



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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Landon Goings (Ext. 112) *Sacraments & Catechesis*
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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 Pew Buddy”

The Weekly Parish Bulletin

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17/18 SEPTEMBER 2022

WHAT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

What’s the lesson? The more obvious one of course is the challenge that is already contained in the famous mantra of the prophets who had stated unequivocally that the quality of our faith will be judged by the quality of justice in the land and that the quality of justice will be judged by how the most vulnerable groups in society fare (widows, orphans, and strangers) while we are alive. The Jewish prophets had already taught us that serving the poor is a non-negotiable, integral part of religion, that nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor. But Jesus adds something: God doesn’t just have a preferential option for the poor, God is *within the poor*. There’s another lesson too, subtle but important: In this gospel story, neither those who served God in the poor nor those who didn’t serve God in the poor knew what they were doing. The first group, who did respond, did so simply because it was the right thing to do. They didn’t know that God was hidden inside the poor. The second group, who didn’t respond, didn’t reach out because they didn’t realize that God was within the poor. Neither knew that God was there and that is the lesson: A mature disciple doesn’t calculate or make distinctions as to whether God is inside of a certain situation or not, whether a person seems worth it or not, whether a person is a Christian or not, or whether a person appears to be a good person or not, before reaching out in service. A mature disciple serves whoever is in need, independent of those considerations. The last temptation, that is the greatest treason, is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. TS Eliot said that. Jesus would add that doing the right thing is reason enough. —Ron Rolheiser



Events Around the Parish

THANK YOU, CATECHISTS, FOR YOUR MINISTRY!

The work of catechesis in the Parish is never limited to the pastor alone. The cooperation of many lay leaders is necessary to continuously spread the faith. Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated this **Sunday, 18 September 2022**. Fr. Jamin will even offer our catechists a special blessing at the **10:00AM Mass**. Join us in thanking these men and women for their commitment and sacrifice to preach the Gospel! We thank our catechists for their hard work!



THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next session of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be this **Sunday, 18 September 2022** at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Deacon Joseph Bresowar will be presenting "Pervasively Potent: Sacraments—Outward Signs of Invisible Realities." Spread the word about learning more about your faith!

MARCH FOR LIFE MEETING

There will be a March for Life information meeting to plan for the 2023 pilgrimage on **Thursday, 29 September 2022** at **5:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. If you are interested in going to March for Life, you must attend this meeting! We hope to see you there!



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Gather Hymnal Number 1166

Amos 8:4-7

*God is aware of Israel's greed
and the needs of the poor.*

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges prayer for those in authority.

Luke 16:1-13

The dishonest steward exemplifies wisdom.



ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 24/25 September 2022

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **Sunday, 25 September 2022** at **11:15AM**. The topic presented by Deacon Joseph Bresowar will be "An Instruction for Christian Households: Ephesians 5." This session will be in the St. Margaret 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 to learn more about their faith!



THOMAS' TABLE PLANNING MEETING

Thomas' Table provides support to the parish and civic community so that we can be proactive rather than reactive before calamity strikes. Our next planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, 29 September 2022** at **5:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. 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! Please join us!



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, Shelli Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Sal Faldetta, Wendy Gill, Frank Goelz, Kathleen Green, Mary E. Herbert, Tommy Hebert, Patty Hubert, Kansas Johnson, Flavia Langan, Noah Langan, Lebovitz Family, Gregg Mader, Fr. Jerry Martin, Penny McCallister, 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 17/18 September 2022

4:00PM Vigil **William Arpan, II** (By the Family)
 Sat., 17 Sep. **Sarah Bankston** (By Rose Mary Novak)
 St. Margaret **Philip Brabham** (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Karen Chemay (By Mark Chemay)
Phillip Clifton (By Kevin & Louis Schilling)
Leon Dauterive, Jr. (By the Fleur de Lis)
Robert Fisackerly, III (By the Family)
Scott Fisackerly (By the Family)
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr. (By Gayle & Paul Gremillion)
Homer Gaspard (By the Family)
Ricky Genre (By Mary Ann & Family)
Barbara D. Harrison (By Lydia Brabham & Family)
Mary, William & Joe L. Juhasz (By the Family)
Francis Kronlage (By Alberta & Family)
Vernon & Dorothy Landry (By Pete Pfiffner & Family)
Leann Collet (By Joe Ticheli, Marie Bordelon, Paula Monk & Family)

8:00AM **Jerry Adamcewicz** (By the Family)
 Sun., 18 Sep. **Vincent T. Deliberto, Sr.** (By the Family)
 St. Thomas **Anthony & Anna Friedman** (By the Family)
Judy Friedman (By the Family)
Pauline Frisbie (By the Family)
Dorothy Seller Guillory (By the Family)
Melissa Labranche (By the Family)

