

Blessed Sacrament Parish
Saugus, MA

Saint Margaret Parish
Saugus & No. Revere, MA



Prepare

...you also must be prepared, for at an hour
you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

~Matthew 24:44

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2008

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Blessed Sacrament Parish

14 Summer Street Saugus, MA
Rectory Phone: 781 233 2497

Saint Margaret Parish

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Pastoral Team

Father George E. Morin and Father Daniel P. McCoy
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Mass Times

Weekend Masses:

Saturday @ 4:00 pm
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

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Saturday @ 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass: 9:00 am Monday through Saturday

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 3:45pm and by request

Rev. Felix Prior, O' Carm – Sunday Assistant
Deacon Francis M. Gaffney – Permanent Deacon
Martha G. Lecaroz – Parish Secretary
Donna Zinna – Coordinator of Religious Education
781 231 3699

Rev. Lawrence Wetherholm – Weekend Assistant
Rev. Vincent Cornejo – Weekend Assistant
Rev. Donald Skerry, SVD – Mid week Assistant
Andrea Alberti - Youth Ministry
Ben DiScipio - Music Director

Lorraine Perella – Program Coordinator
Phyllis Bunnell - Music Director
Debora Pillsbury - Parish Housekeeper
Nicholas Raftelis – Buildings and Grounds

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Usually held on the second Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory to schedule

Usually held on the third Sunday of the month.
Please call the Rectory to schedule

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples planning to marry are encouraged to schedule more than one year in advance.
The Archdiocese requires at least six months notice.

Sick and Homebound

If you know someone in the parish who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify the rectory.

WELCOME! New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to one another, as well as to the priest following Mass.
Also, please call the rectory to register. We want to know our parishioners and to serve your needs.

Mass for...



At Blessed Sacrament

Saturday November 29	4:00 pm	Magazzo Faily
Sunday November 30	7:30 am	Joseph and Theresa Del Vecchio
	9:00 am	Nina Kilroy
	10:30 am	Nicola Palermo
Monday December 1	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday December 2	9:00 am	Ralph Doherty
Wednesday December 3	9:00 am	All deceased Parishioners, Relatives and Friends
Thursday December 4	9:00 am	Mrs. Dorothy Berg
Friday December 5	9:00 am	Angela and Raymond Cacciatore
Saturday December 6	9:00 am	Robert Kane

At Saint Margaret

Saturday November 29	4:00 pm	Helen Wladyszewski
		13th Anniversary Mass
	5:30 pm	Antonio Picozzi & Antonia Carangelo Memorial Mass
Sunday November 30	8:30 am	Chet Castinetti
		10th Anniversary Mass
	10:00am	Eleanor Carlson
		1st Anniversary Mass
Monday December 1	9:00 am	Bernard Furlong
		Birthday Remembrance
Tuesday December 2	9:00 am	
Wednesday December 3	9:00 am	
Thursday December 4	9:00 am	Catherine Dunphy
		Birthday Remembrance
Friday December 5	9:00 am	
Saturday December 6	4:00 pm	Charles & Lillian Kerce
		Memorial Mass
	5:30 pm	Richard Kane
		22nd Anniversary Mass



Scripture for the week of November 30, 2008

30	SUN	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
1	Mon	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
2	Tue	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
3	Wed	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
4	Thu	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
5	Fri	Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
6	Sat	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
7	SUN	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



The First Friday of every month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament, please join us for prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes

place for 30 minutes.

Mass Intentions: When submitting your donation for a Mass Intention, please indicate in the memo section of your check the date of the Mass and the person for whom the Mass is to be or was said. Thank you for your help in this matter. It helps in recording our offerings.

You are invited to a**"Pieta"**

*Mass for the Healing of Parent's Hearts
For all those who grieve the loss of a child, of any age.
If you know of anyone who has lost a child please encourage them
to attend.*

*Blessed Sacrament Parish
14 Summer Street
Saugus, MA*

*Wednesday evening December 10th 2008
At 7:00 p.m.
A collation will follow Mass*

Expectant Parents' Blessing: Advent is a season of joyful expectancy; therefore, it is a wonderful time to invoke God's blessing upon expectant parents. Awaiting the birth or adoption of a child is both a time of joyful waiting and some anxiety. Let the Lord and the Church community reach out to you with a blessing of support, comfort, and reassurance. We invite all expectant parents to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Blessed Sacrament on December 14. At this Mass expectant parents will receive a blessing a small gift. Family members who are able to attend will also receive a blessing.

