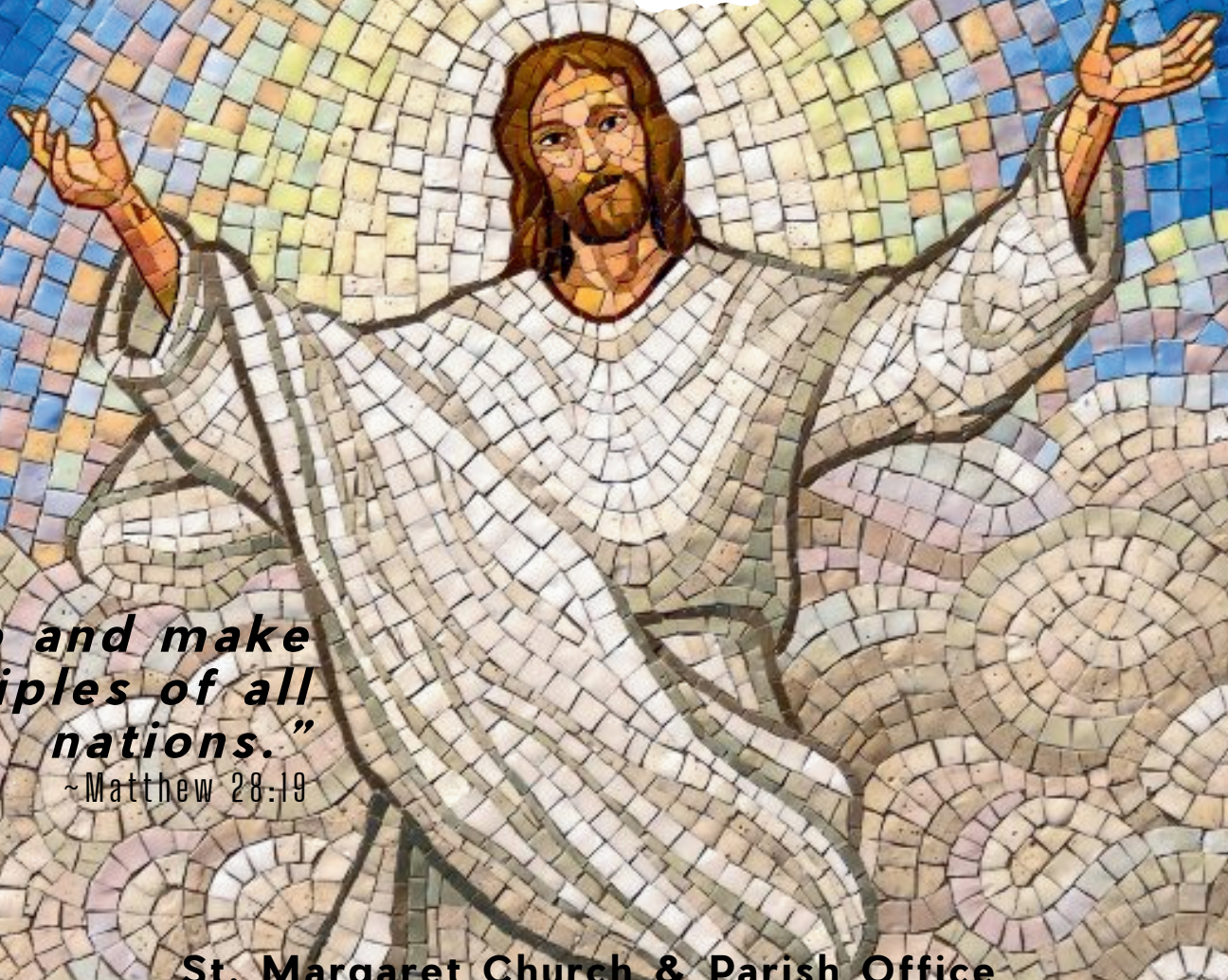


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MAY 16/17, 2026

PEW BUDDY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A)



