

THE

NOVEMBER 22/23, 2025

PEW BUDDY

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C)

"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

~Luke 23:43

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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 **last weekend** of the Liturgical Year! The Church always celebrates the Solemnity of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** (commonly called Christ the King) on this weekend!

In his encyclical entitled *Quas Primas*, Pope Pius XI addressed the ever-growing rise of secularism that was encroaching in popular culture following WWI. His desire was to reassert Christ Jesus as **King of the Universe** (over individuals, families, and societies) to combat the anti-clerical and anti-Christian ideologies that were eroding the moral fabric of society. It was also a response to the atheistic communist regimes in Eastern Europe that replaced God with the state. Oh, how much we need this Solemnity today!

In the Gospel this weekend, we read from Luke 23:35–43, which is a scene from the crucifixion. We read that the Romans placed a sign (*titulus crucis*) which was **inscribed** with the phrase, **“This is the King of the Jews.”** We know from John’s Gospel that it was written in Latin, Hebrew, and Greek. This is very significant to us today, not because we speak those languages, but because all three of those languages are used in our Mass, which is a re-presentation of the sacrifice of the cross. The *Kyrie Eleison* at the beginning of Mass is Greek; “amen,” “alleluia,” and “hosanna” are all Hebrew words. Latin, of course, is the language of the Church and, contrary to popular opinion, the use of Latin was not prohibited in the Liturgy by Vatican II after the changes in the Mass. In fact, the first document produced by the Council Fathers (bishops of the Council) was *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. It addressed the use of Latin in the liturgy with a nuanced approach.

Sacrosanctum Concilium stated: **“The use of the Latin language is to be preserved in the Latin rites”** (SC 36 n1). This statement clearly indicates the Church’s intention to maintain some Latin within the Roman Rite, while at the same time allowing for more use of the vernacular language (in our case, English) within the liturgy. One of the emphases the Council Fathers wanted to highlight was the faithful’s **“active participation”** in the Mass. This primarily meant their active participation in joining their hearts to the heart of Christ in the Holy Sacrifice made present to them at every Mass. But it also included the greater use of Scripture in the Liturgy (understood by the faithful in their native tongue) and the dialogue parts of the Mass between the priest and the faithful (e.g., “The Lord be with you”, “And with your spirit”).

With the support of our musicians, I have decided during Advent to reintroduce our community to a small use of Latin in the Liturgy with the **Sanctus** (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) and the **Agnus Dei** (*Lamb of God*). Again, this was something encouraged by the Council, especially with the Ordinary parts of the Mass. *Sacrosanctum Concilium* stated: **“...steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them”** (SC, 54). (*The works and music for these chants are on pages 308B and 313B in the Gather hymnal.*)

In the end, there are several reasons to use Latin, even when we are unfamiliar with it, during Mass:

- **It gives us continuity with our Catholic tradition and historical roots.**
- **It is the universal language of the Church and transcends linguistic and cultural barriers throughout the Church** (like in India!).
- **It is a sacred language that transcends time.** Even though we may not know exactly the meaning of each word we are saying, we know all the different parts of the Mass by heart, and so Latin can help to lift us out of the immediate, temporal world and into the eternal realm of God as we sing with the angels and saints in one voice the hymn of unending praise: *Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus...Holy, Holy, Holy.*
- **Finally, as mentioned above, it was one of the languages written on the inscription above Jesus on the cross!**

Vivat Christus Rex! Long Live Christ the King!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

CHRIST THE KING EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

This **Sunday, November 23, 2025**, after the **10:00AM** Mass, please join the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Paul and Fr. Kumar for a Eucharistic procession in honor of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King is a celebration of Jesus Christ on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. Catholics celebrate the Feast of Christ the King to express their faith to the public. The solemnity is a reminder that while many bad things are happening in the world, Christ lives and reigns forever. It also encourages people not to fear publicly living out their faith; a Eucharistic procession is a great example of someone living out their faith because people are walking in a group outside and praying to the Blessed Sacrament.

A special chalice used by St. John Paul II at the Vatican for over two years will be used by Fr. Paul in the celebration of the Mass at **10:00AM** and will be included in the Eucharistic Procession to the parish hall. It will be displayed in the parish hall where procession participants will have an opportunity to venerate and touch it.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Respect Life Ministry invites all, especially those who have lost an unborn baby, to join them in a candlelight Rosary procession to the plaque of the Unborn in St. Margaret Cemetery beginning in front of the church this **Sunday, November 23, 2025**, after the **5:30PM** Mass beginning in front of the church.

ADVENT WOMENS NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Join the women of St. Margaret on **Monday, December 15, 2025**, at **6:45PM** for a night of reflection this Advent season. Our speaker, Lynette Arlati will share on the topic *"Saying Yes and Supporting One Another: Lessons from Mary and Elizabeth."* The event will take place in the St. Margaret Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend, but you must reserve your seats by calling Gloria at 419.348.9674. You are welcome to reserve a table for a group of friends. Hope to see you there!