"It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb. You know me through and through from having watched my bones take shape when I was being formed in secret, knitted together in the limbo of the womb." Psalm 139

***BLESSED SACRAMENT
FINANCIAL BLESSINGS***

Last Sunday's collection was **\$4,562** with **249** envelopes. An additional **\$275** was received from mail-in contributions. **\$1,129** was collected for the Campaign for Human Development. Attendance at Mass was 799 people.

ST. MARGARET FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last Sunday's collection was \$3,679.00 and the Campaign for Human Development Collection was \$861.00. Attendance at Mass was 565 people. Thank you for your generosity to the needs of the Parish and to the mission of the Church.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
SECOND COLLECTIONS**

December 6 & 7 - Renovation
December 13 & 14 - Retirement Fund
for Religious

**SAINT MARGARET
SECOND COLLECTIONS**

December 13 & 14 - Parish Monthly
Collection
December 20 & 21 - Retirement Fund
for Religious

Advent Camp is coming! Advent Camp is a special day for children ages 4 to 9 - lots of fun Advent activities, games, songs, crafts, snack and drinks. On Saturday, December 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. your child will be in for a treat while you can spend the day shopping! Registrations and other important information will follow soon. The day is sponsored by Andrea Alberti and a wonderful team of teen and adults and will be held at Saint Margaret Parish Hall. All welcome.



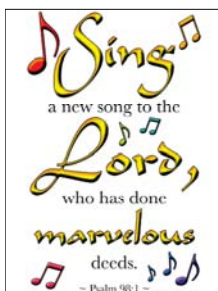
The flag being flown for the month of December is in memory of Frederick Quinlan. The flag was donated by his wife, Betty.



We pray for Peace in the World, an end to war and terrorism, an end to world hunger, our men & women in the Armed Services, **Patrick McMorrow, Michael McMorrow, Joseph DePietro, John Scott, Brian & Stephanie Howard, and Kevin Howard.**

The Sick Karen Shirk, Chris McMahan, Father James Field, Kathy Tozza, John Welsh, Lynda Mscisz

The Faithful Departed Gladys Herlihy, Lana Melanson, Catherine Ferreira, Gerry McCormick, Charles Flammia



Christmas Concert: Save the date of Sunday, December 14, at Blessed Sacrament Church at 3:00 p.m. to enjoy some music of the Christmas season. Parishioners from Blessed Sacrament, the Contemporary Music Ministry from Saint Margaret, and the choir from Saint Florence in Wakefield

will be joining their voices in song to bring the joy of the Advent and Christmas season to us all. Please come and bring your friends!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Wednesday evenings at Saint Margaret's from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. join us for all or part of this time of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. At 7:00 p.m. those present participate in the recitation of the **Rosary**. You deserve the peace and quiet that come from being in the presence of the Lord. All welcome.

“Be still and know that I am God.”



The United Parish Food Pantry is at the Cliftondale Congregational Church, 50 Essex Street. **On the last Sunday of each month Blessed Sacrament collects food for the food pantry. On the second Sunday of each month Saint Margaret collects food for the food pantry.** Volunteers are also needed. If you are free on Friday mornings, you are needed. Drop by the Pantry at 9:00 a.m. or call Carol Cashman (781-233-9460) to volunteer. The Pantry is open Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **The next Food Collection Weekend for Blessed Sacrament is November 29 and 30. The next Food Collection Weekend for Saint Margaret is December 13 and 14.** Your donation of food is always needed. Kindly look at the expiration date on your food donation. Food items that have gone beyond the expiration date may not be given out. They can only be thrown out! Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and your generosity.



Communion to the Homebound: Do you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion on a regular basis?

If so, call either Rectory:

St. Margaret 781-233-1040

Blessed Sacrament 781-233-2497

Our Parishes have wonderful Ministers of Holy Communion who would be glad to visit on a regular basis during the year.

Reminders

- Parents, accompany your children to the restrooms at all times. Why not make a visit before Mass begins to avoid disruption?
- As a courtesy to others, turn your cell phones off and other paging devices.
- Out of respect to the Sacrament we celebrate, as a courtesy to your fellow parishioners and the priest, and to give good example to our children and young people, please arrive for Mass on time and do not leave early.
- Out of respect for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, prepare for Mass in prayer and silent adoration. Save your conversations for after Mass.

