

THE

MARCH 28/29, 2026

PEW BUDDY

PALM SUNDAY (A)

*“Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”*

~Matthew 21:9

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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WHY DO WE VEIL IMAGES?

From St. John's Seminary, Boston, MA

The last two weeks in the season of Lent are called Passiontide which begins on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This is when the Church shifts her focus from Christ in the desert (the Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent) to Christ during His Passion.

During this period of Passiontide, you may have noticed in your parish that the crucifix and other statues and images around the church have been veiled with a purple cloth.

In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, **“In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”**

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss and they serve as a reminder to get ready!

The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The veils seem out of place, and even counterintuitive. It can seem strange that the crucifix is covered up during Passiontide. Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened and we become more aware of what is missing. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true Home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26



EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR THOSE IN NEED

You can make a difference by participating and grabbing a bottle from the stand at the entrance of the church this weekend. You can also remove the label from an empty prescription bottle from home and bring it to church with a gift inside. This bottle can be placed in the container at the entrance of the church or in the offertory collection. This program is being sponsored by our local chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please be generous!

CHRISM MASS INVITATION

On **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, at **10:30AM** at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, Bishop Duca will celebrate our annual Chrism Mass. The Mass of Chrism is properly concelebrated by the bishop with his clergy and is a sign of the unity and communion of priests with their bishop. The blessing of the oils takes place during this liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend; the parish office will be closed this day so that our staff might attend the service as well!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Remember our schedule for *Holy Week* liturgies is as follows: **Monday** of Holy Week (**5:30PM** Mass); **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** of Holy Week (**7:00AM** Mass); **Wednesday** Eucharistic Adoration (**7:30AM-8:00PM**); **Holy Thursday** Mass (**7:00PM**; Adoration in the St. Margaret Room of the Hall of Saints until **12:00AM**); **Good Friday** Stations of the Cross (**12:00PM**), **Good Friday** Service (**3:00PM**, St. Thomas Chapel); Youth Group Passion Play performances (**6:00PM** and **7:30PM** in the Parish Hall); **Holy Saturday** Vigil Mass (**8:00PM**); **Easter Sunday** Masses (**8:00AM** at St. Thomas Chapel; **10:00AM** and **5:30PM** at St. Margaret). On **Good Friday**, Fr. Paul and Fr. Kumar will hear confessions starting at **8:00AM**. All events occur at St. Margaret Church unless otherwise specified. These, and other details, can be found on the flyer on our website!

YOUTH GROUP PASSION PLAY

Members of the St. Margaret Youth Group have been hard at work, preparing for two showings of their Passion Play on **Good Friday, April 3, 2026**, at **6:00PM** and **7:30PM**. All parishioners are invited to one of these two viewings in the parish hall. Come support our youth group and experience this powerful prayer!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be closed on **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, so our staff can attend the Chrism Mass and on **Friday, April 3, 2026**, for Good Friday. The Parish Office will reopen on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**. Please take care of any business you may have around these closures. Have a Blessed Easter!

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO START SOON

If you are an adult who has been baptized and received First Eucharist but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation, you are welcomed to attend five preparatory sessions on **Tuesdays** beginning **April 7, 2026**, from **6:00PM** until **8:00PM** in order to assist you to prepare to receive the sacrament. The sacrament will be celebrated at the end of the five weeks. If you have any further questions, please contact Deacon Byrd at bcorbett@stmargaretstthomas.com or leave a message for him at the parish office.



MARIAN SERVANTS® of THE VISITATION

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DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

2:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:45 Praise and Worship

3:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:15 Litany of Healing

3:30 Rosary and individual intercessory prayer

4:00 Benediction

2:30-4:00 Reconciliation

St. Margaret Queen of Scotland Catholic Church

30300 Catholic Hall Rd

Albany, Louisiana

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EVERY KNEE SHOULD BEND

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS

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

Gwen & Walter Barado, Louis Bartus, Clark Bergeron, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Amber Stillely Cocchiola, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, Irene Good DeMars, Adeline Evans, Jimmy Giannobile, Wendy Gill, David Guillot, Hannah Guillotte, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Ann Hassenbouhler, Tristian Harrison, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Brian Helmstetter, Lani Herbert, Mary E. Herbert, Marsha Hoffman, Bill Hoover, Suzanne Howze, Teresa Ivanyisky, Melanie Johnston, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Erica Montz, Meghan Page, Terry Parrino, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Kim Prokop, Lester Sanchez, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stillely, Danette Stillely, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Barney Wall, Dominick David Wright, 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 **March 21/22, 2026**, totaled:

\$12,563.00.

