

THE

MARCH 15/16, 2025

PEW BUDDY

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)



*"This is my chosen Son;
listen to him."*

~ Luke 9:35

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OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday
through Friday from
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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ as we enter the second week of Holy Lent! As I mentioned at most of the Masses last weekend, I promised to provide some catechesis on the use of Latin in the Sacred Liturgy. Contrary to popular opinion, Vatican II did not prohibit the use of Latin in the Liturgy. In fact, the first document produced by the Council Fathers (bishops of the Council) was Sacrosanctum Concilium, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. It addressed the use of Latin in the liturgy with a nuanced approach.

Sacrosanctum Concilium stated: ***"The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites"*** (SC 36 n1). This statement clearly indicates the Church's intention to maintain some Latin within the Roman Rite. However, at the same time, the Council also recognized the pastoral benefits of using the vernacular language (in our case, English) within the liturgy: ***"Since the use of the mother tongue, whether in the Mass, the administration of the sacraments, or other parts of the liturgy, frequently may be of great advantage to the people, the limits of its employment may be extended"*** (SC 36 n2). This opened the door for the use of English, particularly for readings, instructions, and prayers in the Mass, which would allow the faithful to be more "in tune" with what is being prayed by the priest. One of the emphases the Council Fathers wanted to highlight was the faithful's "active participation" in the Mass. This primarily meant their active participation in joining their hearts to the heart of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice made present to them at every Mass. But it also included the greater use of Scripture in the Liturgy (understood by the faithful in their native tongue) and the dialogue parts of the Mass between the priest and the faithful (e.g., "The Lord be with you" ... "And with your spirit").

With the support of our musicians, I decided during Lent to introduce our community to a small use of Latin in the Liturgy with the Agnus Dei "Lamb of God." Again, this was something encouraged by the Council, especially with the ordinary parts of the Mass. Sacrosanctum Concilium stated: ***"...steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them"*** (SC, 54). The words to the Agnus Dei are (with the phonetic spelling underneath):

"Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis" (twice)

Ag-noos Day-ee, qee toll-ees pec-a-ta mun-dee: mees-e-re-re no-bee-s

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

"Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem"

Ag-noos Day-ee, qee toll-ees pec-a-ta mun-dee: Doe-na no-bee-s pach-em

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE continued

In the end, there are several reasons to use Latin, even when we are unfamiliar with it, during Mass:

It gives us continuity with our Catholic tradition and historical roots. Latin served as the language of the Roman Empire, and as Christianity spread throughout the West, it naturally became the language of the Western Church. Therefore, the use of Latin connects us as Catholics to the long and unbroken tradition of the Church, reaching back to its earliest centuries.

It is the universal language of the Church and transcends linguistic and cultural barriers throughout the Church (like in India!). The word “Catholic” means “universal.” Latin fosters a sense of unity within the Church, as Catholics in different countries can participate in the same liturgy. Even today, when Catholics of diverse cultures and languages pray the Mass together, it is appropriate to use Latin in the ordinary parts of the Mass so we can all join in one voice!

It is a sacred language that transcends time. Over time, Latin acquired a sense of sacredness, as it is no longer used in the secular world. The use of a language distinct from everyday speech can heighten the sense of the sacred and the mystery of the liturgy, which contributes to a sense of solemnity and reverence, emphasizing its transcendent nature. Even though we may not know exactly the meaning of each word we are saying, we know all the different parts of the Mass by heart, and so Latin can help to lift us out of the immediate, temporal world and into the eternal realm of God as we sing with the angels and saints in one voice the hymn of unending praise: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus... Holy, Holy, Holy.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

JOIN US FOR THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR THIS WEEKEND!

St. Joseph, model of humility and one of the greatest saints, is often mentioned as being silent. Instead, he was a man of action and his actions reveal much of what we know about him. A devoted husband and foster father, never hesitated, but took immediate action when summoned by the angel of God we have read about. Each time we read that the angel spoke to Joseph, the following sentence begins with the action St. Joseph took: "Joseph awoke," "Joseph rose," "He went." All are invited to participate, celebrate and give glory to God in honor of St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus, by attending the St. Joseph Altar in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints this **Sunday, March 16, 2025**, following the **10:00AM** Mass. After the procession to the St. Margaret Room, the novena prayers will be recited and the altar will be blessed. Then all will be invited to the parish hall for the sharing of the meal. Afterwards, attendees can request sweets from the altar. Please make plans to join us to celebrate!

O LORD, HEAR MY VOICE

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Come join us for the 2025 Crawfish Boil in honor of the seminarians. This is a great time to come and visit the seminarians and fellow parishioners. The crawfish boil will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**, following the 4:00PM Mass. With your ticket, you will receive 3 pounds of crawfish, corn, potatoes and sausage. Tickets are \$25 each and will be sold after each Mass and in the parish office. Join us in this wonderful cause in supporting our seminarians as they journey to priesthood!

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Despite the extremely cold weather last month, we provided 186 families (561 people) with food. We could not do this without our wonderful St. Margaret volunteers. God bless you! The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, March 20, 2025**, from **9:30AM** until **11:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **12:00PM**. If you already volunteer, let your team leader know that you will be able to help. If you want to get involved, please call 985.969.7477 so we can best utilize your time and talents.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, five preparatory sessions will be held on Tuesdays beginning **April 1, 2025**, from **6:00PM** until **8:00PM** in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. The sacrament will be celebrated at the end of the five weeks. If you have any further questions, please call Deacon Byrd at the parish office.

