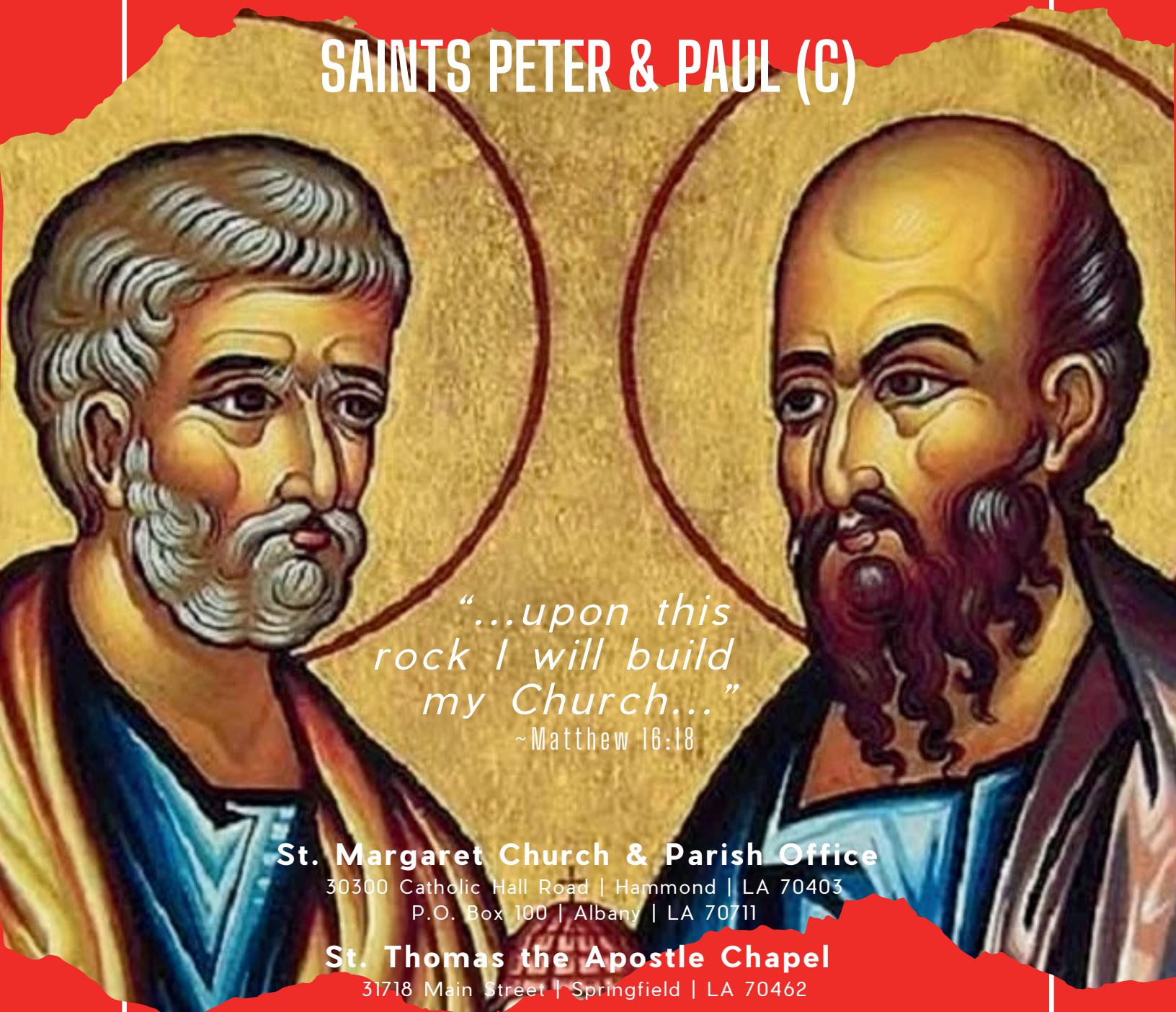


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JUNE 28/29, 2025

PEW BUDDY

SAINTS PETER & PAUL (C)



*"...upon this
rock I will build
my Church..."*

~Matthew 16:18

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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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!



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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Below is a very kind and heartfelt letter from Fr. Laz's Bishop in India! This makes me so proud and even a little teary-eyed! What a gift the Church is in being able to support (and protect!) these young ladies halfway across the world! Next June I have a trip planned with Fr. Laz to visit his diocese and hopefully I will have a chance to meet some of those we are sponsoring!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul



Most Rev. Dr. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M.

Bishop of Vijayawada

19 June 2025

To
REV FR. PAUL GROSS
ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC CHURCH
P.O. BOX 100
ALBANY, LA 70711-0100

SUB: THANK YOU FOR BEING A BLESSING FOR THE POOR GIRLS IN INDIA.

Dear Rev. Fr. Paul,

Greetings of peace and blessings from the Diocese of Vijayawada, INDIA. I am **Bishop Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, S.M.M.**, and I write to you with sincere gratitude for your support to TCU (**Talitha Cumi Unnathi**).

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt and sincere appreciation to you and all your parishioners by your generosity towards the poor girls in India.

