

THE

MAY 3/4, 2025

PEW BUDDY

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

*"Yes, Lord, you know
that I love you."*
~John 21:15

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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 as we continue in the Easter Season! I thought it would be appropriate to include a novena prayer for the Conclave to select a new pope. The Church has been going through 9 days of mourning called the Novemdiales. This is a period of nine days of public mourning in the Catholic Church following the death of the Pope. It is a tradition that dates to ancient Roman customs. During the Novemdiales, the Church celebrates special Masses for the repose of the Pope's soul. This past Tuesday, Fr. Laz celebrated a Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis at St. Margaret. I celebrated one the same day with my mother at her house in Baton Rouge.

After the time of mourning, the conclave to elect a new pope opens. The word "conclave" comes from the Latin words "cum," meaning "with" or "together," and "clavis," meaning "key." Therefore, the literal meaning of "conclave" in Latin is "cum clave," or a "room with a key."

The word initially referred to a private room. Later, of course, it developed into the specific application of the secret meeting of cardinals for the election of a Pope. It reflected the historical practice of locking the electors in seclusion to ensure the integrity and speed of the election. In Church history, there were many comforts at the conclave for the cardinals (and politics!), so some conclaves lasted months, even years, with cardinals taking way too long to elect a pope! In 1268,

following the death of Pope Clement IV, the cardinals, while meeting in Viterbo, Italy, were taking so long (3 years exactly) that the People of God locked the cardinals in the Palazzo dei Papi, demanded that they reduce their food and water rations, and even removed the roof to expose them to the outside elements! Needless to say, Pope Gregory X was elected shortly thereafter.

I dare say that the conclave for our next pope, which will begin on Tuesday, May 7th, will not take months or years! But however long it takes, we know that much prayer is needed! Here is a prayer composed by Raymond Cardinal Burke. Though it was for a novena that began on April 26th, there is no reason we cannot continue to pray it as the conclave begins this week.

Have a wonderful week!



**Novena Prayer
for the Sacred College of Cardinals
gathered for the Conclave
to elect the Roman Pontiff
April 26-May 5, 2025**

I kneel before you, O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the compassionate mother of all who love you, cry to you, seek you, and trust in you. I plead for the Church at a time of great trial and danger for her. As you came to the rescue of the Church at Tepeyac in 1531, please intercede for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the Universal Church.

At this tumultuous time for the Church and for the world, plead with your Divine Son that the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, His Mystical Body, will humbly obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through your intercession, may they choose the most worthy man to be Christ's Vicar on earth. With you, I place all my trust in Him Who alone is our help and salvation. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee, have mercy upon us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us!

**Raymond Leo Cardinal BURKE
April 24, 2025**

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

MILAN'S WOOD FIRED PIZZA

Thursday, May 8, 2025, is St. Margaret Church Day at Milan's Wood Fired Pizza in Hammond. You can help raise money for our Mission Krewe and enjoy a fire-roasted pizza! Go to Milan's Wood Fired Pizza at 505 W. Thomas Street in Hammond anytime during hours of operation that day and tell them you are there to support St. Margaret Catholic Church. Milan's will give St. Margaret 15% of your purchases.

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!

MISSION KREWE MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

Our Youth Group will be selling baked goods for Mother's Day outside of all Masses the weekend of **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!

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!

FIRST COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our second grade students who received Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament last weekend at our First Communion celebration: **Berklie Owens, Anna Lagarosse, Elisabeth Willman, Sophia DiBenedetto, Lawsyn Smith, Oakley Bohem, Averie Ross, and Luke St.Cyr**. Congratulations, and continue to keep Christ close to you on your spiritual journey!

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholic welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of April, **Rosalie Averton**. May this child grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Baleigh Henderson in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

BE MY HELPER, O LORD

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **April 26/27, 2025**, totaled:

\$8,613.00.

The **Catholic Home Missions Special Collection** totaled:

\$831.00.

There will be no **Second or Special Collection** next weekend!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

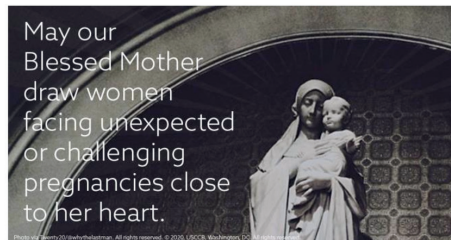
TO
GIVE... 

Walking with
Moms in Need

| Pray for Moms



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are given the model of motherhood. When the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary accepted the invitation to be the mother of Jesus, who is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). Her unexpected pregnancy presented many challenges. Yet while the path laid before her was not easy, Mary chose to give of herself in sacrificial love.

