

FEBRUARY 8/9, 2025

THE PEW BUDDY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"...from now on you
will be catching men."*

~Luke 5:10b

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403

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St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

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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 first want to thank everyone who assisted Deacon Tim in removing all the furniture and statues (and anything that was not bolted down!!) from St. Thomas Chapel last weekend. Deacon Tim said they finished moving everything to the parish hall in about 3 hours. Again, thanks to all who came to help!



Finally, as you may remember last May 2024, I filled in for Fr. Mark Beard leading a group on pilgrimage to Medjugorje. I received such a peace visiting Medjugorje that I decided to assist leading another trip this year. Deacon Terry Bellon and I will be leading another pilgrimage from **October 20** through **29, 2025**. If you are interested in joining us, please visit www.catholicjourneys.com/bellon/.

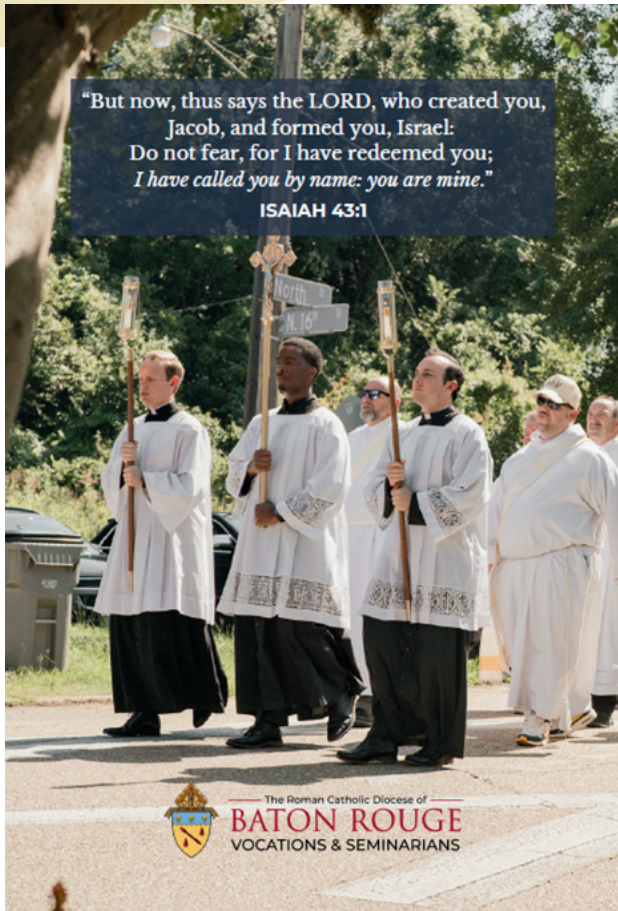
Have a wonderful week!



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Special Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
October 20 – 29, 2025

Fr. Paul



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist, we ask You to graciously listen to our prayers of intercession. Make our hearts like Yours, so that we may respond to Your call in our lives. Draw men from our land in the Diocese of Baton Rouge to listen to Your voice and follow You in the service of the people of God as ordained priests in the Body of Christ.

Inspire our clergy, consecrated religious and laity to encourage young men to prayerfully consider the vocation to the priesthood. We give You permission, Lord, to have Your way with us in our walk toward eternity.

AMEN

Scan the QR code to submit the name of a young man you believe might be called to discern the priesthood.



DIORORGCALLED

Remember, there are many good prospective priests who are simply waiting to be asked.

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EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BAKE SALE

Treat your Valentine (or yourself) to something sweet! The Catholic Daughters are having a bake sale outside of all Masses this weekend, **February 8/9, 2025**. All donations will help in the CDA's charitable events.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR PLANNING

The first planning meeting of this year's St. Joseph Altar will be on **Thursday, February 13, 2025**, at **9:00AM** in the St. Elizabeth Seton Room in the Hall of Saints. If you are interested in helping, please join us for this meeting. The Altar is scheduled for **Sunday, March 16, 2025**. For additional information, please call John or Mary Gaeta at (225) 567-2193.

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, February 16, 2025**, at **6:45PM**. Dina Depaula Dow, Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Baton Rouge, will present "Wine a Little and Laugh a Lot: Preaching the New Evangelization." Join us to learn more about your faith!

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The family of **Sidney Ourso** would like to thank Fr. Paul, altar servers, and musicians for a beautiful funeral mass. The family would also like to thank the Bereavement Committee for a delicious meal provided after the services. Your kindness is very much appreciated!

VALENTINE'S DAY  party

JOIN SAINT MARGARET YOUTH GROUP 

Learn & Share - A short presentation about Saint Valentine and the meaning of Valentine's Day will be followed by a Valentine's social. Come learn about the holiday and bring treats to exchange with your fellow youth group members.

FEBRUARY 19, 2025
BRING YOUR OWN GIFTS TO EXCHANGE AT YOUTH GROUP
5:00PM-6:30PM
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED
JP11 ROOM
GUEST SPEAKER, THE ONE AND ONLY DEACON TIM MESSENGER

LOVE - FELLOWSHIP - FOOD - SOCIAL

QUO VADIS

OFFICE of VOCATIONS
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN

Feb. 21st - Feb 23rd

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

2250 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Scan QR Code or go to <https://bit.ly/HSQuoVadis2025> to register!

