (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Yancy Watkins

(By George & Kim Navarre)

Thu., 01 September (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Jimmy & Michael Darouse

(By the Family)

Fri., 02 September (7:00AM)

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Eric Navarre

(By George & Kim Navarre)



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

WEEKEND FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other



mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, held on **16-18 September 2022**, contact Randall and Robin Bellard at 225.271.4092 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1157



Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Wise advice on humility.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The glory of living in the new covenant with Christ.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

A banquet parable on living humbly and serving the most needy.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 03/04 September 2022
Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



PREPARE FOR FLU SEASON

St. Margaret will host a Flu Clinic on **Sunday, 11 September 2022** from **9:00AM** until **12:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Release forms will be available on site. Plan to get your flu shot, and remember to bring your insurance card!

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 20/21 August 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection \$10,735.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend will be for the Building and Maintenance Fund!

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 28 August 2022

Prison Ministry Second Collection!

11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

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

6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, 29 August 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Tuesday, 30 August 2022

9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room



Wednesday, 31 August 2022

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

6:00PM—GriefShare, Ignatius Room

6:30PM—RCIA, Seton Room

6:30PM—Youth Group, John Paul II Room

Thursday, 01 September 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—The Bible Timeline Study, Parish Hall

Friday, 02 September 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 03 September 2022

Building & Maintenance Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

THOMAS' TABLE MINISTRY

South Louisiana is no stranger to natural disasters and the long recovery that takes place in their aftermath. Thomas' Table provides support to the parish and civic community so that we can be proactive rather than reactive before calamity strikes. Our first organizational meeting will be held on **Saturday, 10 September 2022 at 6:00PM** in the Hall of Saints. When disaster does hit locally or nearby, ministers mobilize to provide St. Margaret's Helping Hands! Not ironically, St. Thomas – our secondary patron – is the patron saint of chefs! Interested in cooking up a storm? Or are you willing to help us mobilize when we need to respond? This, indeed, is your ministry!



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Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The question today is why was Jesus invited? He surely wasn't popular among the Pharisees! It surely wasn't out of love, but we really don't know the motive. Maybe it was born out of social necessity – the host really didn't want to invite him, but given his popularity, etiquette demanded that they not snub this new rabbi. There may have been some vanity too – Jesus' star rising would be a feather in the social cap. I tend to be a little more cynical, and I think they were setting Jesus up. After all, the Scripture says they were "observing him carefully." Perhaps their strategy was to get cozy with him, make him relax and let his guard down. Maybe, just maybe, he might reveal something he shouldn't, and they could use it against him.

Today's Gospel leaves out Jesus' interaction with a man at the party with dropsy. It was what we could call edema, and he likely looked pretty pathetic. Initially, Jesus seems to be the epitome of a polite guests asking, "Would it be all right if I healed this man?" But there was silence, and he does it anyway. When the butler rings the bell for the meal to start, Jesus takes note of the jostling that begins as guest after guest angles his way toward the host's chair. Jesus tells the just sit in the back. It's the humble way to go at life, and if the host asks you to move up, you have nothing to be ashamed of. I wonder if people blushed and just plopped into the seat closest to him. But he doesn't stop there. He criticizes the guest list and instead tells the host he should invite the poor, the blind and the crippled. So much for a dinner party! I'm sure everyone wants to leave quickly.

We don't know how the dinner party ended, but we get the feeling that the host didn't say, "Come again!" In fact, in the rest of Luke's Gospel, Jesus is never invited anywhere by a Pharisee. Instead, he goes to other parties, invited by tax collectors and sinners, and he is condemned for doing so.

So back to the original question. How do you treat your friend? Your enemies? Or what about the people in the middle? What kind of people are your people? Disasters always remind us that the poor, the forgotten, those who need a little extra help – these are our neighbors! And if we're not serving them, maybe it's time to break our social etiquette!

Thanks to all who contributed in the celebration for **Deacon Randall and Patricia Waguespack** last weekend. It was a busy one, for sure, and the campus was hopping, which is a great reminder of exactly how wonderful our parish life is truly! Just remember, we need more volunteers to make our ministries work. We want you to have a seat at the table!

Father Finn