GIVING TUESDAY-HELP FOR ST. THOMAS CHAPEL

Don't forget—**Tuesday, December 2, 2025**, is "Giving Tuesday". Please help support our efforts to pay off our loan on the renovation of our beloved St. Thomas Chapel in Springfield. Visit iGiveCatholic.org, search for our Parish or use the QR code and donate \$20 or more. You can donate now using the QR code here which will bring you directly to the iGiveCatholic website! ***Be sure to watch the YouTube video!*** Thank you for your generosity!



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

Monday, December 8, 2025, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass for the Holy Day will be celebrated at **7:00AM** and **6:00PM** on **Monday** at St. Margaret Church. Come honor the Blessed Mother with us!

PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join us on **Sunday, December 7, 2025**, from **8:00AM** until **12:30PM** in the parish hall for a blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights will be serving donors a sausage, biscuit and grits breakfast. Donors will receive a Blood Bank t-shirt. All donors will also receive a Don's Seafood discount card. If you would like to give blood at the Blood Center, please use code **D227** to designate your life-giving donation for St. Margaret.

CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

Every year the Louisiana State Knights of Columbus recognize one boy and one girl from each KC Council awarding them with a cash prize. If you are a high school senior and you would like to be considered for this honor, contact Glenn Young at 225.964.0947 for instructions/information to complete the online CYLA application form. The completed form **MUST** be emailed to rgyoung2@bellsouth.net before **Saturday, January 24, 2026**.



STEWARDSHIP THIS WEEK

Thanks to your generosity, the **Regular Collection** for the weekend of **November 15/16, 2025**, totaled:

\$14,753.00.

The **Campaign for Human Development Special Collection** totaled:

\$897.00.

There is no **Special** or **Second Collection** next weekend!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



MARCH FOR LIFE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Join the St. Margaret March for Life Pilgrims on **Sunday, December 21, 2025**, immediately following the **10:00 AM Mass**. Your kids will enjoy a "build your own" pancake bar, with breakfast sausage and an assortment of juices and milk! They will be able to take a photo with Santa and make a Christmas craft. Adults can enjoy the same breakfast with coffee and a morning of fun with their family. Tickets are \$15. All proceeds will directly benefit the students attending the 2026 March for Life in Washington D.C. Tickets will be available after each Mass on **December 6/7** and **December 13/14**. They will also be available for purchase in the parish office beginning **December 9, 2025**. Please email Baleigh Henderson at bohenderson@stmargaretstthomas.com with any questions!

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The Allange Family
Fred Armond
Shelby Aucoin
Eleanor Bates
Frank Bates
John Bates
Paula Bates
Joe Bates, Sr.
Fr. Mark Beard
Marco Becerra, Jr.
Jo Ann Behler
Henry Blalock
The Boos Family
Larry Borgstede
The Brasington Family
The Broussard Family
Martha Brown
The Bruskey Family
Clarence Burke
Lourdes Burke
Patrick Burke
Floy Buseck
Heinz Buseck
Tony Calderone
Vyna Carvajal
The Castjohn Family
Marylee Cavallero
Harold Cavallero, Jr.
Harold Cavallero, Sr.
Paul Cedotal
Jan Chatnigive
Albert P. Chemay
Karen Chemay
Louis & Jennie Chemay
Louis J. & Ruth Chemay
Theresa Christina
Frank Clawson
Joseph Constance, Sr.
Merrill Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cowart
Shelly Cyrus
Maren Englebretson Dahlke
Leon A. Dauterive, Jr.
Leon A. Dauterive, Sr.
Jeanne Davis
Otis Delatte, Jr.
Otis & Doris Delatte, Sr.
The Deliberto Family
Davis Desselles
Harvey & Greta Desselles

Andree & Lionel Dicharry, Jr.
Lionel & Claire Dicharry, Sr.
Alpha & Elmo Fauchaux
The Fischer Family
Susan Flamm
Glenn Y. Forsberg
Virgil Forsberg
Helen Galladora
Ed Garro
Mr. & Mrs. L. Gaspard
Homer Gaspard
The Gaspard Family
Mark Gaspard, Jr.
Rose & Fred Gauthier
Benny Gex
Vivian Gregorie
Ralph Guillot
Barbara Haluska
John Haluska, Jr.
Dorothy & Joseph Hanewinkel, Sr.
Vera & Herbert Hanna
Ricky Harrison
Dotty Heck
Michael K. Heltz
Beverly Herrmann
Elaine Herrmann
Fred Herrmann
Ruth Herrmann
The Hill Family
Kathy Holmes
Josephine Hoover
Christine Horrell
Irene & Ray Horrell
Clementine & Ervin Hutchinson
Audrey Jordan
Ben Kesslen
The Koleszar Family
Francis & Alberta Kronlage
Melissa Labranche
The Lae Family
Angelina LaFrance
Lena Mae Landry
Robert & Theresa Landry
Roswell & Nyla Landry
John Langan
Frank Leon
Philip & Irene Leon
Joe Lobue
The Lowe Family
Fr. John Mackey