Religious Education

For Blessed Sacrament

Level 1-Grade 8: Classes resume next Sunday, December 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Saugus High School.

Confirmation Preparation First Year: Dates to remember—**Sunday, December 14**—9:00 a.m. Mass, candidates and parents. Please remember to bring your donations for the Metropolitan Youth Center and the Judge Conley Youth Center.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on any of the above, please call Donna Zinna at 781-231-3699.



Advent Wreath

Making: The Third Annual Advent Wreath Making and Blessing will be held on Sunday, November 30, in the Lower

Church Hall at Blessed Sacrament. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. so that all participants will be finished creating their wreaths at approximately the same time for the blessing that follows. (Materials for the wreaths will not be distributed before 2:00 p.m.) The cost will be \$5 per wreath, which will cover the cost of all materials and supplies. Refreshments will be provided! In order to assist us in providing the necessary supplies and refreshments, please fill out the form which can be found at the entrances of the church and return it to either rectory at Blessed Sacrament or St. Margaret. We also need assistance with the set-up and clean-up. Please volunteer your time if you are able to do that. Come join the fun!

Prepare the way of the Lord!

For Saint Margaret's

Grades 1 through 6: Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the Belmonte Middle School. Classes resume next Sunday, December 7.

Grades 7 & 8: The next class is Friday, December 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Grade 9 (Confirmation Year I): Classes are scheduled on Sundays from 4:15 p.m. On Sundays, when there is Confirmation Class, there is a Mass at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Classes resume next Sunday, December 7. There will be a 5:30 p.m. Mass on that Sunday.

Grade 10 (Confirmation Year II): The next class for students and sponsors will be December 14, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Prior to the beginning of class, there is a 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Mass: On Sundays when there is Confirmation Class there will be Mass at 5:30 p.m. to which Parents, siblings, friends, and parishioners are invited

SAINT MARGARET CHRISTMAS STROLL WEEKEND

– It's that wonderful time of the year, and the Annual Christmas Stroll will be December 6 and 7. There will be sign up sheets in the vestibule for anyone who would like to donate a "**themed raffle basket.**" We have many basket styles to choose from or let your own creativity decide! Use one of our baskets - we have many just ask. Our parishioners have always been quite generous and creative with this great fundraising idea. Completed theme baskets are to be delivered to the Church by Friday, December 5, or earlier. Also, there will be a sign up sheet for volunteers to help during this event, anytime you can give us, will be greatly appreciated. Donated baked goods are also needed, labeled with ingredients used, especially "nuts", you can start dropping these baked goods on Friday, December 5, or Saturday morning, December 6 in the Parish Hall. Please see or call Bev Gorman, 233-8306, or Corinne Riley, 233 7995 for questions and information.

One Holy Night: On Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. the First Congregational Church, located in Saugus Center, will present their annual Christmas concert entitled “*One Holy Night.*” Music will be provided by the choirs of the church, along with soloists and guest musicians. The evening will give to all the enjoyment of Christmas music. They invite all to come and enjoy the wonders of a very special “*One Holy Night.*” Refreshments will be served. All are invited. Admission is free.



The annual St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Drive at St. Margaret will take place from November 29 until December 7. New blankets, as well as clean usable older blankets, are needed. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank everyone who donated to the recent hat & mitten drive and the sock drive.

The Annual Epiphany Pageant: will take place on Sunday, January 4, 2008 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The Pageant, performed by the youth of St. Margaret’s Parish, retells the story and events that surround the birth of Jesus. Young people in ALL grades are invited to participate. Sign-up for this year’s pageant will be Sunday, December 14th after the 10 a.m. Mass in the lower hall. For more information, please contact Corinne Riley @781-231-7995.



Saint Margaret will have Breakfast on Sunday, December 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu will include Western Scramble Eggs, Hash Brown Potatoes, Baked Ham, English Muffins, Juice and Coffee. The donation is \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors, and \$4.00 for Children under 10 years. All welcome. Come enjoy a delicious breakfast, fellowship with other Parishioners and support the wonderful efforts of those whom make our Breakfast possible.