*“Go and make
disciples of all
nations.”*

~ Matthew 28:19

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

30300 Catholic Hall Road | Hammond | LA 70403

P.O. Box 100 | Albany | LA 70711

St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel

31718 Main Street | Springfield | LA 70462

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 PEDALING PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension this Sunday! This Solemnity traditionally occurs 40 days after Easter Sunday (which would have been this past Thursday), but for pastoral reasons, most bishops in the U.S. move the celebration to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

This weekend, I will be away on vacation following a long Lenten and Easter season. However, Fr. Kumar will be present at all Masses along with Fr. Chuong Cao, CSsR, who will be conducting our annual mission appeal. Fr. Chuong, a Redemptorist missionary, will speak to us about the vital work being done by Redemptorist priests and brothers serving in overseas missions in Brazil and Nigeria.

Fr. Chuong, a native of Vietnam, was ordained in 2001. He has served as a parochial vicar in Houston, Texas, and was a founding member of an English-speaking initiative in Biloxi, Mississippi, shortly before and after Hurricane Katrina, where he assisted in rebuilding the parish church. He also served as the pastor of St. Gerard Parish in Baton Rouge. Fr. Chuong is currently the Local Superior and Vocation Director at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Seattle, Washington. Please extend a warm welcome to Fr. Chuong and give your prayerful attention to this important appeal.

Finally, next weekend is another exciting time for St. Margaret! Dr. John Ryals will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge on Saturday, May 23, at 10:00AM. Deacon Ryals will then serve his first Masses at all Sunday liturgies here at St. Margaret and St. Thomas. The bishop has assigned the soon-to-be Deacon Ryals to Holy Ghost Catholic Church, effective July 1. It has been a joy to journey with John throughout these last five years of formation. Please keep him and his family in your prayers!

Below is an invitation to a reception we will host in the parish hall following the 10:00AM Mass next Sunday. I hope to see you all there!



Invitation!!!!

**Please join us to celebrate the Diaconate
Ordination of Deacon John Ryals!**

Where: St. Margaret Parish Hall

**When: Sunday, May 24, 2026, following the
10:00AM Mass**

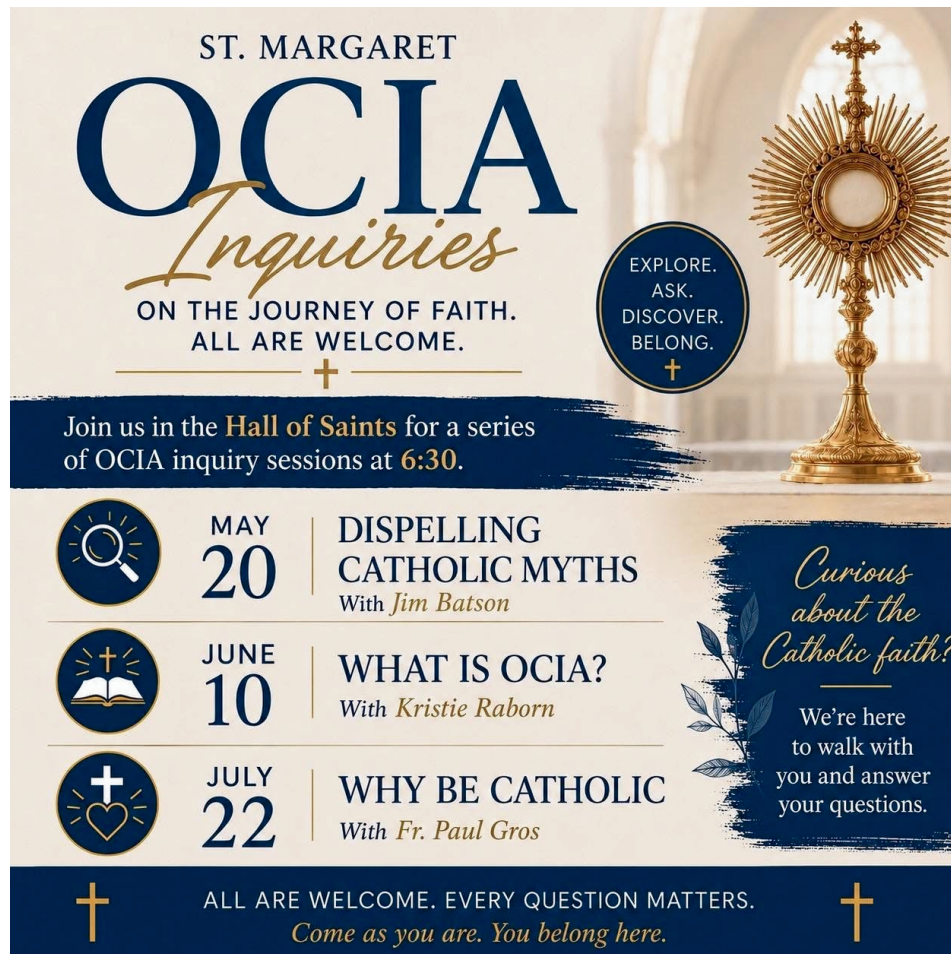
EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

