

JANUARY 20/21, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

"Come after me
and I will make you
fishers of men."
~Mark 1:17

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OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday
through Friday from
8:00AM until 3:00PM,
but closed for lunch from
12:00PM until 1:00PM!

We are closed on Monday!



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WORD OF GOD SUNDAY RESOURCES FOR SCRIPTURE STUDY

By Deacon Tim Messenger

Today the Universal Church celebrates the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time, also designated as Word of God Sunday by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter “Aperuit Illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God.” The Holy Father in his letter exhorts the faithful to explore “the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people.” To that end, we are providing several resources that we believe will enhance your prayer life and enable you to better understand God’s call in your life through scripture. We hope you find this helpful.

From Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter Aperuit Illis:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html

These words contain a great teaching. The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. At times, there can be a tendency to monopolize the sacred text by restricting it to certain circles or to select groups. It cannot be that way. The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people. (No. 4)

They sit down at table, and Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and offers it to them. At that moment, their eyes are opened, and they recognize him. This scene clearly demonstrates the unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist. (No 8)

From Dei Verbum (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation):

https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_const_19651118_dei-verbum_en.html

“The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord’s body, in that she never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ.” (No. 21)

And let them remember that prayer should accompany the reading of Sacred Scripture, so that God and man may talk together; for “we speak to Him when we pray; we hear Him when we read the divine saying.” (No. 25)

Prayer Resources from Becky Eldredge:

Praying with Scripture: <https://beckyeldredge.com/Praying-With-Scripture-resources>

Lectio Divina: <https://beckyeldredge.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Printable-Lectio-Divina-Prayer-Card-1.pdf>

Ascension Press Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz:

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/>

Word on Fire : A Bishop Barron production:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/>

<https://books.wordonfire.org/lent-books-2024> -

Link for a free (pay shipping) book Lenten Gospel Reflections

Bible Christian Society - <https://www.biblechristiansociety.com/>

Hallow App for iPhone or Android



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
George & Eric Navarre by Kim Navarre.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, January 20, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard,
Fred Gauthier, Ricky Genre, Dorothy Reese Jones, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Larry & Troy Kennedy, Paul & Bea Kerek, Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Ray J. Louviere, Crystal McFadden, Adam Mocsary, George Navarre, Sue Novak,
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Anne Sherman and Mary Vassil

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez, Pauline Frisbie,
Clarence & Faye Landeche, John LaGrange, Charles Martin, Chucky Martin,
and Charles & Marie Stumpf

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

The Missa Pro Populo (The Mass for all the Parishioners)

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

Shelly Cyrus

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Francis de Sales)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, January 25, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul)

Marie Babineaux

Friday, January 26, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of Sts. Timothy & Titus)

Margaret & Albert Resetar

A BEAUTIFUL SANTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of
Eric Navarre donated by Kim Navarre. If you would like to have flowers given
in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call Tammy at the
parish office to schedule in advance.

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next session of "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be on **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Jennifer Prather, founder of Image & Gift Ministries, LLC, will be presenting "The Results of Passion & Precision: An Intro to Theology of the Body". Spread the word about learning more about your faith!

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring the Annual Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign. Please place your contributions in the envelope in your packet or available at the entrance of each church and drop it in the only collection on **January 20/21, 2024**. All funds will support Women's Life Ministries, a local organization that promotes local respect life efforts. Please be generous and help folks in our area to do more to show their support for life.

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Join the St. Margaret Respect Life Ministry and our High School Youth Group for a baby shower to support our local pregnancy crisis center on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024** from **6:30PM** until **8:00PM** in the St. Margaret Room! Baby wipes and diapers of any size are appreciated. Dinner will be served, and all parishioners are invited to attend!

ST. FAUSTINA'S STITCHES MINISTRY

The first meeting of our new ministry, St. Faustina's Stitches, will meet on **Monday, January 22, 2024** from **1:00PM** until **2:30PM** in the Seton Room. St. Faustina began to crochet, and sensing God's presence, she asked God to grant the grace of conversion to as many souls as the number of stitches that she would make with her crochet hook. Similarly, as we make gifts for others, we can ask God to use our hidden work for his glory and for the salvation of souls. All crocheters and knitters are invited to join our group to crochet or knit items for Walking With Moms in Need or other ministries here at St. Margaret. Join us for fellowship while creating beautiful and useful items.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next session of Family Faith Formation will be on **Sunday, February 4, 2024** at **11:15AM**. The topic presented by Deacon Byrd Corbett will be "How to Prepare for Mass." This session will be in the St. Margaret Room in the Hall of Saints. At least one parent per student is required to attend each session, though it is preferable that both parents attend these sessions. Indeed, all parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate to learn more about their faith!

LORD, TEACH ME YOUR PATHS

Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.

CELEBRATE YOUR ANNIVERSARY!