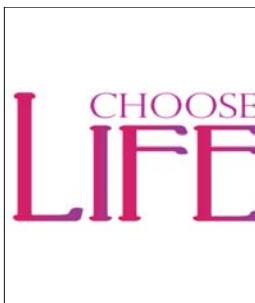
Catholic Charities North: Catholic Charities North has two upcoming events:

- **Making Wishes Come True: Christmas Gala—** Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Kick off the Christmas season at the Danversport Yacht Club and enjoy a festive evening of music, dancing, and treats. Be serenaded by carolers. Start your shopping with a variety of fine ornaments, decorations, and a luxury gift raffle. Dance into the night with a DJ and ballroom teachers. Tickets are available for a minimum donation of \$50 per person. Reservations are required.
- **A Celebration of Giving for Children of All Ages:** Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews to a family libration of giving on Sunday, December 14. Drop in between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and enjoy Christmas cookies, cocoa, photos with Santa and activities for kids. Admission is free—simply bring an item for the Christmas Giving Program. Suggested Items: gift certificates to grocery stores, diapers, wipes, school supplies or educational toys for children age 0-12.

To participate, please contact Sarah at sarah_bartley@ccab.org or call 781-593-2312.



The High School Placement Test for admission into a Catholic High School will be administered at Bishop Fenwick High School, 99 Margin Street, Peabody, MA on Saturday, December 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. To register call 978-587-8360.



“Over more than two centuries of our national history, we Americans have been a people who have struggled to widen the circle of those for whom we acknowledge a common responsibility....This great trajectory in our national experience—that of inclusion—has been shattered by *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny. By denying an entire class of human beings the protection of the laws, we have betrayed the best in our tradition.” (Henry Hyde, former U.S. Congressman)

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saugus

DECEMBER 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u> Play Group <u>10:30-11:30am</u> Women's Guild <u>7:00pm Mtg.</u>	2. <u>1st Reconciliation</u> <u>DAISY TROOP</u> <u>3:00-4:00PM</u> K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	3. 9:00am Mass for all Deceased Parishioners and <u>Friends</u>	4.	5. <u>First Friday Devotions</u> Youth Choir Rehearsal <u>4:45-5:30pm</u> A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	6. <u>2nd Collection</u> <u>Renovation Fund</u> Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
7. <u>2nd Collection</u> <u>Renovation Fund</u> 9:00am 5 th Grade Mass <u>REL. ED. CLASSES</u>	8. <u>Immaculate Conception</u> Play Group <u>10:30-11:30am</u> St. Vincent de Paul <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm</u>	9. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u> <u>1st Reconciliation</u> Ministry of St. Stephen <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm</u> K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	10. 9:00am Mass for all Deceased Parishioners and <u>Friends</u> Baptism Class <u>7:00pm</u>	11.	12. Youth Choir Rehearsal <u>6:30-8:00pm</u> A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	13. <u>2nd Collection</u> <u>Retired Religious</u> Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
14. <u>2nd Collection</u> <u>Retired Religious</u> 9:00am 9 th Grade Mass <u>REL. ED. CLASSES</u> <u>BAPTISMS</u> <u>2:00pm</u> 3:00pm Christmas Concert	15. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u> Play Group <u>10:30-11:30am</u>	16. 9:00am Mass of <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>DAISY TROOP</u> <u>3:00-4:00PM</u> Finance Council <u>7:00-8:30pm</u> K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	17. 9:00am Mass for all Deceased Parishioners and <u>Friends</u> Hammersmith <u>2:30pm Mass</u>	18. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u>	19. Youth Choir Rehearsal <u>4:45-5:30pm</u> A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	20. Confessions <u>3:00pm</u>
21. 9:00am 8 th Grade Mass <u>REL. ED. CLASSES</u>	22. Play Group <u>10:30-11:30am</u> St. Vincent de Paul <u>Mtg. 7:00-9:00pm</u>	23. K of C Mtg. 8:00pm	24. <u>Collection for the</u> <u>Clergy Benefits Fund</u> 8:00am Mass for all Deceased Parishioners and Friends 4:00pm Mass (Church) <u>4:00pm Mass (Hall)</u> <u>5:30pm Family Mass</u> 12:00am (Midnight Mass)	25. <u>Collection for the</u> <u>Clergy Benefits Fund</u> <u>CHRISTMAS</u> <u>9:00am Mass</u> <u>10:30am Mass</u>	26. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u> A.A. 8 to 9:30pm	27. Confessions <u>3:00pm</u> FOOD DRIVE
28. 9:00am Mass for the <u>People of the Parish</u> FOOD DRIVE	29. Play Group <u>10:30-11:30pm</u>	30. K of C Mtg. Dinner 6:00 pm Mtg. 8:00pm	31. 9:00am Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and <u>Friends</u>			

