

OCTOBER 19/20, 2024

THE PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

"the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve..."

~Mark 10:45

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!



CONTACT US

By Phone:
225.567.3573

By Email:
stmargaret@diobr.org

Website:
stmargaretstthomas.com



PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Family in Christ,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! Our Gospel this Sunday speaks to the heart of a common human vice – worldly ambition. James and John approach Jesus with a request: *"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you...Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left."* In their lack of understanding about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven, James and John are doing what I think many of us would do if we knew we had initially been chosen to follow the Messiah. They wanted to secure their place in glory. They are planning for the future and making sure that when Jesus is exalted as King, they too will have a place of honor.

What they fail to understand is the very nature of Christ's Kingship. He is a Servant King, a Suffering Messiah whose glory is revealed not surrounded by wealth, honor, and power on a luxurious throne but rather on a humble cross. The crucifixion becomes the "throne that Jesus sits upon" and it shuns all that worldly ambition seeks – honor, power, wealth, and pleasure. As Jesus says, James and John do not yet understand what they are truly asking, but they soon will. After the death and resurrection of Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit, they will be enlightened by a true understanding of Christ's kingship.

Jesus here uses the image of baptism and the drinking of the cup to refer to His crucifixion. He tells them: *"The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized..."* By doing so, Jesus makes the point that the Sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist is a true "death to this world" and the beginning of new life. St. Paul picks up this theme in Romans 6:3-6: *"Do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized** into Christ Jesus were **baptized** into his death? We were buried therefore with Him by **baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."* And again in 1 Corinthians 10:16: *"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?"*

Both James and John, who participated in the Sacrament of Baptism and also the Sacrament of the Eucharist, both would follow in the footsteps of Jesus by dying completely to this world (James would go on to die a martyr's death and John would be exiled to the island of Patmos for the remainder of his life) – far from the glory they thought they were asking for in this weekend's Gospel.

Seeking worldly ambition is a trap we all too can be prone to. James and John were not immune to it. Worldly ambition is a trap that often leaves us wanting, unsettled and restless. But Jesus would soon show them a different way...a better way...the way to service and love. In the end, Jesus's way is the ONLY way, may it also be OUR way.

Have a wonderful week!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be this **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, at **6:45PM**. Deacon Byrd Corbett's presentation is titled "A Toast to the Journey: Memento Mori." Join us and Deacon Byrd for an informative discussion on this interesting topic and learn more about your faith!

SAVE THE DATE - 2024 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Festival Day is **Sunday, November 17, 2024**. We are seeking NEW and HANDCRAFTED items for the auction; we also love donations of Services or Experiences to add to the auction. Please contact Gina Little at 504.237.7105 or glittle1985@gmail.com if you have a donation to make. Our next planning meeting is this **Monday, October 21, 2024**, at **5:45PM** in the Hall of Saints. All are welcome!

TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Catholic Daughters and the Yummy for Your Tummy Team will host the Fourth Annual St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**. The fun will begin at **6:00PM**. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to share. Be sure to wear your favorite costume! Come join us for trick or treating, pizza, chips, and drinks. Please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 or tkandry@charter.net for more information or to sign up for a trunk. *This year the Respect Life Committee will also be collecting diapers and baby wipes at the Trunk or Treat for local pregnancy crisis centers. Please contribute if you can!* Hope to see you there!

ALL SAINTS DAY EVENTS

Mass for All Saints' Day will be on **Thursday, October 31, 2024**, at **6:00PM** (All Saints' Day Candlelight Vigil Mass) and **Friday, November 1, 2024**, at **6:00PM** at St. Margaret Church. At the Candlelight Vigil Mass, we will honor our beloved dead who have died since last All Saints' Day.

The Blessing of the Graves will immediately follow the 10:00AM Mass on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, which will be held at the cemetery (weather permitting, *bring your chairs*). Please make plans to join us to honor our beloved dead!

We will also pray for all of our beloved deceased inscribed in our Books of Remembrance through the month of November. These Books of Remembrance are in the back of St. Margaret and St. Thomas. Remember to inscribe the names of those who have died.

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND SECOND COLLECTION

We will have a Second Collection the weekend of **October 26/27, 2024**, to benefit the relief efforts for those effected by Hurricane Helene. As residents of south Louisiana, we all know how life-changing these devastating storms can be. Thank you for your generosity!

THE LORD LOVES JUSTICE

REMEMBER AS YOU CLEAN UP YOUR LOVED ONES GRAVES

All Saints Day is fast approaching and many of you will be cleaning up the graves of your loved ones in our cemetery. Our groundskeeper, Jason, works very hard at making our cemetery a beautiful and safe place to visit. When making your loved one's resting place a thing of beauty, please be sure to observe the rules of the cemetery. No weed killer of any kind is allowed on the grounds. Only latex paint (*no oil-based paint*) is allowed on the graves. For safety reasons, no glass is allowed in the cemetery. All flowers left after All Saints Day around the graves in the grass need to be removed by December 1, 2024, or will be disposed of. Any other items left in the cemetery cannot remain in the grass. If you have any questions concerning our cemetery, please call Tammy in the parish office.