The **St. Vincent de Paul
Second Collection** totaled:

\$3,078.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



EVALUATE THE CANDIDATES

Join Father Jamin David, Vicar General, and the Deacon Formation Homiletics Class to participate in a night of homilies, feedback and evaluation! Deacon candidates will be expected to give homilies in a lab setting at St. Margaret, and Fr. Jamin will critique them based upon a model that had previously been given them in their first preaching class. **YOU CAN HELP!** We need a “congregation” to also participate in giving constructive feedback. The “preaching lab” will be on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026**, from **6:00PM** until **9:00PM** in St. Margaret Church. Your participation as a “teaching parish” is greatly appreciated, and our candidates will learn much from your wisdom, feedback, and presence! Please bring your friends!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Larry J. Evans by his family.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Thomas Chapel is burning for
all the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Fr. Mark Beard, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Karen Chemay, Barbara Connick,
Jeff Day, Vicki Erwin, Larry J. Evans, Pete Fisher, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz,
Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Philip Leon, Sr.,
Philip & Irene Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family,
Adam & Gina Mocsary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus,
Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Sidney Ourso,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Henry Preus, Anne Sherman,
Judy Sherman and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin,
Pam Newman, E.D. Purvis and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Larry Borgstede

Monday, March 30, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Monday of Holy Week)

Margie & Joe Luizza

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Tuesday of Holy Week)

Merrill Cooper

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7:00AM (Wednesday of Holy Week)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 7:00PM Mass (Holy Thursday/The Lord's Supper)

Victor & Mary Pepitone

Friday, April 3, 2026, 3:00PM (Good Friday)

Service at St. Thomas Chapel

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 - St. Margaret Church
Sunday-8:00AM - St. Thomas Chapel
10:00AM & 5:30PM - St. Margaret Church

Daily Masses

Monday-5:30PM (after Mondays with Mary)
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
& Wedding Coordinator*)

PASTORAL STAFF

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

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Gather Hymnal Number 1031

Isaiah 50:4-7

God's servant knows how to hear and speak.

Philippians 2:6-11

God exalted Jesus, who emptied himself.

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Easter Sunday
April 4/5, 2026
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord!

Priest's Retirement Fund Special Collection!

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

1:00PM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

4:30PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

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

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



Monday, March 30, 2026

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

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

6:00PM—Young Ladies Lenten Bible Study, St. Margaret Room

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Parish Office Closed Today!

9:30AM—Bible Study, Book of Hebrews, St. Ignatius Room

10:30AM—Chrism Mass, St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge



Wednesday, April 1, 2026

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

5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, Off Campus

6:00PM—Passion Play Dress Rehearsal, Parish Hall

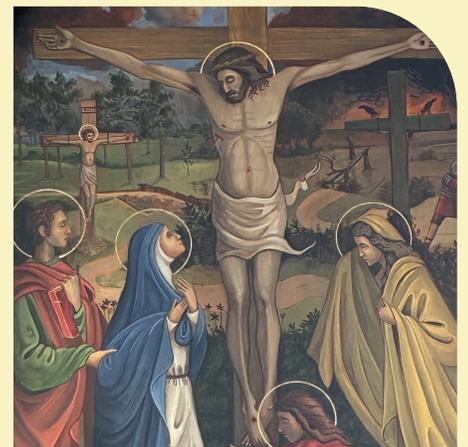
Thursday, April 2, 2026

Holy Thursday!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

7:00PM—Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Margaret Church

9:00PM—Eucharistic Adoration on the Altar of Repose, St. Margaret Room



Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday!

Parish Office Closed Today!

Holy Land Special Collection!

8:00AM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

10:00AM—Passion Play Practice, Parish Hall

12:00PM—Stations of the Cross, St. Margaret Church

3:00PM—Good Friday Service, St. Thomas Chapel

6:00PM—Passion Play Performance, Parish Hall

7:30PM—Passion Play Performance, Parish Hall

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday!

Building & Maintenance Fund Second Collection!

9:00AM—Altar Server Practice for Vigil Mass, St. Margaret Church

9:00AM—OCIA Retreat, St. Vianney Room

10:00AM—OCIA Practice for Vigil Mass, St. Margaret Church

8:00PM—Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, St. Margaret Church