MEATLESS MEAL FRIDAYS

Our next Lenten Meatless Meal will be **Friday, March 21, 2025**, from **4:00PM** until **6:30PM** in the parish hall. The remaining meatless dinners will be on the following Fridays: **March 28, April 4 & 11, 2025**. Monies raised will specifically benefit the youth group's annual "Mission Krewe" and the other sponsoring organizations. Tickets will be available after Mass and in the parish office. Get your tickets today!



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St. Margaret Youth Group Junior High
Stations of the Cross
Wednesday
March 26
6-7PM



We will meet at
Mr. Mike
Fulmer's
residence.
Parents are
welcome!

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See the back cover
for links to **VBS**
registration!

LORD, I SEEK YOUR FACE

The Lord is my light & my salvation. Whom should I fear?

PLEASE PRAYER FOR HEALING

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

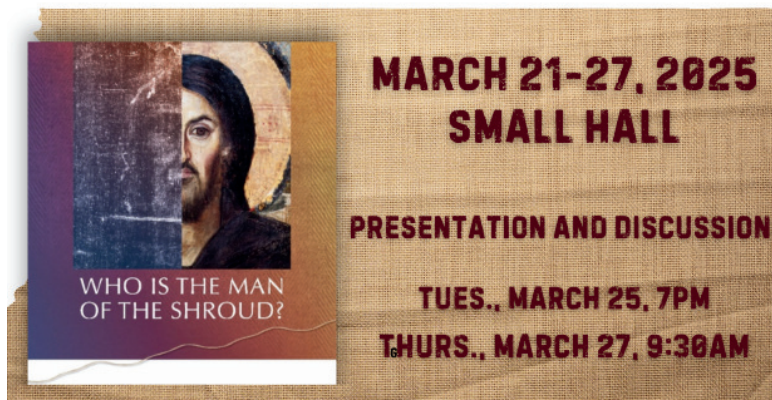
Molly Abele, Gwen Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Francie Bruhl, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Addi Coxem, Bill & Cynthia Cummer, Shirley Darouse, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Hattie Davis, Cecil Ellenberger, Bob Evans, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Judy Hahn, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Tommy Hebert, Mary E. Herbert, Stephen Ledet, Jayden Louque, Karen Macaluso, Larry, Jenn, Charlotte & Grace McKnight, Judy Monistere, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Coogan Ryan, Jules Simoneaux, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittney Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie 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.

SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBIT

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



The Shroud of Turin has been venerated for centuries as the actual burial cloth of Jesus and is widely considered to be the most studied object in the world.

You are invited to explore faith, science, scripture, and hope in this new and completely updated exhibit that in July debuted at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

Exhibit Hours:

Friday: 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Monday - Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The exhibit was developed by Othonia, a part of the Institute of Science and Faith at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University located in Rome, Italy.

For more information, please contact Amanda Milton @ amilton@icc-msh.org.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **March 8/9, 2025**, totaled:

\$12,210.00.

The **Black & Indian Missions Special Collection** totaled:

\$1,207.00.

The **Ash Wednesday** and **Central & Eastern Europe Special Collections** totaled:

\$4,795.00.

There will be no **Second or Special 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
George & Eric Navarre by Kim Navarre.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Family of Leroy Amato, Peggy Bailey & Family, Bergeron-Plauché Families,
Family of Rogers Bonnette, Sr., Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Bill Dantin,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin,
Ricky Genre, Wendy Gill, Monica Graham, Hailey & Aaron Gross, Ann Heinrich,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Ray J. Louviere,
David Marshall, Adam Mocsary, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III,
Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr.,
Dylan Rotar, Ed Sarran and Anne Sherman

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert, Donivan Jones,
John LaGrange, Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, March 17, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Lent)

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Lent)

Lynette Pfiffner

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Joseph)

Donivan Jones

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Lent)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, March 21, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Lent)

Elise Girdwood

GREAT IDEA! EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING LENT!

Come spend an hour or so with Jesus in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration on
Wednesdays between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. 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

Second Sunday of Lent
Gather Hymnal Number 1021

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Look at the sky and count the stars.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven.

Luke 9:28b-36

This is my chosen Son; listen to him.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Third Sunday of Lent
March 22/23, 2025

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent!

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!

Seminarian Crawfish Boil Ticket Sales!

11:00AM—**St. Joseph Altar**, St. Margaret Room

NO PSR CLASSES

There will be NO PSR classes on **Sunday, March 16, 2025**, due to the St. Joseph Altar. Students are encouraged to attend the Altar! Classes will resume on **Sunday, March 23, 2025**.

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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

9:30AM—**Bible Study-Prayer**, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

1:00PM—**Staff Faith Formation**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

3:00PM—**Cemetery Committee Meeting**, St. Ignatius Room

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

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

6:30PM—**OCIA**, Parish Hall

Thursday, March 20, 2025

9:30AM—**Monthly Food Distribution**, Parish Grounds

4:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Margaret Room

6:00PM—**Lenten Book Study**, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

Friday, March 21, 2025

2:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

4:00PM—**Lenten Meatless Meals**, Parish Hall

5:30PM—**Stations of the Cross**, St. Margaret Church

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent!

Lenten Meatless Meals Ticket Sales!

Seminarian Crawfish Boil Ticket Sales!

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

4:00PM—**First Scrutiny**, St. Margaret Church



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