Join Bishop Michael Duca to celebrate couples married for 25, 50, or 65 years or more on **Sunday, March 3, 2024** at **2:00PM** at Most Blessed Sacrament in Baton Rouge. The families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and the reception afterward in the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall. Would you like to register as a participant so that our diocese can celebrate your important anniversary? Contact Tammy in the parish office by **Thursday, February 1, 2024** to register!

RETRouvaille

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (**March 8-10, 2024**) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Weekend of January 13/14, 2024

Regular Collection totaled:

\$12,827.00.

The **St. Vincent de Paul**
Second Collection totaled:

\$3,116.00.

The Special Collection next weekend is for the **Church in Latin America**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!



St. Margaret Catholic Church
Sponsored

Married Couples Retreat

May 18 - 19, 2024

Attention Married Couples:
Would you like to spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored married couples retreat at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center!

Growing Together in Faith & Love



Faith and Marriage
an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

Register @ FaithandMarriage.org

GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH

REMEMBER YOUR COMPASSION, O LORD

Please join our Prayer Line Ministers as we pray for the following community members:

Cindy Brasington, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Nancy Campeaux, Cole Catalano, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Taffy Coleman, Remy Cramer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise “Breezy” Fischer, Rose Gauthier, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Ensley Howard, Leon V. Latino, Jr., Gregg Mader, Earl Magner, Deacon Gary Mooney, Lachelle Morgan, Becham Mosely, Edward Murray, Sydney Ourso, Larry Pearson, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Albert Rayborn, William Schwartz, Brittany Stilley, Joseph Stolf, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Carolyn Reese Walch, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need our prayers.

Want to add someone to the prayer list? Call the parish office for more information.
Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Rose Mary at 985.507.7487.

Join us for an informational meeting about aligning your finances with your faith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FAITH FAMILY FINANCE

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2024
TIME: 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MATER DOLOROSA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
232 DILEO DR, INDEPENDENCE

Discover methods to safeguard your legacy by generating wealth through investments and supporting family with life insurance. Gain valuable insights from experts in their respective fields, including possible drop in by Medicare/Medicaid specialist

All are welcome. Meal will be provided. Door prizes following the presentation.

Additional information, contact david.barnes@kofc.org



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CATHOLICMENBR.COM

2024 THEME: 'BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD'



PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament is offered weekly at 4:00PM on Thursday and on Saturday at 3:00PM at St. Margaret Church or by acceptable scheduled appointment with a priest.

MARRIAGE

Interested parties should contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to their desired date and must complete an acceptable Marriage Preparation Program.

BAPTISM

Contact the parish office for preliminary information and to schedule a home visit from the Baptism Prep Team.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Visits to the hospitalized and infirm are made regularly. Contact the office for a priest or deacon for home or hospital visits.

FUNERALS

Call the parish office during normal hours for scheduling. After hours, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil-4:00PM - St. Margaret Church
Sunday-8:00AM - St. Thomas Chapel
10:00AM & 5:30PM - St. Margaret Church

Daily Masses

No Monday Mass
Tuesday through Friday-7:00AM
St. Margaret Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday-7:30AM-8:00PM
Concluding with Benediction
St. Margaret Church

CLERGY & STAFF

PASTOR

Father Paul August Gros

DEACONS

Deacon William "Byrd" Corbett
Deacon Tim Messenger
Deacon Randall Waguespack

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary E. Herbert
(Pastor's Administrative Assistant)
Tammy Resetar (Receptionist)
Lucie Hanewinkel (Contributions Manager)
Gill Scioneaux (Maintenance Supervisor)

PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson
(Religious Education &
Communications Coordinator)
Melissa F. Berghausen (Youth Minister)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1099

Jonah 3: 1-5

Jonah calls Nineveh to repentance.

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

The Corinthians await Christ's return.

Mark 1: 14-20

Jesus' ministry begins
with a call to repentance.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27/28, 2024

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Mark 1: 21-28

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Respect Life Baby Bottle Campaign!

11:15AM—Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 4), St. Margaret Church

6:45PM—Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, January 22, 2024

1:00PM—St. Faustina's Stitches Ministry, Seton Room

5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:30AM—St. Matthew's Guild, Cecilia Room

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church

11:30AM—Food Distribution, Parish Hall

5:30PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, Ignatius Room

5:30PM—Junior Youth Group, John Paul II Room

6:00PM—Hungarian Language Class, Seton Room

6:30PM—High School Youth Group, John Paul II Room

6:30PM—Open Doors (OCIA/OCIC), Vianney Room

7:00PM—Finance Council Meeting, Ignatius Room

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Parish Office Closed Today!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Cemetery Committee Meeting, Seton Room

Friday, January 26, 2024

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Church in Latin America Special Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED!

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** for a much needed office cleanup day. If you have any business that needs to be taken care of, please visit the office before or after this closure.