Elaine Maher
Carol Manzella
Irene Marchinko
Paul R. Marchinko
Charlie Martin
Chucky Martin
Chris Mayeaux
Mr. & Mrs. Mayeaux
Linda McGough
The J. Novak Family
Terry Papeo
Timothy Peacock
Victor & Mary Peptone
Linda Perronne
The Peter Pffiffner Family
Lynette Pffiffner
Mary & Joe Prokop
The Quartararo Family
Gus & Olga Rabensteiner
Tecla Rabensteiner
Timothy Rosenstein
Peggy Richard
Catie & Janie Roberts
Dale E. Roberts
Barbara & Joseph Rome
Donna Rossiter
The Rothman Family
Ozelia & Wallace Sanchez
John Short
Dan Stauder
The Sterling Family
Judy Sturdivant
Maxwell Sturdivant
Nina Sturdivant
Arleen G. Sylvester
Isabel M. Sylvester
The Sziber Family
Frank Tarifa, Sr.
Dorothy Thompson
Kenneth Thompson
Patrick Tobin
Yvonne & William Tobin
Vera Trosclair
Albert Tuger
Ethel Tuger
Don Vandigo
Helen Vandigo
Bernadine & Ruby Wagner
Clarance & Maggie Watkins
Yancy Watkins

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
George & Eric Navarre by Kim Navarre.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Annette Barker, Eddie Barker, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Carol Bordelon,
Philip Brabham, Karen Chemay, Joseph Andrew Dick, Larry J. Evans, Virgil Forsberg,
June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Linda C. Gaudin, Ricky Genre,
Fr. Paul Gros, Romaine Guilbeau, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Frank & Margaret Koles, Frank Koles, III, Alberta Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
William Richard Lerille, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Judy Monistere,
George Muscat Family, 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, Andrew "Andy" Pizzalato, Julius Prokop, Anne Sherman,
Judy Sherman, Clarence & Mary Watkins and Barbara Wilson

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Fred J. Armand, Jr., Caleb Degenhardt, Lloyd Dominguez,
Fulton Charles Hebert, John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,
Chucky Martin, E.D. Purvis, Gill Scioneaux and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025, 5:30PM Mass

Shelly Cyrus

Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Donivan Jones

Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 6:00PM Mass (Thanksgiving Vigil Mass)

Lynette Pfiffner

Thursday, November 27, 2025, NO Mass (Thanksgiving Day)

Friday, November 28, 2025, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in memory of the **George Navarre** 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*)
Father Kumar Kolakani (*Assistant 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Gather Hymnal Number 1193

2 Samuel 5:1-3

David is anointed King of Israel.

Colossians 1:12-20

Paul's hymn to Jesus as Lord of all.

Luke 23:35-43

"Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom."

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

First Sunday of Advent
November 29/30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Youth Group Second Collection!

No PSR Classes!

10:00AM—**OCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming**, St. Margaret Church

11:00AM—**Christ the King Eucharistic Procession**, Church Grounds

6:30PM—**Candlelight Rosary Procession**, Begins in Front of St. Margaret Church

Monday, November 24, 2025

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

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

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

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

NO Eucharistic Adoration Today!

6:00PM—**Thanksgiving Vigil Mass**, St. Margaret Church

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving!

NO Daily Mass Today!

NO Confessions Today!

Parish Office Closed Today!

Friday, November 28, 2025

NO Daily Mass Today!

Parish Office Closed Today!

Saturday, November 29, 2025

First Sunday of Advent!

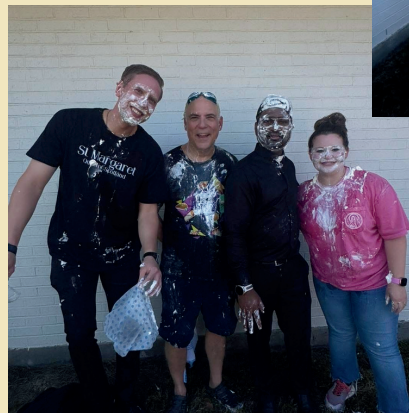
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

THANKSGIVING VIGIL MASS

Our Thanksgiving Vigil Mass will be held at St. Margaret on **Wednesday, November 26, 2025**, at **6:00PM**. Everyone is invited to bring their bread and wine that will be served the next day at their family gathering for a special blessing during the Mass.

NO PSR CLASSES SUNDAY

There will be no PSR classes on **Sunday, November 23, 2025**, in observance of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on **Sunday, November 30, 2025**. Have a joy-filled holiday!



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

In observance of Thanksgiving, the office will be closed **Thursday, November 27** and **Friday, November 28, 2025**. *There will be no daily Masses or confessions on these days.* Please make sure to take care of any business around these closures. Thank you for your consideration!