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NOVEMBER 1/2, 2025

PEW BUDDY

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (C)

"God has visited his people."

~Luke 7:16b

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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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! As you read this I will be on my pilgrimage in Medjugorje. Please know I carry all of you in my heart to Our Lady and Our Lord!

As mentioned in my previous bulletin article, Fr. Kumar will be here most likely the weekend of Fall Fest, November 16th. Below is small bio he emailed me:

Fr. Kumar Raja Kolakani

Date of Birth: June 15, 1992

Place of Birth: Muchintala

Country of Birth: INDIA

Diocese/Religious Institute: Diocese of Vijayawada (Fr Laz's Diocese!)

Place of Ordination: St. Paul's Cathedral, Diocese of Vijayawada

Ordaining Bishop: Most Rev. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao, SMM

Languages Spoken/Understood: Telugu, English, Hindi, Tamil

Hobbies and Personal Skills: Singing, Reading Books, Playing Music, Exploring New Places, Listening to Music, Managing the Office Records, Documentation (Archivist)



Work Experience:

Regency, St. Joseph's Orphanage Home at Gunadala from April 2016 to April 2017, Diocese of Vijayawada.

Diaconate Ministry at Bantumilli Parish from May 2020 to July 2021, Diocese of Vijayawada.

Secretary to the Bishop, Bishop's House, Diocese of Vijayawada from July 2021 until today.

Serving as Assistant Director of Talitha Cumi Unnati (2024–2025), in conjunction with responsibilities as Secretary to the Bishop.

Pastoral Experience:

I have been serving as Secretary to the Bishop at the Bishop's House, Diocese of Vijayawada, since July 2021, a role that has provided me with deep insights into diocesan administration and close collaboration with His Excellency in various pastoral and official matters. In 2024–2025, I have also taken on the additional responsibility of Assistant Director of Talitha Cumi Unnati, a mission-driven initiative for the empowerment of girls and young women, which I carry out in conjunction with my role as Secretary to the Bishop.

As part of my pastoral journey, I have accompanied the Bishop on his official pastoral visits to all the parishes of our diocese, offering liturgical support, engaging with the faithful and assisting in the administration of sacraments. I also carry out regular sacramental and pastoral ministry. On alternate days, I celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the St. Ann's Hospital Community and at Nirmala Sishu Bhavan, a home for children and the elderly run by the Missionaries of Charity (St. Mother Teresa's Sisters). Additionally, I extend my pastoral services to neighboring parishes on Sundays, where I celebrate Mass, administer the sacraments of reconciliation, baptism, and the anointing of the sick, and provide pastoral care to the local Catholic communities. This multifaceted pastoral engagement reflects my commitment to both administrative duties and spiritual service, fostering the mission of the Church in diverse and meaningful ways!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Your St. Margaret/St. Thomas St. Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for individuals, families, or service-oriented groups interested in adopting a family for Christmas this year. We typically receive requests from our local schools to assist needy families as well as calls from people living in our immediate area pleading for help. Thanks to the generosity of many, last year 92 children experienced the blessing of gifts that included toys, clothing, and food at Christmas. We all recognize that higher living costs and utility expenses will create an even greater need this year for many families in our area. We suggest two gifts per family member, with each gift ranging from \$20-\$40. If you or your organization feel called to adopt a family this year, please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 by **November 14, 2025**, and help make Christmas 2025 special for needy neighbors in our community!

2025 ST. MARGARET FALL FESTIVAL

This year's St. Margaret Fall Festival is **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, St. Margaret's Feast Day! We are seeking NEW and HANDCRAFTED items for the auction; we also love donations of services or experiences to add to the auction. Please contact Gina Little at glittle1985@gmail.com or 504.237.7105 if you have a donation to make or bring it to the parish office.



SUPPORT MARCH FOR LIFE

Please support our students going on the Annual March for Life Pilgrimage by purchasing a St. Margaret sweatshirt! Order forms are available on our website and in the parish office. Order deadline is **November 30, 2025**. These make GREAT Christmas gifts! Please contact Baleigh Henderson with any questions or order inquiries!

THE LORD REFRESHES MY SOUL

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

HEALING PRAYERS REQUESTED

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Clark Bergeron, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Adeline Evans, Elise "Breezy" Fischer, Wendy Gill, David Guillot, Hannah Guillotte, Jacob Hanewinkel, Joseph Hanewinkel, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Darrell Hoover, Tyler Hoover, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Terry Parrino, Pete Pffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sanone, Mary Stabile, Brittney Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Vito & Annie Tallia, Trysten Tucker, Carla Van Vrancken, 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
October 25/26, 2025, totaled:

\$12,756.00.

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...



MONTHLY STAFF MEETING

Our monthly staff meeting for November will be **Wednesday, November 5, 2025**. The parish office will be closed from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM**. If you have business in the office, please visit us before or after this time. Thanks you for your consideration!

ARE YOU TOO BUSY FOR JESUS?

Jesus is never too busy for you. Come spend an hour with Him in Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from **7:30AM** until **8:00PM**. Committed adorers are always needed. Contact Gretchen Johnson for more information or to commit to a particular time at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

GIVE ME STRENGTH, LORD

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Join our Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, at **9:00AM** to help place American flags on the 137+ graves of those buried in our cemetery who have served our country in the military. These flags will be displayed for the week following **Veteran's Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025**. We will meet again the following **Saturday, November 15, 2025**, to pick up the flags. Please pray for the souls of our departed veterans and their families!