MASS SCHEDULE: Daily 9:00am, (Coffee after 9:00am Mass each Wednesday)

Saturday 4:00pm; Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Coffee after Mass)



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

Watch For Him

The new Church year begins with a plea for God's visitation. "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down," the prophet Isaiah cries in today's First Reading. In today's Psalm, too, we hear the anguished voice of Israel, imploring God to look down from His heavenly throne - to save and shepherd His people. Today's readings are relatively brief. Their language and "message" are deceptively simple. But we should take note of the serious mood and penitential aspect of the Liturgy today - as the people of Israel recognize their sinfulness, their failures to keep God's covenant, their inability to save themselves. And in this Advent season, we should see our own lives in the experience of Israel. As we examine our consciences, can't we, too, find that we often harden our hearts, refuse His rule, wander from His ways, withhold our love from Him? God is faithful, Paul reminds us in today's Epistle. He is our Father. He has hearkened to the cry of His children, coming down from heaven for Israel's sake and for ours - to redeem us from our exile from God, to restore us to His love. In Jesus, we have seen the Father (see John 14:8-9). The Father has let His face shine upon us. He is the good shepherd (see John 10:11-15) come to guide us to the heavenly kingdom. No matter how far we have strayed, He will give us new life if we turn to Him, if we call upon His holy name, if we pledge anew never again to withdraw from Him. As Paul says today, He has given us every spiritual gift - especially the Eucharist and penance - to strengthen us as we await Christ's final coming. He will keep us firm to the end - if we let Him. So, in this season of repentance, we should heed the warning - repeated three times by our Lord in today's Gospel - to be watchful, for we know not the hour when the Lord of the house will return.

Dr. Scott Hahn

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The St. Stephen Ministry would like to thank the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and St. Margaret's parishes for their generous donations to the St. Stephen Ministry's annual Thanksgiving dinner program. The donations of 160 turkeys, 847 canned goods and cash donations totaling \$4,170.31 overwhelmed us! This generosity allowed us to feed 130 families, totaling 656 individuals. The volunteers that assisted on Monday, Friday and Saturday to sort, pack, cart, drive and deliver the complete dinners were greatly appreciated and the thanks received from the receiving families was truly the greatest blessing.



The Giving Tree

We will have the Giving Tree on display this weekend November 29 and 30 in front of the piano on the altar. Please be sure to take a tag, and the gift must be returned unwrapped on Tuesday December 9 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. or Thursday, December 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., both in the Blessed Sacrament church hall. Also, please be as generous as you have been in years past. Many more people are in need this Christmas and appreciate all your help. God Bless

St. Stephen Ministry



BIBLE RESEARCH

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Isaiah refers to 'the clay' and 'the potter.' In Isaiah's time, how did a potter work with clay? What kinds of things did he make, and what tools or instruments did he use?

SAINT MARK'S GOSPEL

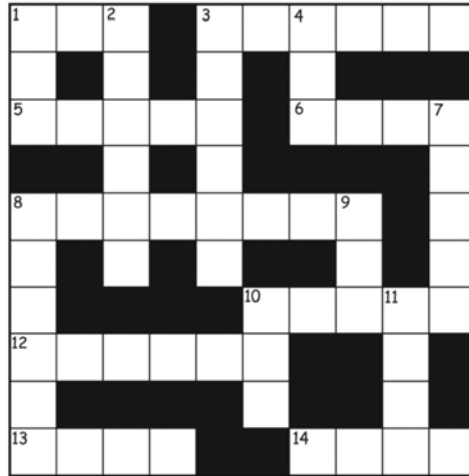
The man who owned the house, in the Gospel story, must have been quite wealthy. Can you discover what a wealthy person's house was like, in Palestine in those days? What were the houses of the poor people like?

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

- Used for hearing
- Not awake
- To go inside
- A particular moment
- People who serve others
- All, each one
- Male parent
- An insufficiency; a _____ of something
- Just before nightfall



CLUES DOWN

- Used for seeing
- To come back or give back
- In another country
- Allow
- Not late
- Having sinned
- Have sight
- Make a mistake
- Old pieces of cloth, or clothing that is falling apart.

A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: MARK 13, 33-37 THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE RETURNS



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