JUNE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Each month approximately 190 families (535 individuals) receive perishable and boxes of food. We could not do it without our wonderful volunteers who bring joy and blessings to each person who comes to pick up much needed food. Please continue to pray that the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank and Catholic Charities Baton Rouge are able to get the perishable food that the recipients rely on each month. We look forward to seeing you on **May 21, 2026** (3rd Thursday of month). Food Distribution from **9:00AM** until **11:00AM**. Volunteers are needed from **7:00AM** until **11:30AM**. If you already volunteer, 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. Registration for new people to sign up for the monthly food distribution is closed until the 2026-2027 Registration which will be on **Monday, June 29, 2026**, from **8:30AM** until **11:30AM** at St. Margaret Hall of Saints. **ON THIS DAY, EVERYONE MUST REGISTER EVEN IF THEY REGISTERED PREVIOUSLY!**

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

Join our Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, May 23, 2026**, 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 **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026**. We will meet again the following **Saturday, May 30, 2026**, to pick up the flags. Please pray for the souls of our departed veterans and their families!



ST. MARGARET




OCIA

Inquiries

ON THE JOURNEY OF FAITH.
ALL ARE WELCOME.

EXPLORE.
ASK.
DISCOVER.
BELONG.

Join us in the **Hall of Saints** for a series of OCIA inquiry sessions at **6:30**.

	MAY 20	DISPELLING CATHOLIC MYTHS With <i>Jim Batson</i>
	JUNE 10	WHAT IS OCIA? With <i>Kristie Raborn</i>
	JULY 22	WHY BE CATHOLIC With <i>Fr. Paul Gros</i>

Curious about the Catholic faith?

We're here to walk with you and answer your questions.

ALL ARE WELCOME. EVERY QUESTION MATTERS.
Come as you are. You belong here.

GOD IS KING OF ALL THE EARTH

FREE!!!



Summer Meals

The Diocese of Baton Rouge Child Nutrition Program will be providing **free** summer meals to all children 18 and under. {First come/first served basis}

Each child will receive:

7 Breakfasts + **7** Lunches
+ **1** Gallon of Milk

{Maximum of **5** meal packages per vehicle}



Summer Food Rocks!

For more information, please call the CNP office at 225.387.6421 or visit www.cnpbr.org.



This Institution Is an Equal Opportunity Provider.

MEAL SERVICES 2026
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MONDAYS

JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Immaculate Heart of Mary
11140 LA 77 - Maringouin, LA 70757

Mission of the Sacred Heart
29589 S Poplar St
Livingston, LA 70754

St Jules
7165 LA 1 - Belle Rose, LA 70341

TUESDAYS

JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Our Lady of Peace
13281 Hwy 644 - Vacherie, LA 70090

St Catherine of Siena
421 St Patrick St - Donaldsonville, LA 70346

St Margaret Queen of Scotland
30300 Catholic Hall Rd - Hammond, LA 70403

WEDNESDAYS

JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
LA-308 - Plattenville, LA 70393

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church
509 Pine St - Independence, LA 70443

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
32615 Bowie St - White Castle, LA 70788

THURSDAYS

JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25

St Gabriel Catholic Church
3625 Hwy 75 - St Gabriel, LA 70776

JOIN US FOR A
MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER
HOSTED BY THE
ST. MARGARET HS YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, June 6
Immediately Following the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass in the Parish Hall
Featured Movie Title:
"Solo Mio"
\$10 Ticket

Tickets will be available after each Mass on May 16/17, 23/24, and 30/31.
With your ticket, you will receive a bowl of pastelaya. Movie theater concessions and drinks will be available for purchase at the event. Bring a lawn chair and join our youth for a fun night!