Recommended cost: \$40
For questions contact beaubennett@gmail.com



Hosted by Diocese of Baton Rouge Office of Vocations and Director of Vocations, Fr. Josh Johnson

"And Jesus said to him, 'Follow Me.'" John 1:43



GOD'S COMMANDS SAVE

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**, from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM** for our monthly staff meeting. Please take care of any business you may have in the office before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Knights would like to thank those who supported the rotisserie chicken dinner fundraiser. All monies raised will benefit our charitable activities, including supporting and assisting many St. Margaret ministries and events.

DAY OF FELLOWSHIP & FORMATION



Christ Before the High Priest
Gerard van Honthorst

FOR CURRENT AND INTERESTED PRISON MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PRISON MINISTRY!

Are you interested in or actively participating in prison ministry in the Diocese of Baton Rouge? If so, this event is for you!

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

Chaplains and leaders from our State prisons, Kolbe Prison Ministry and Louisiana Parole Project will present the opportunities for ministry and volunteering in their institutions.

Fr. Tom Ranzino, Director of the Office of Worship will provide formation on the significance of liturgical prayer in the spiritual ministry to the incarcerated, including bringing Holy Communion and the general instructions of the Catholic Church that apply. There will be time for Q/A about any liturgical issues affecting this ministry.



FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH
KLEINPETER ACTIVITY CENTER
7808 ST GEORGE DR., BATON ROUGE, LA 70809
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

***REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

FIND MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER

<https://diobr.org/pm-event>

CONTACT US

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TRUST IN GOD AND LIVE

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

PRAYERS FOR HEALING REQUESTED

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

Molly Abele, Gwen Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Shirley Darouse, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Cecil Ellenberger, Sr. June Engelbrecht, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Mary E. Herbert, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Larry, Jenn, Charlotte & Grace McKnight, Judy Monistere, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Mary Prokop, Coogan Ryan, Jules Simoneaux, Sherry Smith, Brittney Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito Tallia, Myra Timberlake, Trysten Tucker, Bonnie Walker, Lydia Watts, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, Delores & Keith Wheat, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need our prayers.

Want to add someone to this prayer list? Call the parish office.

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

JOIN US FOR
MEN OF THE IMMACULATA
MEN'S CONFERENCE
03.08.2025 | ST. GEORGE

Ite, Missa Est
GO, THEREFORE, & MAKE DISCIPLES
OF ALL NATIONS

JEFF CAVINS FR. PATRICK HOUGH, SJ FR. MILES WALSH CHEF JOHN FOLSE

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STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **February 1/2, 2025**, totaled:

\$13,078.00.

The **Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection** totaled:

\$5,917.00.

There will be no Special or Second Collection next weekend!

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
Lynette Pfiffner by Pete Pfiffner & Family.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 8, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Catherine M. Barbier, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay,
Shelly Cyrus, William Dantin, III, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Mario Garcia, Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Howard Kidder, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Connie Louviere, Ray J. Louviere, George & Eric Navarre, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak,
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Karen Robin, Brooklyn Sansone,
Sansone Family, Gill Scioneaux, Anne Sherman and Joe Vaurigaud

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Donivan Jones, John LaGrange,
Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux, Gerard Lou Staub and Russell Wood

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, February 9, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, February 10, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Scholastica)

Fr. Paul Gros

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Brandie Baque

Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lennon Rotar

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, February 14, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Cyril)

Bulmaro Garcia

JESUS IS KNOCKING ON THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART

Open your heart's door to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Spending time with Him is a great way to prepare for all life throws at you. Come spend an hour on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **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
Sunday-8:00AM, 10:00AM & 5:30PM
St. Margaret Church

Daily Masses

Monday through Friday-7:00AM
St. Margaret Church

Eucharistic Adoration

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

CLERGY & STAFF

PRIESTS

Father Paul August Gros (*Pastor*)
Father Lazaru Panthagani
(*Associate Pastor*)

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

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gather Hymnal Number 1106

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

God's dramatic call to Isaiah.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul was called as the least of the apostles.

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus calls disciples from among fishermen.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 15/16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-8

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 9, 2025

CDA Valentine Bake Sale After All Masses!

9:00AM—KC Welcome St. Margaret 8:00AM Mass Breakfast, Parish Hall

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

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

1:00PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

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

6:45PM—PSR Reconciliation (Grade 8), St. Margaret Church

Monday, February 10, 2025

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

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

5:30PM—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Parish Office Closed from 8:00AM until 1:00PM!

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

9:00AM—Staff Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

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

6:30PM—OCIA, Parish Hall

7:00PM—KC Fourth Degree Meeting, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00AM—St. Joseph Altar Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—Lenten Meatless Meals Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

Friday, February 14, 2025

Happy Valentine's Day!

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled for Today!

Saturday, February 15, 2025

9:00AM—Confirmation Retreat, St. Helen Catholic Church

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

4:00PM—KC Quarterly Mass/Communion, St. Margaret Church



LOVING REMINDER

Out of respect for Our Lord and your fellow parishioners, please refrain from chewing gum in our church especially during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We have found chewed gum stuck under the pews. Please dispose of properly. Thank you for your continued cooperation!