



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
26 JANUARY 2025

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES
WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
10:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Saturday 8:00 AM
Daily Morning Prayer 7:20 AM
Daily Evening Prayer 5:00 PM

All Services Transmitted on 90.3 FM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 2:30–3:30 PM
or by appointment

Welcome in the name of Jesus!

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, located in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. It has been a place of peace and contemplation for over fifty years, where area residents and visitors alike are invited to find fellowship and to seek God through the teachings of His Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacrament.

OFFICE HOURS

Mon~ Fri.: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

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MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church! We are grateful for your worshipping with us. If you regularly attend Mass here in Maggie Valley, you are encouraged to register in the parish at the office during the week.

DAILY MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER: Daily Morning Prayer is at 7:20AM and Daily Evening Prayer is at 5:00 PM are from the *Book of Divine Worship*. Daily Mass is celebrated at 8:00 AM. Mass on Saturday morning is from the *Book of Divine Worship: The Missal*. The sermons at daily Mass this week focus on the Letter to the Hebrews.

BREAKFAST WITH BECKET: will meet on **Wednesday, 29 January 2025 at 8:45am** in the Rectory Living Room, continuing with **Leviticus 16: the Day of Atonement**. What do the intricate rituals for atonement signify in this passage? How does the concept of a scapegoat apply to our modern understanding of responsibility and forgiveness? What implications does the scapegoat carry for understanding collective guilt and innocence? How could these rituals of atonement influence the moral behaviour of the Israelites? How can we interpret the Lord's command that both natives and foreigners observe this ritual? In what ways can we seek spiritual purification in our daily lives, reflecting the essence of these ancient rituals? *New schedule for 2025 is posted in the church vestibule and is available at the next meeting.*

BIBLICAL HEBREW: will meet on **Thursday, 30 January 2025** at 4:00pm. The lesson will continue with vocabulary study and work on nouns.

AQUINAS CIRCLE: will meet on **Tuesday, 28 January 2025** at 4:00pm with IaIIae. q. 47 (the sources and remedies for anger). You might instinctively presume that Aquinas would think of anger as inevitably a bad thing. He does say that anger arise without good reason, yet he does not think that it is necessarily bad. He thinks that it can be triggered by what is truly deserving of contempt. An angry person, experiencing anger and acting on it, might be thoroughly justified, he holds, since anger can arise because of goods rightly understood to be such and evils rightly understood to be such. And anger, thinks Aquinas, is "aggressive" in the sense that it amounts to a reaction

infecting our attempts to deal with certain difficulties that we perceive with an eye on what we take to be good and evil - evils that we take to be instances of injustice to ourselves that we want made up for in some way by goods. *New schedule for 2025 is posted in the church vestibule, and is available at the next meeting.*

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMAS), 2 February 2025, is on a Sunday this year. This is traditionally the day on which candles are blessed for the coming year. The blessing of candles will take place at the **10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, 2 February**: if you wish to have your own candle(s) blessed as part of the ancient ceremony, please bring them before that Mass, and collect them afterwards.

Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of long time parishioner **Shirley Carlson**, who died on Thursday, 9 January 2025. A Mass of Christian Burial will be on **Monday, 3 February 2025** at 11 am.

We are grateful to Alan Reed for his stellar service as cantor here for the past two years and wish him well in his future endeavours. If you are interested in serving as **CANTOR AT THE 10:00 AM MASS** – and many hands make light(er) work – please speak with the pastor.

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD LAY CARMELITE COMMUNITY in Sylva will begin new formation classes in June. Interested men and women should plan on attending at least three community meetings between January and May 2025; meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Jean Burton (director) at [828] 508-1060 or Nancy Newsome (formation director) at [828] 508-1132.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, whether or not you have already been baptized in another non-Catholic church, please get in touch with the pastor (e-mail is best) or the parish office. We welcome you and look forward to sharing our faith.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Maeghan Chavez, the Sevigny Family, Marlene Cole, Tammy Arrington, Leo Audet, Cecelia Berg, Leo Audet, Cecilia Berg, Elliot Dowdell, Joe Gatlin, Jamie Gonzales, Lewis Hanson, Maryellen & Ray Hoefler, Mary Ellen Hoefler, Joe Hoefler, Larry Jones, Katelyn Kerns, Ben Loetz, John McCausland, Betty Metzger, Peter Mino, Mary O'Bara, Christopher Palmiere, Nancy Palmiere, Pat & Suzanne Palmiere, Wayne Patton, Sally Presti, Steve Pulliam, Sue Quick, Robert Robinette, Edward Smathers, Tinley Jane Toner, Ed Toner, Sean Toner, Luke Turner, Will Vartuli, Rich Wood

OFFERTORY – 12 & 19 JANUARY 2025		
Offertory	Votives	Maintenance
\$4,650	\$12.00	\$30.00

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND DRIVE		
Cash To Date	Pledges to Date	Goal
\$315,875.39**	\$316,150.00	\$378,100.00

** does not reflect online giving.

	Mass	Event
Saturday 25 January FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	8:00 am 4:00 pm	7:20 am Morning Prayer 2:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 26 January THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8:00 am pro populo 10:00 am †Michael and June Naydock, <i>requested by Lisa and Bernie Bernreuther</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Monday 27 January	8:00 am	7:20 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 28 January ST THOMAS AQUINAS	8:00 am	7:20 am Morning Prayer 4:00 pm Aquinas Circle, IaIIae q 47 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday 29 January	8:00 am	7:20 am Morning Prayer 8:45 am Breakfast with Becket: Lev 16 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 30 January	8:00 am	7:20 am Morning Prayer 4:00 pm Hebrew Class 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Friday 31 January	8:00am †Helen Louise Sequeira, <i>requested by John & Molly Sequeira</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Saturday 1 February	8:00 am Guild of All Souls 4:00 pm †Eddie Vigneau, <i>requested by Joan, Spence & Mike Vigneau</i>	7:20 am Morning Prayer 2:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	8:00 am †Miranda Pugliese, <i>requested by the family</i> 10:00 am pro populo	7:20 am Morning Prayer 1:00 pm Baptism 5:00 pm Evening Prayer

To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office during normal business hours. Please make bulletin announcement submissions by Wednesday at noon.