

JULY 20/21, 2024

# THE PEW BUDDY

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

~Mark 6:31

### St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403  
P.O. Box 100 | Albany | LA 70711

### St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

31718 Main Street | Springfield | LA 70462

#### 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 Family in Christ,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! I sat down to read the Gospel for this weekend, and I had to chuckle to myself. After the apostles had been sent two by two in last weekend's Gospel, they now find themselves returning to Jesus and sharing everything that happened to them. Jesus then said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Well, that's what I'm doing this weekend in Crested Butte, CO on vacation. I will be back next weekend. I'm happy to say that you're in good hands with Fr. Steve, who is a good friend of mine from years ago. Fr. Steve is very familiar with our diocese and has stayed here several times. He is doing our mission appeal this weekend and I couldn't have been more excited to have him speak to you all! I know you will enjoy celebrating Mass with him. Below is a letter he wrote to you all.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



## MISSION APPEAL

*By Father Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M. Cap.*

Every year the Diocese of Baton Rouge invites the deserving missionaries to involve in the Missionary Cooperative Plan. This year, I, Fr. Steve Rodrigues (a Franciscan Capuchin from south India) will make an appeal in your wonderful Parish so that the Capuchin Franciscan mission continues in India by your blessings and generosity. I am grateful to Bishop Michael Duca and your Pastor, Fr. Paul Gros, for giving me the necessary permission to make this happen.

The Capuchin Franciscan Order was founded by St. Francis of Assisi and is dedicated to preaching and missionary work. We are known worldwide for our zeal to reach out to the unreached and to spread faith. A Franciscan Capuchin is a man of the church and St. Francis insisted that his brothers be "thoroughly Catholic" so that they contribute to the sanctification of the Church. 'Our Christian Identity is one of being missionary.'

Our Ministries: Following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, Capuchins give priority to two ministries: working with the poor and preaching the Word of God. Under these two descriptions fall a variety of ministries that further the dream of St. Francis: serving in prisons, homeless shelters, dispensaries, elderly, youth ministry, taking care of orphans, retreat centers, looking after poor parishes, free medical care for the poor, etc. We humbly request you to generously support us in these ministries.

The Collection you will make at all the weekend Masses (on July 20th and 21st), will go to take care of the following projects:

- To construct 5 classrooms for the education of the slow learners of a poor remote village (children and adults).
- Feeding, sustaining, educating and other basic facilities for 60 children in a poor village.
- Renovation of the Boarding building and school for the underprivileged, migrants, street children etc. The building is in a bad shape and needs urgent attention.
- To help around 50 young children who have lost both of their parents due to Covid-19.
- To give free medical aid to the poor; to give education to children, women and men in poor remote villages.

We are financially very weak and to carry forward this mission, we depend on the providence of God, and on your generous and benevolent help. Thank you for your willingness to support and bless us in our mission. God bless you abundantly for your generosity and sacrifices. “Be a rainbow in someone’s cloud”. ‘God loves a cheerful giver.’ The poor children will pray for you. God bless you!

Fr. Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M.Cap.  
FRANCISCAN CAPUCHIN.

**ABOUT FR. STEVE RODRIGUES, O.F.M.Cap.:**

Fr. Steve Rodrigues is a Franciscan Capuchin Priest from Goa, South India. He is a missionary for over 30 years. Along with his friars, he spends his life for the less fortunate brothers and sisters in India. While doing the missionary activities, he also spreads the Franciscan joy to all around him. He has been coming to Baton Rouge to do Mission Appeals for almost 10 years now. Whatever contribution he gratefully receives from the people goes for the orphans, the poor, the needy (for their education, sustenance, medical aid, faith formation etc.) and for the young seminarians who are aspiring to be great missionaries in the world. Fr. Steve Rodrigues is grateful to the diocese of Baton Rouge for the help he has received in the past and which he hopes to receive in the future. “God loves a cheerful giver.”

*“Unless life is spent for others, it is not worthwhile” – Mother Teresa*



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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## VBS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Vacation Bible School concluded on **Friday, July 12, 2024**, with a program for the families and lunch provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary. Many thanks to all the adult and youth volunteers, as well as the children in attendance. We hope the week was not only an enjoyable time for your children as they dove into friendship with God in SCUBA, but also a message of spreading God's love in their lives.

## PSR STARTS SOON

PSR classes will begin on **Sunday, August 11, 2024**, with a similar schedule as last year: K-6 from 11:15AM until 12:30PM on Sunday morning after the 10:00AM Mass and grades 7-11 after the 5:30PM Mass from 6:45PM until 8:00PM. We are looking forward to another great year! Registration forms can be picked up in the front of the church or can be printed out on our website to be submitted. PSR policies are also available on the website!

## NEWLY CONFIRMED

On **Sunday, July 14, 2024**, **Chad Bishop** was fully initiated into the Catholic Church through confirmation by Father Paul. Congratulations and welcome to our family of faith! Please pray for Chad's continued growth in his faith.

