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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am
Saint Alexander
 Saturday Vigil at 4pm
 (Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Monday-Friday 8am
Saint Mary of the Bay
 Holy Days as Announced



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Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

We are about to enter upon a very busy time of year with the holidays fast approaching. It's important that we commit ourselves in advance to making time for Christ during these busy months. A good way to do that is to consider being a part of the following offerings:

- In just a few weeks' time, the short but important season of Advent will be upon us. What better way to observe this holy season than by making use of your own Advent wreath in your home? Join us this coming Wednesday or Thursday at 6:30pm in the church hall at Saint Mary of the Bay for an **Advent Wreath Workshop**. All materials will be provided, as well as a prayer resource for you to use in your home throughout the season of Advent. There is no cost or registration required. We hope to see you there.
- Plan now on participating in the most important act of thanksgiving—the Celebration of Mass—on Thanksgiving morning. *The communities of Saint Mary of the Bay and Saint Alexander will come together on Thanksgiving Day at 9am for a common celebration of Mass at SMB.* This year, we're instituting a new tradition, "**From Our Table to Yours.**" A variety of artisanal loaves from the local Seven Stars Bakery will be blessed and made available to each household to take after Mass. Each will be accompanied with a table blessing for you to use at your own Thanksgiving meal. I know Thanksgiving is a busy day, but it is important to render our thanks to God, and consider this: you won't need to worry about baking bread this year!
- Tuesday mornings during the season of Advent, we will gather after the 8am Mass in the narthex of Saint Mary of the Bay for a **forty-five minute reflection** with scripture, music and prayer, led by Joy Jennings. Plan on coming to any or all of those gatherings.
- Wednesday, November 30, we will gather for the next installment of **ENCOUNTER**, a period of Eucharistic Adoration with contemporary Praise and Worship music, at 7pm in Saint Mary of the Bay. We had a great showing from Saint Alexander at the first installment and will hope to see you there!

As you can see, there is plenty coming up to help keep us focused on the reason for the season! Mark your calendars now! And I look forward to seeing you this Wednesday or Thursday.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

November 13, 2022

9am: Patricia Dagnault
Requested by the family

November 20, 2022

9am: Anthony F. Urban
Requested by his wife, Nancy

Deceased Members of the Godek & Ferrara Families
Requested by Betty & David Hoague

∞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ∞



Saint Margaret was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely

intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland.

King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful and gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels.

Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16, 1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and named patron of Scotland in 1673.

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/
Lk 21:5-19

From today's First Reading:

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. (Mal 3:20)

Consider: **The prophet Malachi speaks of God's judgment at the end of time and the importance of fearing the Lord. What do you think it means to "fear" the Lord?**

From today's Second Reading:

We instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)

Consider: **Paul talks about himself (and Silvanus and Timothy) as a "model" on how to behave for the believers in Thessalonica. Who are some family members that you think model the faith well?**

From today's Gospel:

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 12:17-19)

Consider: **Jesus forewarned his disciples that because of their faith in him, they would be persecuted, even "handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends ... hated by all because of my name." How would you react if your family and friends hated you because of your belief in Jesus?**

