

APRIL 27/28, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

“Whoever
remains in me
and I in him will
bear much fruit.”

~John 15:5

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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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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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! I wanted to dedicate my bulletin article this week to express my appreciation to two members of our parish community who have been “giants” in their service to Saint Margaret and Saint Thomas. I know they will not want this acknowledgement, but both have dedicated way too much time to our community for me not to express my “thank you.”

Several months ago, Mr. Gill Scioneaux decided it was time to retire after 19 years of serving as the maintenance/facilities manager of Saint Margaret and Saint Thomas. I remember Fr. Jamin telling me when he first got here that the facilities were in bad shape. If he were going to live on campus, he would have to start with the rectory. So, he decided to let Gill renovate one of the rooms in the rectory and he would see if he would like it or not. He liked it so much, that for the next 11 years, Gill would go on to renovate the rest of the rectory, the Hall of Saints, and the Parish Hall! Many of the facilities that we enjoy on a weekly basis at St. Margaret was most likely “touched” by Gill’s craftsmanship. Having a good maintenance person on staff can be a great stress reliever for a pastor! Gill will still be serving as a consultant to the maintenance at St. Margaret and doing a little bit of work at St. Thomas. Thank you Gill for your service to the Lord!



Finally, I definitely want to express my deep appreciation for Sandy Raborn and for the 20 years she served as director of OCIA. Recently, Sandy “handed the keys” on to Kristie Raborn and Darlene Gendusa. Sandy has served under four pastors – Fr. Leo, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Jamin and me. She has been instrumental in making the OCIA program what it is today, gathering a whole team of catechist around her to serve those who are interested in becoming a Catholic. Serving on the OCIA team means showing up on a weekly basis to teach and support those going through the program. Sandy can share many, many stories of seeing how God has worked in the hearts of so many becoming Catholic. I know I can speak for the hundreds of catechumens and candidates that have gone through our program, that it was not only Sandy’s understanding and teaching of the Catholic faith that touched them, but her love for the faith as well. Sandy will continue to serve as a consultant for the team. Thank you, Sandy, for your 20 years of service to OCIA!

Have a wonderful week!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH

Join us on Mondays at **9:00AM** or **6:00PM** beginning **April 29, 2024**, to read and discuss the book “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre. This book, gifted to parishioners this past Christmas, is a rich dive into the historical roots of our beloved Eucharist. The study will continue May 6, 13 and 20. All are welcome!

MAY CROWNING

On **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, after the 10:00AM Mass, our PSR students will participate in our annual May Crowning in the piazza in front of the Church. Young people (and old ones too!) are invited to bring live flowers to place at the base of the statue of the Blessed Mother. During the month of May, we pray for all of our Mothers as we ask the Blessed Mother’s intercession that we might grow to be more like her in faith, love and charity! Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

WELCOME BISHOP DUCA

Our eleventh graders will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the **5:30PM** Mass on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**, and Bishop Duca will be our celebrant. Please join us in prayer for these young men and women in these next steps of their sacramental journey!

STAFF RETREAT

The parish office will be closed on **Friday, May 10, 2024**, for a staff retreat. Please take care of any business you may have outside of this time. Thanks for your consideration!

YUMMY FIESTA

Cinco de Mayo Celebration is the theme for May’s “Yummy for Your Tummy” to be held in the parish hall on **Saturday, May 11, 2024**, at **5:00PM**. Bring your favorite tacos, burritos, nachos, guacamole, chips & salsa to share and grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. PAUL!

Sunday, May 5th is Fr. Paul’s birthday. Pray for him and let him know how much he is appreciated for his many talents!

I AM THE TRUE VINE

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Donald Herrmann, Leo, Mary Catherine & Tony Strate, Lauren Friebel, Ezra Vall, Stacey & Christian Madden, Sean, Christina, Abigail, Aubrie & Anna Lagarosse, Jamil Spriggs** and **Michelle Arnone-Bates**. Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to “officially” register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website. Family members are also asked to register when they turn 18 years of age. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God’s love!

RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY – MAY 1ST

“He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225-336-8778 or via email: jjohnson@diobr.org.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY

Accepting Applications for Baton Rouge/Ascension & surrounding areas! Regina Caeli is a private, independent, Classical Homeschool Hybrid™ operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool-12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. Spring Touring Event-ALL Grades: **April 29, 2024 at 1:00PM**. This event includes a presentation, tour, classroom observation, refreshments, and Q&A! St. Mark’s Catholic Church: 42021 LA-621, Gonzales, LA 70737. **RSVP to wbrandenburg.btr@rcahybrid.org or call 225-257-9165**



BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL -ALL ARE WELCOME

All Are Welcome is a support group that was established by parents of special needs children, in conjunction with the Diocese of Baton Rouge, to provide resources, fellowship and opportunities for persons with exceptional/special needs and their families. With the steady growth of this ministry over the past year, there has been a growing need for financial support. To learn more about the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and support All Are Welcome, visit diobr.org/baa.



2023-2024
**BISHOP’S
ANNUAL APPEAL**
DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

To learn more or to donate, visit
DIOBR.ORG/BAA
or scan this QR code with your phone.



YOU ARE THE BRANCHES

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS HEALING TOUCH

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

Cindy Brasington, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Nancy Campeaux, Cole Catalano, Linda Coats, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Taffy Coleman, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Remy Cramer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Cora Fuller, Rose Gauthier, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Delta Kovach, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Leon V. Latino, Jr., Gregg Mader, Earl Magner, Charmaine Mocsary, Joseph Mocsary, Lachelle Morgan, Becham Mosely, Chip Norman, Sidney Ourso, Larry Pearson, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, Patrick Riche, C.W. Sandufer, William Schwartz, Gene Simoneaux, Brittany Stillely, Joseph Stolf, Diane Sudkamp, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Carolyn Reese Walch, Jackie Wedge, 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.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection**
for the weekend of
April 20/21, 2024,
totaled:

\$12,090.00.

The Second Collection
next weekend is for the
Building & Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

"BEGINNING EXPERIENCE"

A Weekend of Healing for Separated & Divorced - Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help those struggling with the trauma of separation and divorce. It can help participants deal with the natural pain and loss that follows such a life-changing event. It can also create an opportunity, with God's help, to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next Beginning Experience is scheduled for the weekend of **May 17-19, 2024** at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Metairie. For more information or to register, please contact Liz Reis at 504.858.1813 or by email at: lzbthreis@yahoo.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Shelly Cyrus by Carol McGough.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 27, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Eddie Barker, Polly Chatelain, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,
Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre,
James Elliott Harrison, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Helen Kropog,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Jo Ann Levet, Ray J. Louviere,
George Navarre, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Andy Pfiffner,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner and Anne Sherman

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Dr. Pat Adema, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey,
Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange, Charles Martin, Chucky Martin
and Ed Russo

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Shelly Cyrus

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday of Easter)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, May 2, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Athanasius)

Millie & Arthur Rizzo

Friday, May 3, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of Ss. Philip and James)

George & Eric Navarre

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)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1074

Acts 9:26-31

Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem.

1 John 3:18-24

Loving and believing in Christ
is to keep his commandments.

John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 4/5, 2024

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Catholic Home Missions Special Collection!

11:15AM—Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6), Hall of Saints
6:45PM—Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-11), Hall of Saints

Monday, April 29, 2024

9:00AM—One Book, One Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
5:00PM—Mondays with Mary, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—One Book, One Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

7:30AM—Eucharistic Adoration, St. Margaret Church
1:00PM—One Book, One Church Planning, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room
5:30PM—Pastoral Council Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
6:30PM—High School Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room
7:00PM—Finance Council Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Thursday, May 2, 2024

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, May 3, 2024

No Extraordinary Events Planned for Today!

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

KC/LLAA State Convention in Baton Rouge!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

FOLLOW ME HIGH SCHOOL MP3

All 8th to 12th grade students are invited to attend Follow Me High School MP3 on **Friday, May 3, 2024**, from **6:30PM** to **9:30PM** at St. Phillip Church in Vacherie. Cost at the door to attend is \$10. The event will include Music, Praise, Prayer, Water Fun, Games, Food and More. Bring a change of clothes and a towel! Contact Melissa Berghausen at 985.320.6243 for questions and registration!

SAVE THE DATE!

VBS 2024

JULY 8-12TH

9:00AM-12:00PM

