

**ST. MARGUERITE  
BOURGOYS  
PARISH**

**PASTOR**

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

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**Mass Schedule**

- Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am;  
5 pm (no music)
- Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

**Morning Prayer**

8:15 am before weekday Mass

**Confession**

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm  
or by appointment

**Church is open**

9 am-5 pm

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

daily at 3 pm

**Rosary**

Saturdays at 4 pm

**Office Hours**

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

**Offertory**

Nov 30/Dec 1: \$5,124.00  
OLG: \$3,255.00

**Staff**

Finance Council Chairman:

Kevin Sheehan

Lay Trustees of the  
Corporation:

James Chester, Jr

Scott Senete

Deacons:

Joseph P Cann, Vincent J Pia

Faith Formation Director:

Mary Ellen Tiernan

Bookkeeper: Larry Rice

Communications Manager:

Jean Piccorelli

Choir Director: Tory Gozzi

Music Director: Jack Basso



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# E-News

**8 DECEMBER 2024 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.**

The **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Monday, December 9th. This is a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 8:30 am and 6:30 pm. The Parish Office will be closed.

Our **Annual Parish Collection** continues! We hope you will support it as your means allow. Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allowing us to reach out to those in need, and provide education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ. Letters are at the entrances to the church.

Cash/checks can be returned to the Parish Office or donate online at [osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection](https://osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection) or by scanning the QR code on the letter and in the church. A donation to the Collection is an investment in St. Marguerite's future. These funds support the parish directly, not the Bishop's Appeal. Thank you for your generosity!

**2025 Calendars** are available for purchase in the narthex for only \$5 each. Each month features a different Catholic painting. Our supply always runs out before the new year so get yours today!

Envelopes for **Christmas Flowers** and for **Christmas** are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

**Cenacle to honor Our Lady:** All are invited to join them for prayer, the Rosary, spiritual readings, and consecrating yourself to the Blessed Mother in their Cenacle meeting held every 2nd Monday of the month, 10-11 am. For information, contact Susan Reitz at 203.623.1388 or [sreitz@live.com](mailto:sreitz@live.com). Next meeting is December 9th.

**The Sodality Group** invites the women of the parish to their meeting on Monday, December 9th at 7 pm. Join them for some Christmas treats!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mon, Dec 9: Immaculate Conception of the BVM**

8:30 +Leocadio M Aberin by Aberin family

6:30 +Deceased Parishioners of St Marguerite

**Tues, Dec 10: Our Lady of Loreto**

8:30 +Anthony Caraluzzi by family

**Wed, Dec 11: St Damasus I**

8:30 +Dec Mbrs of the Consoletti family by Nacinovich family

**Thurs, Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 +Edward James Jordan and +Helinor Gallagher by Fr Shawn

**Fri, Dec 13: St Lucy**

8:30 +Anthony and +Caroline Perone by daughter

**Sat, Dec 14: St John of the Cross**

4:30 +Rev Howard P Bleichner by Fr Shawn

**Sun, Dec 15: Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30 +John and +Nicole Donnachie by Don and

Claudette Perley

11:00 +John T Carroll, Jr by family; +Louis Pontillo, Jr by Denise Kurpiewski

5:00 +Joe and +Kathy Wielock by Scott and Darleen Senete

**Dec 9-15:**

The **Altar Candles** are for your intentions for your Immaculate Conception offering.

**Offering:** Mass — \$10; Altar Candles — \$20; Sanctuary Candle — \$10; Hosts — \$15; Sacramental Wine — \$10; St Marguerite Candle — \$10. Contact the office for Mass/Candle Intentions for living/deceased.

**THIS WEEK  
IN THE PARISH**

**Mon, Dec 9**  
10 am - Cenacle

7 pm - Sodality

**Tues, Dec 10**  
9:15 am - Legion of Mary



## ST MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS PARISH

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*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,  
and your generosity will be a thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

November 2024

Dear St. Marguerite Parish Family,

I am pleased to report that St. Marguerite's continues to enjoy God's many blessings in our parish, our families, and in our Brookfield community.

We recently hosted Bishop Frank Caggiano for our Eucharistic Holy Hour and Procession as we prayed together, sang, and adored Our Lord as part of our nation's Eucharistic Revival. We have 141 families currently in religious family formation, and our recent Bible study saw the largest attendance in my ten years as pastor! Your generosity allowed us to surpass the Bishop's Appeal goal this year, and you also generously supported hurricane relief for those affected in Florida and the Carolinas. The parish continues to serve monthly meals to shut-ins, our Women's Sodality provides many fellowship events where we gather as a parish family, and we had another successful Golf Tournament to benefit the parish Needy Fund.