10:00AM **Missa Pro Populo**
 St. Margaret **(The Mass for All Parishioners)**
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Mon., 19 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Communion Service

Tue., 20 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Sts. Andrew Kim & Companions (M)
Communion Service

5:30PM **Eric Navarre**
 St. Margaret (By George & Kim Na-

Wed., 21 Sep. (7:00AM)
 St. Matthew (F)
Communion Service

Thu., 22 Sep. (7:00AM)
 Weekday in Ordinary Time
Dexter Rotar
 (By Carol Girdwood)

Fri., 23 Sep. (7:00AM)
 St. Pius of Pietrelcina (M)
Brandie Rotar
 (By Carol Girdwood)

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret this week is given in memory of **Pauline Frisbie** by the Family.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

If you are celebrating 25, 50 or over 65 years of wedded marital bliss this year, "Happy Anniversary!" The Diocese of Baton Rouge would like to honor your loving commitment to each other! Please contact Tammy in the Parish Office to tell us more about your marriage!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our new monthly Food Distribution Program in partnership with Catholic Charities needs your help. Volunteers are needed for unloading the deliveries from Catholic Charities as well as boxing up the groceries and handing them out. If you are interested in being a part of this community outreach, please call Lucie or Tammy at the Parish Office.



OUR CORE TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP



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/70a044caaaf2da6f94-fall1 or scan the QR code!

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of 10/11 September 2022

Weekly Church Support Collection	\$12,525.00
Catholic University of America Collection	\$939.00



Thank you for your continued and generous support!

The Second Collection next weekend will be to support St. Margaret's Religious Education Programs!

Happy Fall y'all

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, 18 September 2022

*St. Vincent de Paul Special Collection!
Catechetical Sunday!*

10:00AM—Commissioning of Catechists, St. Margaret
11:15AM—PSR (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
12:30PM—Junior Youth Group, John Paul II Room
6:45PM—PSR (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints
6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, 19 September 2022

7:00PM—Communion Service, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—One Book, One Church, Seton Room

Tuesday, 20 September 2022

7:00AM—Communion Service, St. Margaret Church
9:00AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room
6:00PM—KCA Bake Taste/Pot Luck, St. Margaret Room
6:00PM—Missions & Retreats Committee, Ignatius Room
6:00PM—Respect Life Committee, Goretti Room

Wednesday, 21 September 2022

7:00AM—Communion Service, St. Margaret Church
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, 22 September 2022

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—Margaret's Men Meeting, Ignatius Room
6:00PM—The Bible Timeline Study, Hall of Saints

Friday, 23 September 2022

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled!

Saturday, 24 September 2022

Religious Education Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church



Sundry Ruminations

A Weekly Column from Your Pastor

The parable in the Gospel portrays a manager of a rich man's wealth who is apparently not trustworthy in even the small things. After he is reported to his boss, knowing that he is going to be fired, he goes out and renegotiates the contracts of his boss' debtors and tells them they owe his boss less money, all in an effort to gain more popularity and an extra buck or two for himself. All of his failures in the small things erode his conscience to the point that he has no problem, even under the threat of being fired, to gain whatever he can to protect his own ego and make a dollar.

Being honest in small matters to be honest in great matters might seem obvious to us, but I think that we deny the obvious every day. For example, if we overspend our meager bank accounts, don't we imagine more money to be the answer? Yet when we get a raise, that "extra" is soon spent too. Even some of the big Powerball winners quickly run out of money. Think about folks whose houses are cluttered with too much stuff. Having a bigger house looks like the answer, and yet it doesn't take long to fill up more closets. We imagine that a "little lie" is okay. "Fibbing" we call it. We fib here and cheat here and there and soon we're able to tell real whoppers without giving it much thought. We imagine that "just a few" cookies while on our diet won't matter much. Skipping our walk just for today can't hurt. Putting off until tomorrow the dishes – or our homework, or a thank you note, or a call – "just this once" doesn't matter. Missing Sunday mass is OK if it's not every Sunday. Calling in sick when we need a break – well, everyone does it.

These are the habits of continual failure and they all start with small stuff. If your life is in shambles or you feel like you're spiraling out of control, consider trying this: do what you say you're going to do. Period. If you're not eating sweets, then don't eat them. If you're Catholic, then you've tacitly agreed to go to Mass, so go. If you own it and it's dirty, clean it. If you don't have the money, don't spend it. If you said you'd meet someone at 3:00, don't show up at 3:10. Do what you say you're going to do, and life becomes simpler. You find yourself becoming a person who can be trusted with great matters, and it all starts with the small stuff.

This Monday through Wednesday, Father Paul and I will both join priests throughout Louisiana at the Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans that is held every couple of years. So on those mornings only, our deacons will have a communion service.

Also, there are many opportunities for service here at St. Margaret. We have a food distribution program that starts soon; consider being a volunteer!

Father Paul