## ST. MARGARET CEMETERY NEWS

The St. Margaret Cemetery Committee has approved presales for our anticipated mausoleum and columbarium additions. The columbarium is expected to be set in place in the next few months. Construction on the mausoleum addition is slated to begin within the next year. Pick up a flyer in the front/back of church. If you are interested in learning more about availability and pre-construction pricing, please give Tammy a call at the parish office.

## OCIA TO BEGIN SOON!

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Invite them to participate in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). There is also an equivalent ritual for children (OCIC). The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a transformative process that invites non-baptized adults and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Roman Catholic Church to explore, learn, and grow in their faith. The St. Margaret OCIA program will begin **Wednesday, August 14, 2024**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. For more information, please contact Darlene at [darlenemkg@icloud.com](mailto:darlenemkg@icloud.com) or Kristi at [Salon51tan@gmail.com](mailto:Salon51tan@gmail.com) or call the parish office.

Darlene and Kristi will be available after all Masses beginning this **Saturday** and **Sunday, July 20/21, 2024**, to answer any questions you may have about OCIA and becoming Catholic. Stop by and visit with them!

# HIS MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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## PRAY FOR THE MERCY OF HEALING ON THE LORD'S SHEEP

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

**Molly Abele, Brenda Melancon Allen, Walter Barado, Sr., Clark Bergeron, Andy Berthelot, Cindy Brasington, Virginia Caffrey, Sarah Marie Caldorera, Cole Catalano, Linda Coats, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Addi Coxem, Remy Cramer, Bill Cummer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Shellie Domiano, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Larry Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Cora Fuller, Vickie Jones, Deanna Kennedy, Michelle Kling, Rachel Kling, Delta Kovach, Tammy Hamilton, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Vicky Jones, Donna Laciura, Gregg Mader, Earl Magner, Charmaine Mocsary, Joseph Mocsary, Lachelle Morgan, Becham Mosely, Chip Norman, Sidney Ourso, Larry Pearson, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Jolie Picou, Steve Plauche, Johnny Poumaroux, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, Herman Rayborn, Patrick Riche, Coogan Ryan, C.W. Sandufer, William Schwartz, Gene Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Brittany Stilley, Joseph Stolf, Diane Sudkamp, Jason Summers, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, 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 **July 13/14, 2024**,  
totaled:

**\$9,915.00.**

The **Second Collection**  
next weekend will be for the  
**St. Margaret Service Ministries.**

Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity to our ministries!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

*Duc in Altum*  
*Day of Silence*

For young men High School age & up  
open to discerning a priestly vocation

CYPRESS SPRINGS  
MERCEDARIAN PRAYER CENTER  
8:00AM - 1:00PM

RSVP to Beau Bennett  
beau.bennett@gmail.com

Hosted by Fr. Josh Johnson

OFFICE of VOCATIONS



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday, July 20, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Philip Brabham, Martha Brown, Karen Chemay, Shelly Cyrus,  
Joseph Andrew Dick, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Angelo & Joseph Gaeta,  
Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, James Elliot Harrison, Jr.,  
Sterling & Jeanette Higginbotham, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,  
Howard Kidder, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr.,  
Connie Louviere, Ray J. Louviere, George Navarre, Sue Novak,  
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,  
Anne Sherman and Kristie Gioe Thibodeaux

### Sunday, July 21, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Myrtle T. Aucoin, Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey,  
Nancy Campeaux, Adam Cyrier, Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange,  
Clarence & Faye Landeche, Charlie Martin, Steve Prokop, Sr.,  
Charles & Marie Stumpf and Chuck Stumpf

### Sunday, July 21, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

### Sunday, July 21, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

George Navarre

Tuesday, July 23, 2024, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Wednesday, July 24, 2024, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Thursday, July 25, 2024, NO Mass (Feast of St. James)

Friday, July 26, 2024, NO Mass (Memorial of Ss. Joachim & Anne)

# PAROCHIAL DASHBOARD

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## 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

### 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

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Gather Hymnal Number 1138**

### Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Israel awaits the shepherd who brings justice and security.

### Ephesians 2: 13-18

Christ establishes peace and reconciliation.

### Mark 6: 30-34

The shepherd models compassion.

### Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*August 3/4, 2024*

**2 Kings 4: 42-44**

**Ephesians 4: 1-6**

**John 6: 1-15**

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

**Annual Mission Appeal!**

**OCIA Inquiry Outside of Mass!**

**Monday, July 22, 2024**

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

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

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**NO Daily Mass Today!**

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

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024**

**Happy Birthday, Deacon Tim Messenger!**

**NO Daily Mass Today!**

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

**5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. John Paul II Room**

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



**Thursday, July 25, 2024**

**NO Daily Mass Today!**

**NO Confessions Today!**

**Friday, July 26, 2024**

**NO Daily Mass Today!**

**Saturday, July 27, 2024**

**St. Margaret Service Ministries Second Collection!**

**3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church**



## CHANGE IN THE DAILY MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Fr. Paul will be on a much-needed vacation this week. There will be no daily Mass from **Tuesday, July 23** through **Friday, July 26, 2024**. Daily Mass will resume on **Tuesday, July 30, 2024**. Also, Fr. Paul will not be available for confessions on **Thursday, July 26, 2024**. Please pray that Fr. Paul has a safe and refreshing time off!