

SAINT MARGARET PARISH WEEKLY BULLETIN

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OFFICE HOURS ARE MON-FRI. 8:30AM-4:30PM
WITH AN HR. OF LUNCH AT 12PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Christ's One and Eternal Sacrifice was and is for all humanity. With each Mass offered at the Altar, we give thanks that Christ offers His Sacrifice, keeping close to His Sacred Heart the following:

SUNDAY, DEC. 06, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
MONDAY, DEC. 07, GLORIA MARIE MONTEIRO
TUESDAY, DEC. 08, ERIN BRIZENO
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 09, CHUCK CHAMBERLAIN +
THURSDAY, DEC. 10, JERRI DIAZ
FRIDAY, DEC. 11, HECTOR AND ROSIE REYES
SATURDAY, DEC. 12, PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MASS TIMES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at **6pm**
Tuesday and Thursday at **8am**
Saturday at **6pm**
Sunday **7:30am** (Latin), **9:30am**, **11:30am**

Those receiving Holy Communion are asked to do so directly on the palm of your hand. Approach the Sacrament with humility.

OUTSIDE CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN 30 MINS BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY MASS

Saturday at **5:15pm**



ROSARY IN THE PIAZZA
Rosary at
10:30am every Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



MASS TIMES

Monday Vigil Mass
6pm December 7th
Tuesday Morning Mass
8am December 8th

Significantly in the first reading, the liturgy recalls the figure of Eve, the mother of all the living. The Fathers of the Church saw in Mary the new Eve that unties the knot bound by the first woman. The knot of disobedience tied by Eve was united by the obedience of Mary. As Eve was created in purity and integrity, also the new Eve was miraculously preserved from the contamination of original sin because she had to give humanity the Word, who was incarnated for our ransom.

The Church accompanies us on our journey through life, through the seasons of the year and within the changing circumstances of our daily lives. The following themes can serve as a guide along this path. It can be used individually, as a family or in groups.

Remember: When you open your inbox, how do you prioritize which emails to read first? When you go to a new restaurant, do you read reviews beforehand, prefer a detailed menu, always ask about specials, try different food, always go back to your own “tried and tested”. Have you ever thrown yourself into something, immersed yourself completely, for example, in a project or something that took all your time and energy?

Read: Mark 1:1-8

Reflect: Time was created by God, all time He sees - the past, the present and the future. With everything God brings into existence, He knows its predictable path. The All-Knowing God can never be surprised. The prophets of long ago, like Isaiah and John the Baptist, were given little glimpses into God’s vision of some future events. Even though they could not understand fully how it would all play out in time. They received the gift of Faith and Perseverance.

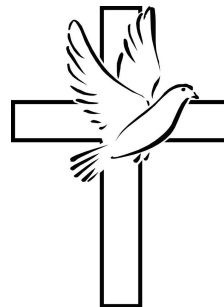
Review: From a prophet's perspective, how might they have perceived events? 1. God steers the ship, keeping it on course amid storms and obstacles. 2. Every choice someone makes can change the future. 3. It’s going to happen one way or another, so there’s nothing we can or have to do. 4. The present is more important than the past or the future.

Respond: From your own perspective, how do you know you are on the path intended for you by God? 1. I don't. I trust or hope that I am. 2. When I look behind or look forward, I can see a pattern. 3. If I follow the directions of the Church I will always be on course. 4. I trust the insight of others to guide me. 5. I can admit mistakes and sins from my past.

In order to correspond more closely to the mind of the Holy Mother Church during this important season, our night prayers consist of the Mass Collect for the day, a psalm or reading from the Advent prophets, and an Advent hymn. Children particularly love psalms once they have learned that they are the prayers our Lord Himself said when He was a boy on earth. One of the children’s favorite is:

O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O guide of the flock of Joseph! Rouse your power, and come to save us. O Lord of hosts, restore us, if your face shines upon us, then we shall be safe. O Lord of hosts, how long will you burn with anger while your people pray? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in ample measure. You have left us to be fought over by our neighbors, and our enemies mock us. O Lord of hosts, restore us, if your face shine upon us, then we shall be safe.

THIS WEEKS PRAYER



O God, who sees how Your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