VIRTUAL
MINI
RETREAT

Gratitude & TRUST



LESSONS FROM THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

FREE event for single, Catholic women ages 18-45

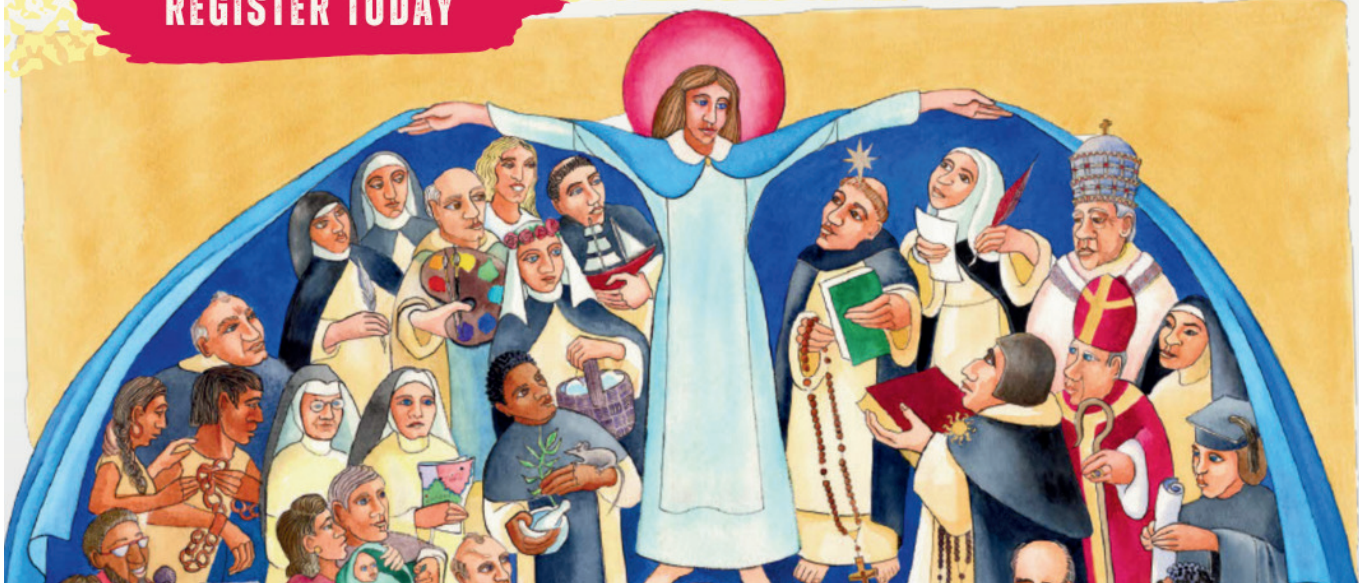
SCAN ME



SUNDAY
NOV 9

2-5 PM EST
1-4 PM CT
12-3 PM MT
11-2 PM PT

REGISTER TODAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Albert R. & Irene Horrell by Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Saturday, November 1, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Annette Barker, Eddie Barker, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Carol Bordelon,
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Merrill Cooper, Larry J. Evans,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre,
Barbara Haluska, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Frank & Margaret Koles,
Frank Koles, III, Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Michael Jude LeJeune,
William Richard Lerille, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Judy Monistere,
Patty Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso,
Lawrence Pelotto, Andy Pfiffner, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Julius Prokop, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, Susan Tucker, Yancy Watkins
and Barbara Wilson

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Fred J. Armand, Jr., Lloyd Dominguez, Fulton Charles Hebert, Donivan Jones,
John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Chucky Martin, Gill Scioneaux
and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo)

Eric Navarre

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, November 6, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Margie & Joe Liuzza

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

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of **Eric Navarre** donated by Kim Navarre. 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

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
& Cemetery Liaison*)
Peggy Desselle (*Contributions Manager
& Sacraments Coordinator*)

PASTORAL STAFF

Baleigh Olah Henderson
(*Religious Education, Youth Minister,
& Communications Coordinator*)
Debbie Corbett (*Safe Environment*)

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Wisdom 3:1-9

The souls of the just
are in the hand of God.

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is.

Luke 7:11-17

"Young man, I say to you arise!"

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 8/9, 2025

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Souls' Day!

National Vocation Awareness Week Begins!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

Coffee & Donut Ministry 8:00AM ONLY!

Daylight Saving Time Ends! Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

10:00AM—**Mass at the Cemetery**, Cemetery Pavilion

11:00AM—**Blessing of the Graves**, St. Margaret Cemetery

11:15AM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades K-6)**, Hall of Saints

6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grades 7-8)**, Hall of Saints

6:45PM—**Parish School of Religion (Grade 9-11)**, Parish Hall

6:45PM—**PSR Reconciliation (Grade 10)**, St. Margaret Church



Monday, November 3, 2025

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

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

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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

6:00PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room

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

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

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

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Parish Office Closed from 8:00AM until 1:00PM!

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

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

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

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

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



Thursday, November 6, 2025

9:30AM—**Divine Readers**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

6:00PM—**Bible Study-Psalms**, Hall of Saints

Friday, November 7, 2025

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled for Today!

Saturday, November 8, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

9:00AM—**KC Flag Distribution**, St. Margaret Cemetery

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

