

**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

Dec 14/15: \$3,994.00
OLG: \$1,804.00

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

22 DECEMBER 2024 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24

Mass at 4 pm and 10 pm
Christmas Carols at 9:30 pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

Mass at 8:30 am and 11 am.
No 5 pm Mass

Confessions

December 24: 10 am-noon
Every Saturday, 3:30-4:15 pm

Support the **Annual Parish Collection!** 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 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.

Christmas Greeting from Father Shawn...

The Deacons and parish staff join me in wishing you a blessed Christmas. May 2025 be a year of God's many graces, happiness, and friendship in your lives!

The Solemnity of Mary is January 1. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be on Tuesday, December 31 at 6 pm and Wednesday, January 1 at 8:30 am.

Join us for a celebration for **St Marguerite Bourgoys Feast Day** on Sunday, January 5 after the 8:30 and 11 am Masses sponsored by the Sodality Group.

2025 Calendars are available for purchase for only \$5 each. Get yours today!

The last days of the year can be important to finalize gifts in order to receive a **tax deduction**. To ensure your contribution is credited to the 2024 calendar year, checks should be dated and postmarked on or before December 31. Gifts can also be made online at stmarguerite.org, under the "Donate" tab. Thank you for your generosity!

The **Parish Office** will be closed Tuesday, December 24 - Wednesday, January 1.

Dec 23-29:

Our **Sanctuary Candle** is for the intentions written on the Christmas Flower envelopes.
Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for the intentions of Kathy Lathrop requested by Mary Ellen Tiernan.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 23: St John of Kanty
8:30 +Joseph and +Jean McCabe by family

Tues, Dec 24: Christmas Eve
8:30 Intentions of Mary Frank by Fr Shawn
4:00 Living/Deceased Members of the Matsen and Ippolito families by the Piccorelli family
10:00 +Nikola Luldjuraj by her family

Wed, Dec 25: Christmas Day / The Nativity of the Lord
8:30 Mass of Hope by friends
11:00 +Robert Hau by family

Thurs, Dec 26: St Stephen
8:30 +Virginia McCafferty by Ann Santi

Fri, Dec 27: St John

8:30 +William Frank by family

Sat, Dec 28: The Holy Innocents

4:30 +Hermiline, +Yvonne, +Emma, and +Arthur LeBlanc by Bernier family

Sun, Dec 29: The Holy Family

8:30 +Patrice Audet by Rejean and Lili Blais

11:00 +Eva and +Valmont Bernier by family;

+Joan Ledoux and +Dolores Dee by friends

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Dec 24 9:15 am - Legion of Mary

Christmas SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE



Tuesday, December 24

4 pm Mass

9:30 pm Christmas Carols

10 pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY



Wednesday, December 25

8:30 am Mass

11 am Mass

SOLEMNITY



OF MARY

Tuesday, December 31

6 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 1

8:30 am Mass





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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

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: _____

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



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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 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.

The Holy Grail of VALENCIA

SPAIN



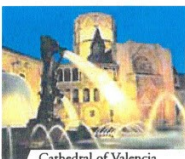
This precious object has always been at the center of fantastic stories and novels like the legend of the Knights of the Round Table in England, the stories of Perceval in France and Parzival in Germany of the Twelfth - Thirteenth century. This genre was used by Wagner in a Christian-esoteric perspective and at the end of the twentieth century the fantastic novels of B. Cornwell favored the birth of the editorial trend still alive today.



The Holy Chalice of Valencia



Route traveled by the Holy Chalice



Cathedral of Valencia



The Last Supper Juan de Juevez. Prado Museum (Madrid)



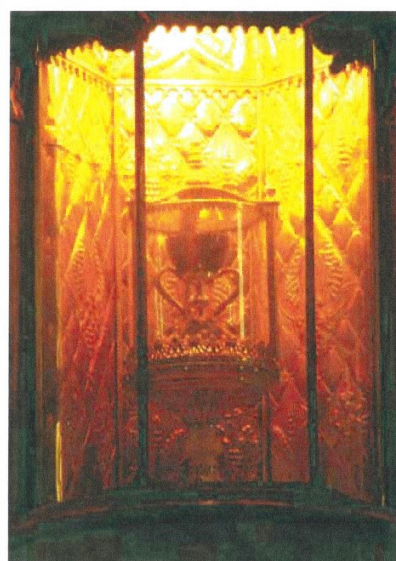
Document regarding the reception of the Holy Chalice in the Cathedral of Valencia in 1437



