

	Mass Intention	Readings	Special Events
Saturday January 25th	8:00 AM †Gladys Delcourt by Sr. Ruth	Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18	
	4:00 PM †Maureen Sequeira by John Sequeira.	Is 8:23—9:3 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23	
Sunday January 26th	10:00 AM pro populo		Adult Faith Formation 11:15 AM (Parish Hall)
Monday January 27th	NO MASS TODAY	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30	
Tuesday January 28th	4:00 PM †Joan Rubenacker by Sr. Ruth	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35 Mt 23:8-12	Bible Study 9:30 AM (Parish Hall)
Wednesday January 29th	8:00 AM Dan Ohlhaut by Fr. Bond	2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	Holy Spirit Prayer Group 7:00 PM (Church)
Thursday January 30th	8:00 AM Mary Thomas by Sr. Ruth	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	
Friday January 31st	8:00 AM †Helen Louise Sequeira by John Sequeira	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34 Mt 18:1-5	
Saturday February 1st	8:00 AM Barbara Leiser by Fr. Bond	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	
	4:00 PM †Henry & Angie Rodríguez	Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40	
Sunday February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord	10:00 AM pro populo		Adult Faith Formation 11:15 AM (Parish Hall)

To request a Mass intention, please visit the parish office during normal business hours.

Note: Please be aware that our bulletin is posted on our website.
Any information herein is, therefore, public.



ST. MARGARET

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020 anno Domini

MASS SCHEDULE	MISSION STATEMENT
Sunday Liturgy:	To grow in the love of the Lord, follow the teachings of the Church, & serve one another and the community.
4:00 PM (Vigil)	
8:00 AM (seasonal)	
10:00 AM	
Monday:	
No Mass Today	
Tuesday:	
4:00 PM	
Wednesday-Saturday:	
8:00 AM	
Holy Day of Obligation:	
Refer to back page for specified schedule	
Snow Days:	
Contact office	
<i>Refer to back page for possible changes</i>	
CONFESSIONS:	CLERGY & STAFF
Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM,	Rev. Christopher Bond Pastor
Sunday: 9:00-9:45 AM, 1/2 hour before all Daily Masses, or by appointment	Rev. Mr. Miles Merwin Deacon (seasonal)
SACRAMENTS/FUNERALS: Contact office	Mrs. Ruth Schultz Secretary
	Ms. Nicki Conroy Faith Formation
	Mrs. Bernice Smathers Choir Director
	Ms. Faith Garner Organist
OFFICE HOURS:	
Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM—5:00 PM	
Saturday-Sunday: Closed	
Holidays: Refer to back page	

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DIOCESAN PAPER & COLLECTION ENVELOPES

It is that time of the year when payment from those who receive the **Diocesan Paper (\$15 per year)** and **Collection Envelopes (\$5 per year)** is due. If you receive the envelopes, there is an envelope for each of these payments. If you are *not* receiving the paper and do not desire to in the future, simply throw that envelope out. If you do *not* receive the envelopes but *do* receive the paper, please mark your check that it is to pay for the paper.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do. Rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

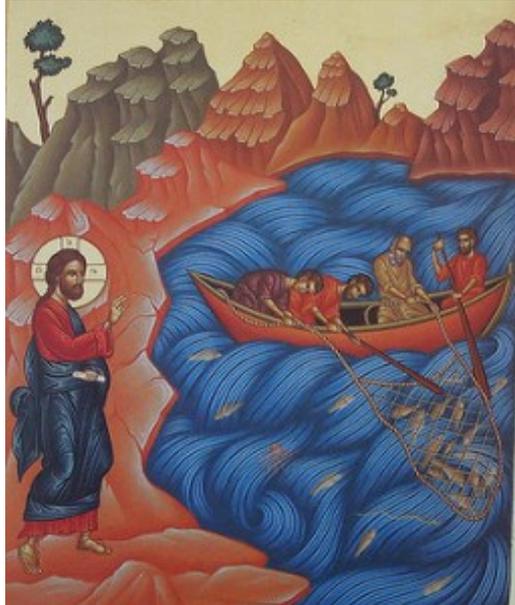
Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and bring His good news to all we meet at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home — in other words to live as His good stewards.

And, there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now — don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord' will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life — to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.



PASTOR'S CORNER



Aside from a library, a church is about the only structure in the world where one enters and expects silence. What makes a church categorically different from a library is that when one enters it, they also expect to be able to have a conversation with God. As you enter and exit the nave of the church, please be considerate of those who desire to pray in silence before and after Mass.

A wise priest once said, "You can get a good sense of the overall grasp of the faith and spiritual health of a particular parish just by walking inside its church to watch what people do right before and right after Mass."

With that in mind, I ask you all to consider your own personal comportment, not just *during* Holy Mass; but, *before* and *after* the sacred mysteries. We don't just come together once a week to share a meal. Mass would be relatively uneventful if that's all it was! If more Catholics were to realize that Mass is more than a *meal*—it is a *sacrifice* (indeed the one, true sacrifice of Jesus Christ laying down His life—on Calvary), I think reverent silence in his church would not be a request the pastor would ever need to make; it would already exist!

I ask this community to imagine it gathering at the foot of the cross rather than around a dining room table; for it is the former which elevates our hearts and minds from the commonplace to the mysteries of our faith. If we do this, not only would we find the real focus of Mass, we would be completely stilled by the incomparable love of Our Savior!

+Fr. Bond

HELP NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

We are in need of 4 people to help serve doughnuts and coffee in the fellowship hall every 2nd Sunday. If enough folks help, each team would only have this responsibility once a quarter. Please contact **Rina Steffel** at **(828) 926-3138**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

R. Allan, Chris Churchill, Denise Collins, Deacon Miles Merwin, Thomas Dexter, Elliot Dowdell, Norma Esbenshade, Pat Gerakaris, Raye Haaland, Jeff Hanson, Rance Hood, Gwen Horn, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Ann Ketchum, Josh Ketchum, Kimberly Krisan, Matt Loetz, G. Lydia, R. Mas, Peter Mino, Robert Missana, Deborah Mock, S. Mullen, Michael Naydock, Joseph Orvos, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Pat & George Pastore, Mike R., Marie S., Sue Quick, Edward Smathers, Austin Strader, Tinley Jane Toner, Kathy Torda, Olivia Triollo, Michael Welch, Bella Grace Yarrington, Bruce Yarrington, David Yarrington, & all in need of prayer.

Names will remain on this list for one month unless notified otherwise.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Offertory	Preservation & Improvement	Combined Mission	Heat Fund	Collection Envelopes	Diocesan Newspaper
\$2021	\$376	\$484	\$105	\$25	\$60