**I would ask you please to continue making an investment in St. Marguerite's future through our Parish Annual Collection (which stays in the parish, not the diocese). Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allows us to reach out to those in need, and provides education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ.**

May God continue to bless us abundantly,

*Rev. Shawn W. Jordan*

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Pastor

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**Yes! I will support St. Marguerite Bourgeoys with a gift to the 2024 Annual Collection.**

Please make your check payable to **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish.**

Enclosed is my gift of: \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>



~ Scotch Sure Start Packing Tape,  
1.88 in x 22.2 yd with dispensers, clear

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**Thank you for your generous  
support of the parish!**



ONLINE  
GIVING

**Online Giving** allows a donor to make donations through the parish website. This convenient option for giving to your parish makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily set up recurring contributions. There are many benefits for you and your parish.

To sign up, visit [stmarguerite.org](http://stmarguerite.org) and click on the “Donate” tab. **Thank you for your support!**

**Donor Benefits:**

- \* **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- \* **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- \* **Flexible.** Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time.
- \* **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the parish office.
- \* **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

**Parish benefits:**

- \* **Stabilize contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- \* **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- \* **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store donor account information.
- \* **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- \* **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

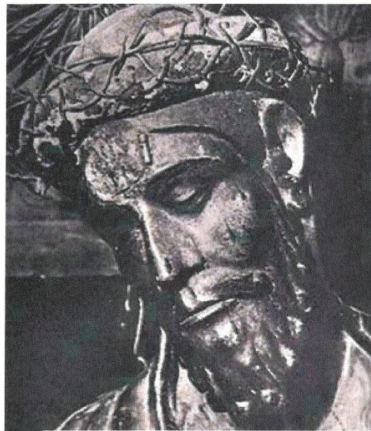
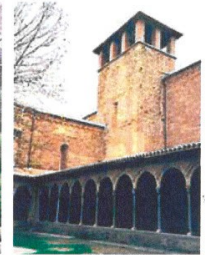
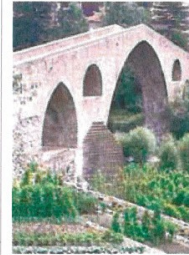
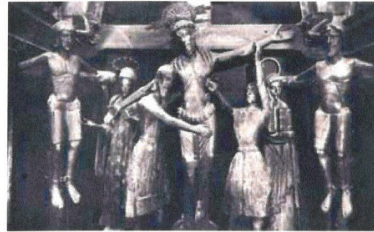


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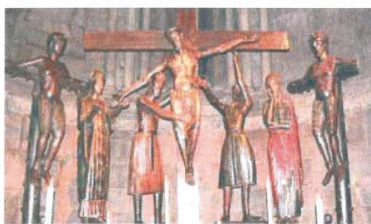
## SAINT JOHN OF THE ABBESSES

SPAIN, 1251

In 887, the Count Vifred, founded a monastery in the Pirenean region of Catalonia, around which, almost immediately, a village developed called even today “Saint John of the Abbesses” (“San Juan of the Abadesas”). Here a crucifix is preserved with a Host kept intact since 1251 imbedded in the forehead of the statue of Jesus.



Face of the wooden statue of Jesus in which is preserved the miraculous Host



Monastery of Saint John of the Abbesses

In 1251 some artistic work in wood were done in the church of the monastery, depicting the deposition of Jesus from the cross: with the figures of Jesus and his mother Mary, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, Saint John the disciple Jesus loved, and the two thieves. These beautiful statues, saved from the destruction of the 1936 Spanish civil war, cause great emotion in many people because of their expression. Jesus' head especially, is impressively beautiful.

*When it was carved* the artist made in his forehead a hole, approximately two and a half inches in diameter, with the idea of preserving the Eucharist in it. In 1251 someone put a consecrated host in there. But the memory of this was lost in time.

Only in 1426, while working to restore the statues, the hole in the forehead of the crucifix, was discovered, sealed by a small silver plaque. Inside, wrapped in a white linen cloth, the Host consecrated in 1251 was found, totally uncorrupted. Since then, that Host, known as “The Most Holy Mystery of Saint John of the Abbesses” is adored and visited by numerous pilgrims.



# COATS FOR KIDS



Every \$25 donation will buy a quality winter coat for a local area child or adult in need.  
Funds are collected year long, and coats are distributed in the fall.