'Text of the notation written by John Ribera in which he certifies that "till now the Holy Chalice is preserved in our Cathedral"'



John Paul II kisses the Holy Grail of Valencia



The Holy Grail of Valencia is the chalice used by Jesus in his Last Supper with the Apostles to consecrate and offer the Eucharistic wine, that is his blood, but it has also been identified as the cup in which Joseph of Arimathea collected the blood of Jesus on the Cross.

There are a number of variants to indicate the Grail: San Greal, Holy Grail, Sangreal in England, Sanct Graal and Saint Graal in the antique and modern French, Gral and Graal in German. The "grolla" of the Aostan valley is lexically related to the grail and similar to the Latin *gradalis* or *gratalis*, "vase" or glass.

From many sources we know that a few centuries after the death of Christ the Holy Grail was being shown to Christian pilgrims in Jerusalem.

According to the account of Arculo, a French bishop who lived in the Holy Land in 720 a. C., the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem was preserving the chalice in which the Lord himself consecrated his own blood.

The venerable Bede adds that the cup was protected by a net and it could be touched and kissed through an opening. No one knows exactly when the chalice was taken from Jerusalem, most probably as far back as the seventh century. Today in the gothic chapel of the "Santo Caliz" (the "Holy Chalice") in the city's cathedral, a miraculous chalice, identified by tradition as the Holy Grail, is kept and shown to the veneration of the faithful.

This precious item is made up by different

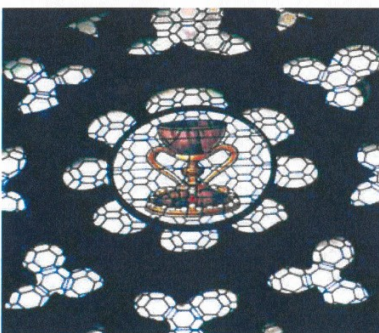
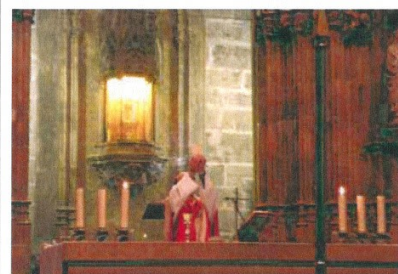
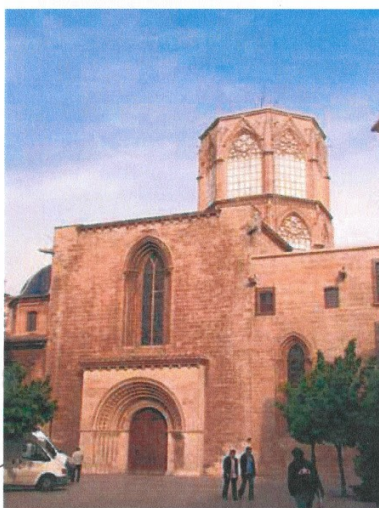
portions: the inverted upper part of a cornelian chalice constitutes the base, the stem is enriched by precious stones and the upper part is a cup, also of cornelian. These parts are attributed to different eras; the cup is the most antique and the most difficult to date and constitutes the most interesting part. On the base there is an inscription in Arabic of disputed interpretation, but that could be another proof to determine the date. According to professor Salvador Antunano, "When we know the mystery of the chalice of the Holy Grail we realize that in it there is nothing enigmatic or esoteric. The history of this precious chalice concerns The most dramatic, most sublime episode ever lived by humanity: the history of the Word made man and Eucharist".

The Holy Grail of **VALENCIA**

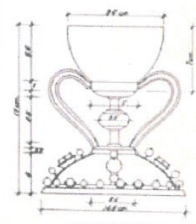
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Precious Monstrance preserved in the cathedral of Valencia



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