You have created great smile on the faces and Your support and involvement greatly appreciated by the diocese of Vijayawada. Helping those who are the most vulnerable can be a challenge, but you made it working together to change their lives with our LOVE.

In light of this, I humbly request you to continue your prayers and generous support to **Fr. Laz**, who is assisting you right now, in the future years...

Thank you once again and your continues support is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,



✠ **Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, SMM**
Bishop of Vijayawada

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

CHANGE IN DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

We were blessed to have Fr. Laz here to celebrate daily Mass with us on Mondays. Since he has left for another parish assignment, the daily Mass schedule will change to **Tuesday** through **Friday** beginning the week of **June 30th**.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The parish office will be closed on **Friday, July 4, 2025**, in observance of Independence Day. Please take care of any business you may have before or after these times. Thank you for your consideration.

WHY BECOME CATHOLIC? INQUIRE HERE!

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but have questions? Do you know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Join us for our final OCIA Inquiry Session on **Wednesday, July 16, 2025**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. This session's topic will be "Why Become Catholic?" presented by Fr. Paul Gros. Fr. Paul will discuss all reasons why one should or would want to become Catholic. We are here for you!

LOOKING FORWARD TO PSR 2025-2026

While we may only be half-way through the summer, it's time to get ready for Parish School of Religion (PSR) for the 2025-2026 school year! Please register using the QR codes to access the PSR registration form and parent handbook (including the school calendar). Forms may also be found at each entrance of the church, in the parish office, or on our website. Completed forms are due at the parish office by **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact Baleigh Henderson at the parish office or email bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com.

25-26 PSR Registration



25-26 PSR Handbook



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: TRULY A BLESSING

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Come pray for our families, our country and our world! If you can commit to an hour weekly or need additional information, email Gretchen Johnson at gretjohnson5@yahoo.com or call her at 225.921.4071.

YOU ARE THE CHRIST

The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.



HEALING POWER: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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

Vincent Alfano, Shanna Amato, 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, Adeline Evans, Marlena Everett, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Dan Flaherty, Hannah Guillotte, Judy Hahn, Theresa Ivanyisky, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Carrie Odom, Lawrence Pelotto, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Reynell Shorts, Bonnie Smith, Sherry Smith, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, Rita Rayborn Wagner, Jackie Wedge, Debbie Wheat, Delores & Keith Wheat, Gunner Wrinkles, 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.

SON OF THE LIVING GOD

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBER

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholic welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of June, **Avery Griffin**. May these children 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!

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please give a warm welcome to these newly registered St. Margaret parishioners and their families: **Henry & Donna Bishop, Kenneth, Rachel & Lillian Williams, Dina & Michael Becnel**, and **Carolyn Faust**. 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!

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to our newest couples married at St. Margaret during the month of June: **Brennan Acevado & Claire Legnon, Scott Ephemere & Josie David**, and **Garrett Wilson & Lauren Graham**. We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact Baleigh Henderson to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection**
for the weekend of
June 21/22, 2025, totaled:

\$11,253.00.

The **Second Collection**
next weekend will be for
the **Building & Maintenance Fund!**

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



GRIEFSHARE

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Is it hard for you to feel optimistic about the future at the moment? You are not alone! St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare on **Tuesdays** at **6:00PM** beginning on **August 12, 2025**, in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Tammy, the ministry leader, in the parish office or by email at tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com.

Catholics, non-Catholics, and non-parishioners are invited to attend!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Lynette Pfiffner by the Pfiffner family.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

Saturday, June 28, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Cheryl Colomes, Ernest Dugas,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Maria C. Garcia, Homer Gaspard,
Linda C. Gaudin, Frank Gellenthin, Ricky Genre, Rosemary Gouzy,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Irene Mary Leon, Philip Leon, Sr.,
Connie & Ray Louviere, Judy Monistere, Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak,
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Chuck Raborn, Sr., Sansone Family, Anne Sherman,
Helen Strawn and Carol Pfiffner Taylor

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Adam Hymel, Jr., John LaGrange,
Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Mary Ann Schultz, Gill Scioneaux
and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, June 29, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Margie & Joe Liuzza

Wednesday, July 2, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, July 3, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of Saint Thomas)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, July 4, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Richard Yager

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Lynette Pfiffner** donated by Pete Pfiffner and Pfiffner Family. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call the parish office to schedule in advance.

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*)

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, High School Youth,
& Communications Coordinator*)

Melissa F. Berghausen (*Junior Youth &
Sacramental Coordinator*)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul

Gather Hymnal Number 1202

Acts 12:1-11

Peter, imprisoned for the Lord,
is released by an angel.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul is strengthened in trial.

Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus chooses Simon Peter, the Rock.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5/6, 2025

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Galatians 6:14-18

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Peter's Pence (Holy Father) Special Collection!

Monday, June 30, 2025

NO Daily Mass!

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

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

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

6:30PM—Knights & 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, July 2, 2025

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, July 3, 2025

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

Friday, July 4, 2025

Happy Independence Day!

Parish Office Closed Today!

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