If you are interested in having your loved ones grave pressure washed for a fee by our groundskeeper, please call the parish office for contact information.

FAITH
MOVES
MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

Join us for a Town Hall Meeting to
discuss the proposed shelter project in
Hammond, Louisiana.

 **NORTHLAKE**
HOMELESS COALITION

INTERFAITH TOWN HALL MEETINGS
10.22.2024
Tuesday | 10AM | 6PM |
42309 S. Morrison Blvd., Hammond, LA 70403

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

"All Are Welcome" is a diocesan ministry for special and exceptional needs individuals and their families. We currently offer caregiver support groups, support for sacramental preparation, accommodations at different church events, an annual family day, a family spiritual retreat, and monthly sensory-friendly Masses within the diocese.

Our sensory-friendly Masses have lower lighting, no music, a shorter-more literal homily, and fellowship with other parishioners on a similar journey. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise canceling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.

St. Margaret will be hosting a sensory-friendly Mass on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, at **2:00PM**. If this sounds like a Mass that you, your family, or someone you know would enjoy, we'd love to have you! For more information see our webpage ALL ARE WELCOME :: Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge :: Baton Rouge, LA (diobr.org) or contact Deacon Randall at rwaguespack@diobr.org.

WE HOPE IN YOU, O LORD

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

PRAYER WARRIORS: PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Please join our Prayer Line Ministers as we pray for the these community and family members and friends:

Molly Abele, Cynthia Amato, Gwen Barado, Walter Barado, Sr., Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Andy Berthelot, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Virginia Caffrey, Julie Callihan, Linda Coats, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Phil & Debbie Cortana, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Vickie Jones, Delta Kovach, Tommy Hebert, Barbie Martino Henegan, Mary E. Herbert, Bill Hoover, Vicky Jones, Donna Laciura, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Lillie Millet, Victor Napoli, Chip Norman, Sidney Ourso, Pete Pfiffner, Steve Plauche, Mary Prokop, Albert Rayborn, Patrick Riche, Coogan Ryan, C.W. Sandufer, Gill Scioneaux, Jules Simoneaux, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito Tallia, Myra Timberlake, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, Lydia Watts, Jackie Wedge, Delores & Keith Wheat, Judy Wolfe, 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.

Want our parishioners to pray for your intentions? Contact Rose Mary at 985.507.7487.

ORDER YOUR 2024 FALL FESTIVAL T-SHIRT BY NOVEMBER 5TH!

SCAN the QR code below for the order form or see the form on our website! Shirts are \$15.00 each. All orders must be in the parish office by **Tuesday, November 5, 2024!**



STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **October 12/13, 2024**, totaled:

\$12,747.00.

The **Second Collection** for **St. Margaret Service Ministries** totaled:

\$1,307.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend will be for the **Hurricane Helene Relief Fund.**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Brett Thomas Bonin, Martha Brown, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Myrtle Costanza, Joseph Andrew Dick, Larry Evans, June Fos, Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Michelle Duhon Fruchtnicht, Homer Gaspard, Fred Gauthier, Rose Gauthier, Ricky Genre, Jeanne Dakin Guillot, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Leon Latino, Jr., Connie Louviere, Ray J. Louviere, Gerald Melancon, Adam Mocsary, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr. and Anne Sherman

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 8:00AM Mass

Adrian, Bud & Joan Bailey, Lloyd Dominguez, John LaGrange, Charlie Martin and George Navarre

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Arthur & Millie Rizzo

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, October 24, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, October 25, 2024, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL

Come spend some time with Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday from **7:30AM** until **8:00PM**. Committed adorers are always needed. Contact Gretchen Johnson for more information at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mary E. Herbert
(Pastor's Administrative Assistant)
Tammy Resetar (Receptionist)
Peggy Desselle (Contributions Manager)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1177

Isaiah 53:10-11

The suffering servant will find
light in the fullness of days.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus shared in the challenge of humanity.

Mark 10:35-45

Power is found in serving
the needs of others.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26/27, 2024

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Propagation of the Faith Special Collection!

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

11:15AM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 6), St. Margaret Church

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade 3), Hall of Saints

5:30PM—Catholic Daughters Mass, St. Margaret Church

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

6:45PM—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

6:45PM—Circle of Grace (Grade 9), Hall of Saints

Monday, October 21, 2024

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

1:30PM—St. Faustina's Stitches, St. Jean Vianney Room

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

5:45PM—Fall Festival Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

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

9:30AM—Bible Study, Holy Spirit, St. Ignatius Room

6:30PM—Adult Confirmation Class, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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

9:00AM—One Book, One Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

6:30PM—OCIA, Parish Hall

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

Thursday, October 24, 2024

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—Book of Matthew Bible Study, Hall of Saints

Friday, October 25, 2024

2:00PM—Master Planning Committee, St. Ignatius Room

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund Second Collection!

KC Seminarian Ticket Sales & Membership Drive!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—Trunk or Treat, St. Margaret Church Grounds



KC SEMINARIAN TICKET SALES & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be outside of all Masses the weekend of October 26/27, 2024, selling raffle tickets to benefit our seminarians' mission trip. Please buy one or a few tickets! If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please speak to one of these members and they will be glad to help you with membership.