

# Sunday Alive!

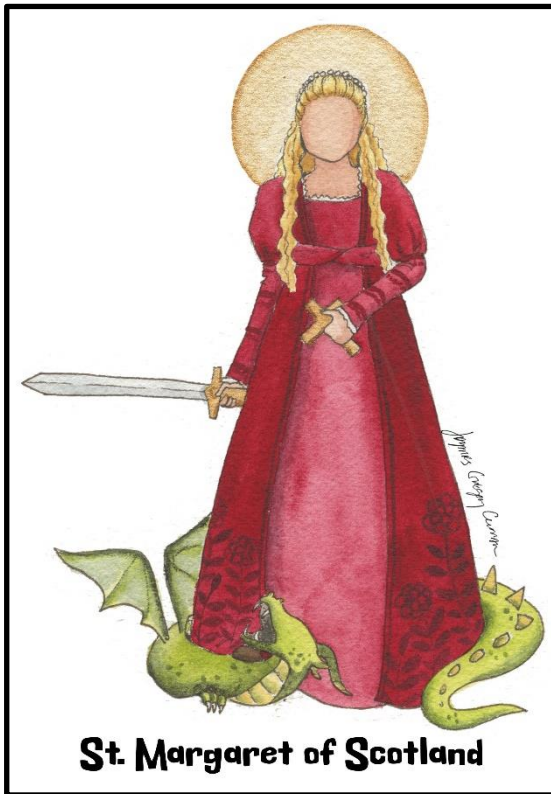
Helping our families prepare for Mass!

Sunday, November 12, 2023 - EXPLORE THE SUNDAY GOSPEL  
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Click [HERE](#) to read this Sunday's readings before you attend Mass!

## MEET OUR SAINT OF THE WEEK!

**St. Margaret of Scotland - Feast Day: November 16  
1045 - November 16, 1093**



**St. Margaret of Scotland**

St. Margaret of Scotland, or Margaret of Wessex, was an English princess born in Hungary. She was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland, where she eventually married Malcolm Canmore III, the king of Scotland. Margaret worked to help the poor in Scotland, encouraging people to live devout lives, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She was well-known for her deep life of prayer and piety and for raising their six sons and two daughters with deep faith. Margaret allocated time for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little to have more time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times, she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home, she would wash the feet of poor people and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them.

## TAKE TIME TO CHAT WITH YOUR FAMILY ABOUT THE GOSPEL!

- 1) Compare and contrast the actions of the wise and foolish virgins. What does this parable teach us about being prepared for Jesus' second coming?
- 2) Share a time when you've fallen asleep but should have been awake.
- 3) What does Jesus mean when he says, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour"?
- 4) St. Margaret of Scotland raised her children with deep faith. What are some things your family can do to grow deeper in the faith?

## FAMILY FUN – Family Foot Washing!

Inspired by St. Margaret of Scotland washing the feet of people, take time to wash one another's feet today. You'll need towels (one for the floor and others for drying the feet), a chair, a pitcher or large glass of warm water, and a basin or large bowl. Prepare the space with a towel on the floor and a chair on top of that. Have the other items nearby. **Begin by reading [John 13:1-15](#)**. Then invite each family member to have their feet washed, ensuring everyone gets a turn.

Invite them to sit in the chair and place their feet over the large bowl. Pour the warm water over their feet. Dry their feet with a towel. (**Optional:** Kiss the top of their feet when you are finished.) Invite the next person to sit and have their feet washed. Take some time to discuss your experience of having your feet washed.

**Questions for discussion:** 1) Why did Jesus do this? What is the message or lesson He is sending to us today?  
2) How do you serve others and how do others serve you?

## FAMILY PRAYER

### The Rosary and Fatima Prayer

Pray a decade of the Rosary (or an entire Rosary!) by candlelight as a bedtime prayer for your family's personal intentions. Don't forget to use the Fatima prayer!

#### Fatima Prayer:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.  
**Amen.**

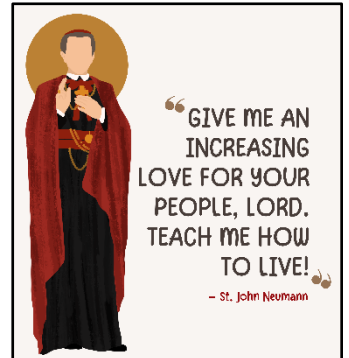
## LITURGY LINK

An ambry is a place where the sacred oils are stored. See if you can find the ambry in our Church! **Bonus question:** Four of the seven sacraments include anointing with one of these oils; which Sacraments use these holy oils?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Brainstorm some ways your family can prepare for Jesus' coming this Advent. Check out this [WEBSITE](#) for some suggestions! [littleshootsdeeproots.com](http://littleshootsdeeproots.com) has lots of great ideas for families! Enjoy!

St. John Neumann, our Patron Saint, as bishop of Philadelphia, organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time. Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing, and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.



## FUN FACTS!

The Fatima Prayer was delivered by Our Lady during the Third Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three shepherd children on July 13, 1917. It is traditionally prayed after the 'Glory Be' for each decade of the Rosary.