Mothers with unexpected or challenging pregnancies can likely relate to the experience of our Blessed Mother, as they, too, often face challenging circumstances in answering God’s call to welcome new life. During times of difficulty and anxiety, we pray that Our Lady will draw pregnant mothers close to her heart and, through her intercession, bring comfort, encouragement, and joyful hope. In bravely living out their vocation, mothers reflect the sacrificial love of Christ on a daily basis. With the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life as our guide, may we work to support all mothers, especially those who are most in need.

ACT (choose one)

- Pray the “Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life” (bit.ly/mother-of-life) for all expectant mothers facing difficulties or challenges.
- Fast from television or social media for the day. Instead, spend time reflecting on how God is asking you to support pregnant women in difficult circumstances.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Read Pope Francis’ reflections on our Blessed Mother and the gift of motherhood in “Our Mother the Church and the Gift of Motherhood.” bit.ly/pope-francis-motherhood

For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area: www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Peggy McLin, Rodney, Summer, Mia, Hunter & Parker Parks, Julie & Larry Houpy, Savannah & Nicholas Todd, and Ross & Elizabeth Madere.** Thank you for becoming members of the St. Margaret community. Remember to “officially” register if you have not done so; registration forms are available on our website or in the parish office. Family members are also asked to register when they turn 18 years of age. Come grow with us on our journey toward the truth which is God’s love!

LORD, LIFT UP MY SOUL

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

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, Cindy Brasington, Tony Buras, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Rhonda Dedman, Mark DeMarche, Irene Good DeMars, Shelli Domiano, Bob Evans, Marlana Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Judy Hahn, Marsha Hoffman, Theresa Ivanyisky, Delta Kovach, 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.

**St. Margaret
Vacation Bible School**
June 2-6, 2025
\$30.00 Per Child
VBS 2025 will be for children grades Pre-K (4 years) to 5th Grade (completed 5th grade).



Junior High Volunteers
(completed 6th-8th grade)
High School Volunteers
(completed 9th-12th grade)
Adult Volunteers Needed!

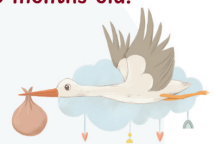
Want to Contribute?
Visit Our Amazon
Wishlist!



Walking with Moms in Need Community Baby Shower Supply Drive

The event will be held at the Tracy Center on Saturday, June 14, 2025. It is free and open to expecting mothers and families with babies up to 6 months old.

Click Here to Donate



Help us fill our first 100
diaper bags!



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<https://www.diobr.org/community-baby-shower>
225-556-8515



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sidney Alexander, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay,
Bill & Frances Dantin, 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,
Michael Jude LeJeune, Judy Monistere, Sue Novak, June Koles Olah,
Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr.,
David & Rita Roberts, Joe Stolf and Yancy Watkins

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert, John LaGrange,
Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, May 5, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Fr. Paul Gros

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Donivan Jones

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, May 8, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, May 9, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Lynette Pfiffner

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend an hour or so with our risen Lord in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration. At St. Margaret, Jesus is present on the Altar 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

Third Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1069

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The apostles testify boldly
before the Sanhedrin.

Revelation 5:11-14

All creation is called to
worship Christ as redeemer.

John 21:1-19

Jesus feeds his disciples,
calling them to love.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 10/11, 2025

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

KC/LLCC State Convention!

Coffee & Donut Ministry!

10:00AM—**May Crowning**, St. Margaret Church

5:30PM—**Confirmation Mass**, St. Margaret Church



Monday, May 5, 2025

Happy Birthday, Fr. Paul!

8:15AM—**Catholic Schoolhouse**, Hall of Saints

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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

6:30PM—**KC/Ladies Faith Formation**, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—**Knights of Columbus Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

7:00PM—**Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room



Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Conclave in Rome Begins!

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, May 8, 2025

Milan's Wood Fired Pizza Fundraiser!

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

6:00PM—**Master Planning Committee**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room



Friday, May 9, 2025

No Extraordinary Events Planned for Today!

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Mission Krewe Mother's Day Bake Sale!

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

5:00PM—**Yummy for Your Tummy**, St. Margaret Room

ST. THOMAS CHAPEL WINDOWS AVAILABLE

Interested in purchasing one of the original windows from St. Thomas Chapel? We have 5 windows left for a donation of \$500 each. Interested? Contact Butch Marchinko at butchman99@att.net or 504.452.2578.

