

THE

JULY 12/13, 2025

PEW BUDDY

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*"Christ Jesus is
the image of the
invisible God"*

~Colossians 1:15



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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!

On this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the second reading the Church gives us begins with St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. This letter was addressed to the Christian community in Colossae, a city in modern-day Turkey. He wrote this letter from Rome while in prison, likely between 60 – 62 AD, around the same time he wrote the letters to the Ephesians and Philemon.

One of the major themes of the letter was St. Paul combating a multifaceted heresy often called the "Colossian heresy." Scholars speculate that one of the problems with this heresy was that it diminished the unique role and supremacy of Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we can see that St. Paul is adamant about Jesus' supremacy in the opening lines of this Sunday's reading:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God... For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth... all things were created through him and for him.

To really stop and think deeply about this line should lead our hearts to great awe and reverence. For ALL things were created FOR Him! From the smallest speck of dust to the most glorious of angels, ALL things are FOR the Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Paul goes on to say, "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." This is another line that speaks deeply of His supremacy and divine omnipotence. All things are held together in Him. In other words, nothing would continue in existence without the Lord holding it there! Finally, St. Paul makes another bold statement: "For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him." So, we see that Christ Jesus is both the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last! (Rev. 22:13). To say that Jesus Christ is supreme is an understatement based on what St. Paul says in these beautiful lines.

So, what can we take away from the first few lines of Colossians? We can look for Jesus in EVERYTHING, we can find Jesus in EVERYTHING, we can place our trust in Jesus in EVERYTHING, and we can surrender to Jesus in EVERYTHING. Never underestimate our Lord's divine supremacy in EVERYTHING!

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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!

REGISTER FOR 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 here 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 by email at bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com.

25-26 PSR Registration



25-26 PSR Handbook



HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE RECENTLY?

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 in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints on **Tuesday evenings at 6:00PM** beginning on **August 12, 2025**, or on **Friday mornings at 9:30AM** beginning **August 22, 2025**. 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!*

ONE BOOK, ONE CHURCH

All men and women in the parish are invited to participate in our upcoming book study! Our first session will be on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**. The group will read Matthew Kelly's "Life is Messy". Please visit the parish office to register or print the flyer on our website. There is no cost to participate. Joining One Book, One Church is a wonderful way you can learn more about your faith with other members of our community!

THE LORD'S LAW IS PERFECT

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION

As we wrap up the 2024-2025 Food Distribution year, we want to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to our wonderful parishioners for their service to others. Every month they show up whether it is freezing cold or super hot. Everyone cannot volunteer every month, but with God's divine assistance and their dedication to this ministry, there is always have enough people to handle set up, traffic, unloading the delivery trucks, sorting perishable food, handing out food and cleaning up. We are very grateful for our ongoing partnerships with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and Catholic Charities - Baton Rouge. They provide the food we give out and deliver it to St. Margaret each month. Our wonderful St. Margaret Food Distribution Ministry Volunteers provided 2,575 hours of service between July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025!

The next Food Distribution is **Thursday, July 17, 2025**. Food Distribution and Registration is from **9:30AM** until **11:30AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **12:00PM**. If you are already volunteering, 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. *Mark your calendars the St Margaret Food Distribution is the 3rd Thursday each month!*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



THE LORD'S COMMAND IS CLEAR

Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life.

PRAY FOR HEALING WITHOUT CEASING

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

Vincent Alfano, Oliver & Marinette Amato, Gwen & Walter Barado, 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, Jacob Hanewinkel, 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, Danette 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.

STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity,
the **Regular Collection** for the
weekend of **July 5/6, 2025**, totaled:

\$15,131.00.

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

\$4,881.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and
generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



Immaculate Conception Men's ACTS 4 Retreat

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ through a retreat environment. It meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal. The retreat begins on a Thursday evening and concludes with Mass on Sunday at ICC.

Fr. Matthew invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish for spiritual renewal and an opportunity to make new friends. The ICC ACTS 4 Retreat will be held on Aug. 7-10, 2025 at Rosaryville Retreat Center in Ponchartroula, LA. The Retreat will begin at 5:00 PM and conclude with the 11:00 Mass on Sunday.

Registration opens on Monday, June 2nd at 8:00 AM online at the ICC website.

The retreat will accommodate 26 men and registration will be filled on a first come, first served basis. It is important to complete the registration and pay electronically from the website. The cost of the retreat is \$325. The website address is: icc-msh.org or you may register using the QR code below. Feel free to email questions to acts@icc-msh.org.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Philip Brabham by Lydia Brabham.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 12, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Deacon Byrd & Debbie Corbett, Joyce Corbett, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Cheryl Colomes, L.A. Dauterive, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Anthony & Anna Friedman, Judy Friedman,
Servando Garcia, Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Rosemary Gouzy,
Fr. Paul Gros, Lathan Hart, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Irene Mary Leon, Connie & Ray Louviere, Judy Monistere,
George & Eric Navarre, 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, July 13, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Angie Deliberto, Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert,
Adam Hymel, Jr., John LaGrange, Clarence & Faye Landeche, Margie & Joe Liuzza,
Charlie Martin, Mary Ann Schultz, Gill Scioneaux, Gerard Lou Staub,
Charles & Marie Stumpf, Stumpf Family and Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, July 13, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Bonaventure)

Donivan Jones

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Jeanne Dakin Guillot

Thursday, July 17, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Friday, July 18, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

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

Tuesday 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1136

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses enjoins fidelity
to God's commandments.

Colossians 1:15-20

Paul's cosmic hymn
to the primacy of Christ.

Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan demonstrates
mercy, not legalism.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19/20, 2025

Genesis 18:1-10a

Colossians 1:24-28

Luke 10:38-42

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Mission Krewe Second Collection!

Monday, July 14, 2025

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

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

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

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

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

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

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

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

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

6:30PM—**OCIA Inquiry**, St. Jean Vianney Room

Thursday, July 17, 2025

8:00AM—**Food Distribution**, Parish Hall

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

Friday, July 18, 2025

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, July 19, 2025

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

WE NEED USHERS!

If you are looking for a simple way to serve in a ministry that will touch many people, consider becoming a Hospitality Minister/Usher. Hospitality Ministers/Ushers get to share Jesus with everyone entering and leaving our beautiful churches. We especially need ministers for the **Sunday, 5:30PM Mass**. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please call Kim at 985-634-5366.

