

THE

OCTOBER 18/19, 2025

PEW BUDDY

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

*Pray always without
becoming weary.*
~Luke 18:1



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!

I wanted to use this article to bring you up to date on a few important items for the month of October and a look ahead.

My Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

I will be out of the parish next weekend as I take a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from October 20th until the 29th. As many of you know, I found such profound peace on my trip there two years ago that I felt called to return. I will be praying for our entire parish family while I am there.

Update on St. Thomas and Construction

I had previously mentioned a "soft" opening of St. Thomas on October 19th, but like most construction projects, we have experienced a delay. Unfortunately, our biggest hurdle has been the windows, which were originally expected in September.

The good news is that they are now expected to arrive on Thursday, October 16th. Hopefully, by the time you read this, they will be here, and installation will be underway!

I am now planning to celebrate our first Sunday Mass at St. Thomas sometime in November, as soon as the construction allows. I can assure you we will be ready for our Dedication Mass with Bishop Duca on Sunday, November 30th at 2:00PM.

Welcome Fr. Kumar!

Finally, I received wonderful news from Fr. Jamin two weeks ago: our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Kumar, has secured his visa!

He plans to arrive sometime in mid-November, right in time for our opening. My hope is that he is here by the time we have our Fall Festival on November 16th so that we can make that day a special welcome for him as well! Look for a small introduction written by Fr. Kumar himself in an upcoming bulletin so you can get to know him a little before he arrives.

Have a blessed week, and, again, please know that I will be praying for you in Medjugorje!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

THEOLOGY IN A BOTTLE

Our next "Theology in a Bottle," our adult education ministry, will be this **Sunday, October 19, 2025**, at **6:45PM** in the St. Margaret Room. Adam DiBenedetto, will present "*Technology on Tap: Faith in the Age of AI.*" Join us to learn more about artificial intelligence and the Catholic Church!

TRUNK OR TREAT!

The Catholic Daughters and the Yummy for Your Tummy Team will host the Fifth Annual St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 25, 2025**. The fun will begin at **6:00PM**. Decorate your trunk and bring treats to share. Be sure to wear your favorite costume! Come join us for trick or treating, pizza, chips, and drinks. Please contact Tracy Andry at 225.485.5215 or tkandry@charter.net for more information or to sign up for a trunk. Hope to see you there!

KC SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Mondays with Mary ministry on **Monday, October 27, 2025**, at **5:00PM** in St. Margaret Church for a special rosary and prayer service to honor the patroness of the Americas, Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome to come hear the telling of the miracle that occurred in 1531 in Mexico with the appearance of Our Lady. More than 30 million indigenous people converted to Catholicism during the next decade. We will affirm our devotion to Our Lady and to protect life, especially the blessed and innocent unborn, those in most need of protection. Please call Glenn Young at 225.964.0947 for more information.

ALL SAINTS DAY EVENTS

Our All Saints Day Candlelight Mass will be on **Friday, October 31, 2025**, at **6:00PM** at St. Margaret Church. We will honor our beloved dead who have died since last All Saints Day. The Blessing of the Graves will immediately follow the **10:00AM** Mass on **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, which will be held at the cemetery (weather permitting, bring your chairs). Please make plans to join us to honor our beloved dead! We will also pray for all of our beloved deceased inscribed in our Book of Remembrance through the month of November. This Book of Remembrance is in the back of the church. Remember to inscribe the names of those who have died since last year. (All Saints Day is not a holy day of obligation this year.)

HEARTFELT THANK YOU

The family of Gina Mocsary would like to thank the Bereavement Committee for the outstanding meal they provided to their family and friends following her funeral Mass at St. Margaret. Words cannot express the comfort these kind people have provided!

THE LORD WILL GUARD YOU

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. ***Want to order a 2025 St. Margaret Fall Festival T-shirt? Come by the parish office or use the QR code below to print out the order form!***

The Fall Festival Committee members will have a sample T-shirt to view after each Mass this weekend (October 18 & 19). Stop by the table outside and order your T-shirt and sign up for a slot to help during the festival or donate an auction item!



Order Form



Join St. Thomas More together with Louisiana Right to Life for a

Pro-Life Night

MASS 6 PM
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
ST. THOMAS MORE

11441 Goodwood Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

featuring the abortion remorse testimony of speaker

ASHLEY STEINHAUER

FREE & OPEN TO ALL! DINNER PROVIDED!
RSVP at www.ProLifeLouisiana.org/prolifenight



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A Morning of Healing

Take Jesus at His Word

"For all things are possible with God"

Mark 10:27

Thursday, November 6, 2025

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

St. Joseph's Church

Daily Mass Chapel

Parish Mass 8:00 am

Confessions/Adoration 8:45 am

Presentations 9:30 am

REGISTER by text: 985-634-9064

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LIFT UP YOUR EYES TO GOD

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED HEALING

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

Vincent Alfano, Gwen & Walter Barado, Clark 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, Hannah Guillotte, Jacob Hanewinkel, Joseph Hanewinkel, Tristian Harrison, Ann Hassenboughler, Fulton Charles 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 Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Mary Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sanone, Mary Stabile, Brittnay 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 11/12, 2025,
totaled:

\$15,445.00.

There will be no
Special or Second Collection
next weekend!

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



2026 St. Margaret March for Life Sweatshirt Fundraiser



Order Here!

Please support our students going on the Annual March for Life Pilgrimage
by purchasing a St. Margaret sweatshirt!

Order forms available on the website & in the Parish Office.

**Orders will be due by
NOVEMBER 30, 2025.**

These will make GREAT Christmas gifts!

Please contact Baleigh Henderson with any questions or order inquiries!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given
in memory of **Kathy H. Polinsky** by Lucie & Joe Hanewinkel.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Leroy Amoto & Family, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,
Rogers Bonnette, Sr. & Family, Carol Bordelon, Tony Buras, Karen Chemay,
Larry J. Evans, Glenn Forsberg, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre, Benny Gex,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Frank & Margaret Koles, Frank Koles, III,
Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Mary LeJeune Lemoine,
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, Brooklyn Sansone, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman and Lee Strawn

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Fred J. Armand, Jr., Allen Aubert, Sr., Lloyd Dominguez,
Donivan Jones, John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,
Chucky Martin, George Navarre, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Wednesday, October 22, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Thursday, October 23, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, October 24, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of
George 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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gather Hymnal Number 1178

Exodus 17:8-13

The weary Moses prays

ceaselessly for Israel.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Paul tells Timothy to remain faithful.

Luke 18:1-8

A parable about persistence in prayer.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25/26, 2025

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Propagation of the Faith Special Collection!

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

11:15AM—Circle of Grace (Grade 3), 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—Theology in a Bottle, St. Margaret Room

Monday, October 20, 2025

8:15AM—Catholic Schoolhouse, Hall of Saints

1:00PM—St. Faustina's Stitches, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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

9:30AM—Bible Study-Pilgrim People, St. Ignatius Room

6:00PM—GriefShare, St. Ignatius Room

6:00PM—One Book, One Church-The Saint Monica Club, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

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

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, October 23, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

NO Confessions Today!

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

Friday, October 24, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

No Extraordinary Events Planned for Today!

Saturday, October 25, 2025

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—CDA Trunk or Treat, Church Grounds

DAILY MASS & CONFESSION NEWS

There will be no Daily Mass from **Tuesday, October 21** through **October 29, 2025**. There will be no Confessions on **Thursday, October 23, 2025**. Daily Mass will resume on **Thursday, October 30, 2025**, as will Confessions.

