

THE

MAY 10/11, 2025

# PEW BUDDY

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

~John 10:27



### 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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## **TALITHA KOUM: “LITTLE GIRL, I SAY TO YOU, ARISE!” (MK. 5:41) (KORUKOLLU DEANERY, DIOCESE OF VIJAYAWADA, INDIA)**

*By Father Lazarus Panthagani*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I wanted to share with you all a ministry that I started in my diocese with several of my brother priests and bishop about 5 years ago called “Talitha Koum”. The current situation of young girls, specifically those in poverty, in my Deanery of Korukollu is very difficult.

The girls in India are considered to be an extra burden. Often, they are abused, harassed, ill-treated, and exploited. From childhood they are looked down upon, less loved, less cared for and fed less even by their own mothers. Those who are victimized victimize others. Very often they are abandoned and killed. From early childhood the girls must do the household work and care their younger siblings. There is no security for the girl children either in their own house or outside facing the challenges and risks, including sexual abuse, flesh trade, and molestations.

They are used for working in the FISHERIES, to care the SHEEP and CATTLE or are employed as domestic laborers where they must face the same cycle of life situations and risk factors. Having been denied of their childhood days they carry scars and wounds with traumas of life. At the tender age of 10-17 they are tortured, married to their own close relations (uncles or first cousins), who are very often three times older than themselves, only to be harassed, ill-treated, beaten and to shoulder heavy burdens of life ending in broken family ties. There exists flesh trade, trafficking abuses, etc. even after marriage.

The DIOCESE OF VIJAYAWADA has undertaken the mission of educating these poor girls. We admit ten girls from each parish. We have 104 parishes in the diocese. KORUKOLLU is my deanery with ten parishes each with 100 girls. I am with the voice of my Bishop, planning to help for their education and other expenses. (*See pictures on the next page.*)

### **Objectives:**

- To provide a secure shelter for the girl children who are facing difficult situations, risk factors and many distressing conditions of life in which the girls are suffocated.
- To empower them through education, formation, and counseling.
- To reduce child labor and child marriage.
- To facilitate their integral growth towards a better family and better society.
- To help them to overcome the traumas and scars of life.
- To build up their self-confidence being aware of their own potentials.

### **THE DETAILS OF THE EXPENSES FOR 100 CHILDREN IN A YEAR (USD \$)**

EDUCATION: 100 x 350 = \$35,000.00

FOOD: \$6,500.00

MEDICINE: \$2,000.00

CLOTHING: \$3,200.00

COUNSELING: \$1,000.00

TOTAL: \$47,700.00 (USD: Forty-seven Thousand, Seven Hundred)

**I would like to invite to you hear more about this special ministry at our next Theology in a Bottle on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 6:45PM in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints.**

God Bless,  
Fr. Laz



# EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

## YUMMY CAJUN NIGHT

Come join us for May's "Yummy for Your Tummy" themed "Cajun Night" to be held in the St. Margaret Room on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**, following the **4:00PM Vigil Mass**. Bring some gumbo, etouffee, sauce picante, etc. and join us to pass a good time and to grow in community while getting to know your fellow parishioners!

## THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be **Sunday, May 18, 2025**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Fr. Laz Panthagani, will present "*Mary-The Girl Child: Traditions of India*." Join us to learn more about your faith!

## MISSION KREWE MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

Our Youth Group will be selling baked goods for Mother's Day outside of all Masses this weekend, **May 10/11, 2025**, to raise funds for their Mission Krewe trip to Auxier, Kentucky this July. Come visit with our youth and buy something sweet for Mom or yourself and help support our Mission Krewe!

## CLOTHES FOR THE ORPHANS IN INDIA & INDIAN MEAL FUNDRAISER

*A word from Fr. Laz:* At my home in India, our children living in the orphanages are in dire need of clothing. St. Margaret is sponsoring a Clothing Drive now through **Friday, May 23, 2025**, to collect clothing for both boys and girls, ages 5 years old to 14 years old. We kindly request new or gently used, clean clothes for these children. Please drop off your donations to the parish office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

On **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**, at 6:00PM I will be hosting an "Indian Meal" fundraiser in the parish hall to raise funds to send young women in India to school. Their ability to get an education will help prevent the human trafficking of these young women. It only costs \$350 to send one young lady to school for a year in India. (*See Bulletin article.*) We will enjoy a traditional Indian-style meal and good company with each other. Please bring a dessert to share for after the meal. Tickets will be available for sale soon!

# SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

## CALL ON THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD FOR HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Susan Basso, Clark Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Tony Buras, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Mark DeMarche, Irene Good DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Bob Evans, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Judy Hahn, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, Tristian Harrison, Brian Helmstetter, Mary E. Herbert, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Reynell Shorts, Family of Carroll Simoneaux, II, Bonnie Smith, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Rita Rayborn Wagner, 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.

## STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,  
the **Regular Collection**  
for the weekend of **May 3/4, 2025**,  
totaled:

**\$15,477.00.**

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

**\$4,896.00.**

The **Second Collection** next weekend  
will be for our local  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society!**

Thank you for your kindness and  
generosity to our ministries!

**TO  
GIVE...**



### KC Ladies Auxiliary

## Pulled Pork Dinner

**Large Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans,  
Coleslaw, & Dessert**

**Friday, May 23, 2025**

**Dinners will be available for  
pickup at the Parish Hall  
from 11:00AM - 12:30PM**

**St. Margaret, Queen of  
Scotland Church**  
**30300 Catholic Hall Road, Hammond, LA 70403**

**\$11.00 per plate**

Funds raised will benefit our charitable activities including supporting  
and assisting many St. Margaret ministries and events.

Tickets may be purchased from the Knights & Ladies  
outside of Mass on the weekend of May 17/18.

For more information, contact Glenn Young (225.964.0947).



# WE BELONG TO THE LORD

## CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Michael Duca last weekend including: **Jack Beard, Carly Berner, Rorie Calais, Bennet Cashen, Jonah Grob, Justin Hanks, Paul Hanks, Kaylee Hoffmann, Allie Landry, Anna Landry, Grace O'Neill, Emma Robertson, Donovan Rogers, Avery Sale, Connor Torres and Brody Woodward.**

## St. Margaret Vacation Bible School

**June 2-6,**

**\$30.00 Per Child**

*VBS 2025 will be for children grades Pre-K (4 years) to 5th Grade (completed 5th grade).*



Also, congratulations to the adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr. Paul Gros this weekend: **Halie Raiford and Piper Bentivegna.** Please continue to pray for these people on their spiritual journey!

## END DEATH PENALTY EXECUTIONS IN LOUISIANA

**ON MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> OUR STATE EXECUTED THE FIRST DEATH ROW PRISONER IN 15 YEARS. IT HAS SCHEDULED TWO MORE EXECUTIONS ON MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> AND HAS VOWED TO EMPTY DEATH ROW...**

As Catholics who seek to build a culture of life we cannot remain quiet. This campaign by the Office of Life, Peace, and Justice asks Governor Landry to stop these executions.

We need your support. To join this urgent effort we ask you to complete these steps now:

- Use the link or QR Code below for the webpage.
- Read the letter to Governor Landry.
- Join the campaign by adding your name and email address.
- Pray for those in death row, government officials and the success of this campaign.

At the end of the campaign, the OLP&J will send the letter to the Governor's Office with the names and the number of people who joined it.

To access the webpage and letter go to:  
<https://diobr.org/pm-event>

Or use this QR Code:



**Contact the Office of Life,  
Peace, and Justice at:**

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The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**  
OFFICE OF LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is burning for  
the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Saturday, May 10, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Leroy Amato, Sidney Alexander, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham,  
Karen Chemay, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard,  
Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Francis Kronlage,  
Franck LaBiche, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Mary Joyce Leger, Irene Mary Leon,  
Judy Monistere, George Muscat, George & Eric Navarre, Sue Novak,  
June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,  
Chuck Raborn, Sr. and Joe Stolf

### Sunday, May 11, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Delores M. Dupre, Fulton Charles Hebert,  
Donivan Jones, John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,  
Chucky Martin, Gill Scioneaux, Gerard Lou Staub and Kyle Vicknair

### Sunday, May 11, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

### Sunday, May 11, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Monday, May 12, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Fr. Paul Gros

### Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Brandie Baque

### Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Matthias)

George & Eric Navarre

### Thursday, May 15, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

### Friday, May 16, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Lynette Pfiffner

# Happy Mother's Day.

# 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

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 Lazarus 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

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

***Gather Hymnal Number 1072***

### **Acts 13:14, 43-52**

The cost of preaching the Gospel  
to the Gentiles.

### **Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

A universal vision of Jesus' followers.

### **John 10:27-30**

Those who follow Jesus  
will have eternal life.

### **Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 17/18, 2025*

### **Acts 14: 21-27**

### **Revelation 21:1-5a**

### **John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

# OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**Mission Krewe Mother's Day Bake Sale!**

**Monday, May 12, 2025**

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

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

**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

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

5:30PM—**Pastoral Council Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

7:00PM—**Finance Council Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

9:30AM—**Food Distribution**, St. Margaret Church Grounds

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

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

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



**Friday, May 16, 2025**

**No Extraordinary Events Planned for Today!**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**

**Ladies Auxiliary Pulled Pork Fundraiser Ticket Sales!**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Collection!**

10:00AM—**Catholic Schoolhouse Showcase**, Parish Hall

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

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

## ST. MARGARET MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Special thanks to all of our St. Margaret parishioners who give generously of their time each month to volunteer in the food distribution to those in need. We continue to serve over 185 families every month. The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is from **9:30AM-11:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM-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.