

# 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. 13,** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
**MONDAY, DEC. 14** Colin Toledo  
**TUESDAY, DEC. 15,** Harry & Sevia Monteiro +  
**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16,** Mark Gerard Kramer  
**THURSDAY, DEC. 17,** Gloria Monteiro & Joshua Jones  
**FRIDAY, DEC. 18,** Anna Pallisco  
**SATURDAY, DEC. 19,** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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## 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

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## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 6pm  
Traditional Midnight Mass 9pm  
Christmas Day Mass 9am

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O God, who see 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.

## THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL MEDITATION

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8; 19-28



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

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## THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



A Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who donated our Christmas Tree this year. May the Lord bless you in abundance this Christmas and always.

**THE CHURCH COMPASS**  
**WEEK 3 OF ADVENT**

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:** Who are the people you would likely approach for letters of recommendation and why? When you meet someone for the first time, do you tend to ask them questions about themselves, tell them about you, keep the subject at first to general or common interests? What type of problem-solving do you prefer? Mathematical, strategic, deduction or a game of chance?

**READ:** John 1: 6-8, 19-28

**REFLECT:** Regardless of circumstances, God has brought each and every person into existence at a particular and historic time, within a particular family, culture and context. You would not exist had not God a reason for you to do so. Although God's ultimate reason for my existence is to be with Him eternally, in the meantime I am given a portion of time and the help of His Spirit to discover the eventual path that leads me to Him. Although God does not force us along the way, He will use every event we encounter to help point us in the true Direction.

**REVIEW:** From St. John the Baptist's perspective, how might he have discerned his unique vocation from God? 1. He actually heard the voice of God 2. By living wild in the desert, following a strict routine he was able to pray without distraction 3. His unique family and relatives gave him an advantage. 4. He found out the hard way.

**RESPOND:** From your own perspective when would be a good time to meet Christ face-to-face? 1. I'm ready right now. 2. When I have fulfilled all my family duties and obligations. 3. After I have completed penance for past sins. 4. When I least expect it. 5. When I sense I have no more purpose. 6. I don't tend to think about it too much

**ROSARY IN THE PIAZZA**

Rosary at  
10:30am every Sunday

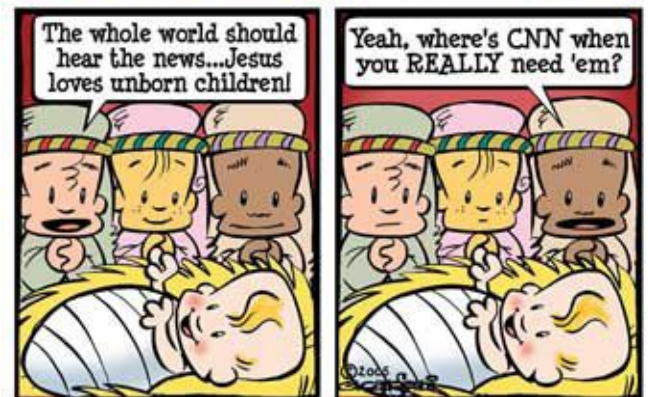
**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER**

A Root shall come forth from the stock of Jesse and a Flower shall rise out of his root! And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. The people that walked in darkness shall see a great light, for a Child is born to us and a Son is given to us. To Him all power shall be given. His Name shall be: Wonderful One, Strong God, Eternal One, Prince of Peace. He shall sit on the throne of David, and He will found a new Covenant which will last for ever and ever.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

This weekend December 12th and 13th, we are holding the Annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Special envelopes are located in the Credenza. The details of how this collection is used is printed on the offering envelope.

**Umbert the Unborn** by Gary Cangemi



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