



ST. MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND

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The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Friends:

For quite some time, parish leaders and I have been meeting to discuss future renovation plans for **St. Thomas Chapel** to preserve the building and to address several needs in the worship space. When engaging in Master Planning several years ago, St. Thomas was in better shape than all our other parochial buildings, and no contemporary work was foreseen; termite damage and subsequently Hurricane Ida's fury changed this reality. While discussions are ongoing, our need to proceed in improvements as soon as it is fiscally prudent to do so continues to be evident.

To kickstart our fundraising for St. Thomas, St. Margaret is partnering with the **#iGiveCatholic** campaign, a philanthropic initiative that revolves around "Giving Tuesday," uniting with thousands of generous Catholics across the country to donate to their favorite parish, school, or Catholic institution. It is St. Margaret's desire to participate in the 2022 campaign to continue to help to "jumpstart" a fundraising campaign so that we can begin the necessary renovation work at St. Thomas by repairing hurricane and termite damage and making further capital improvements to bring the building "up to par."

Would you consider giving to this initiative anytime between now and November 29? Instructions on how to do so are found on the obverse of this letter. We have even created levels of giving to match the life of St. Thomas and make giving a bit more fun — "The Doubters Guild," "The Didymus Club," and the "Apostolic Association." No gift is too small or insignificant, but many gifts from the heart will surely assist in our endeavor.

It is through YOUR faith-filled response on Giving Tuesday (now and through November 29) that you can **Give Back** and **Give Catholic** as we embark on another chapter of progress and beauty as a community. I am grateful for you and how you will help change our churches with your gift! Please be generous.

Yours in the Lord,

Very Reverend Jamin Scott David, JCL
Pastor