SOLO MIO

ST. MARGARET
VBS 2026
JULY 6-10TH

JOIN THE FUN!!! REGISTER TODAY! FORMS DUE JUNE 15

PARTICIPANT FORM [QR Code] VOLUNTEER FORM [QR Code]

ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN **JUNE 15**.
KIDDOS HAVING COMPLETED GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 5 MAY PARTICIPATE.
VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED GRADE 6!
PLEASE PRINT THESE FORMS AND SUBMIT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.
CONTACT HEIDI OR BALEIGH WITH ANY QUESTIONS!
HEIDI3289@YAHOO.COM
BOHENDERSON@STMARGARETSTTHOMAS.COM

SING PRAISE FOR GOD OUR KING

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING REQUESTED

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

Tina Allen, Gwen & Walter Barado, Louis Bartus, Clark Bergeron, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Kathleen Coleman, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Rhonda Dedman, 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, David Landeche, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Joseph Mocsary, Erica Montz, Evelyn Moreland, Fay Murray, Amelie Oriol, 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, Barbara Stallcup, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Annie Tallia, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Barney Wall, Lucy Whiddon, Dominick David Wright, Judy Wright, Gunner Wrinkles, those in the Armed Services and law enforcement, and all who need our prayers.

It is time to remove names of those who have been on this list for over six months.

Want to keep your loved one on the prayer list, please 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
May 9/10, 2026, totaled:

\$14,521.00.

The **Special Collection** for the **Catholic Communications Campaign** totaled:

\$123.00

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE... 



Looking for something to liven up your relationship this summer? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will give you all the tools you need for a better, stronger, and more loving marriage. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience at Rosaryville Retreat Center on **August 28-30, 2026**. For more information, visit wwme.org or call 800-586-5469. Early registration is highly recommended.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Leroy Amato Family, Victor & Bessie Baglio Family, Bergeron-Plauche' Families,
Rogers Bonnette, Sr. Family, Susan Hammett Brantley, Karen Chemay, Jeff Day,
Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre,
Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Alberta & Francis Kronlage,
Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Rudi Lanehart, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family,
Gina & Adam Mos Cary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus,
Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso, VJ & Bertha Ourso,
Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman,
Kate Sziber, Vito Tallia, Sr. and Yancy Watkins

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Erin Gautier, Donivan Jones,
John LaGrange, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, Stormy Perry,
Steve Prokop, Sr., E.D. Purvis, Gerard Lou Staub
and Charles & Marie Stumpf & Family

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 17, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Susan & Mike Basso

Monday, May 18, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Lynette Pfiffner

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Christopher Mays

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Jeff Day

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Al & Jane Faucheux

Friday, May 22, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Hazel & Alton Anderson

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 Sales*)
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

The Ascension of the Lord
Gather Hymnal Number 1079

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus rose from the dead and returned to prepare the disciples to preach his kingdom and continue his work.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Believers are called to profess belief in the triune God whose greatness over all is manifested in Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus promises to be with us always.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Pentecost Sunday
May 23/24, 2026

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Mission Appeal Second Collection!

11:30AM—**NEW Altar Server Training**, St. Margaret Church

Monday, May 18, 2026

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

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

5:30PM—**CDA Rosary**, St. Margaret Room

6:00PM—**Catholic Daughters Meeting**, St. Margaret Room

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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

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

Thursday, May 21, 2026

9:00AM—**Food Distribution**, Church Grounds

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

Friday, May 22, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, May 23, 2026

10:00AM—**Permanent Diaconate Ordination**, St. Joseph Cathedral

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



Regina Caeli (O Queen of Heaven) - sung at the end of Mass before the closing collect.

Re - gí - na cae - li, lae - tá - re, al - le - lú - ia.
O Queen of heav - en, be joy - ful, al - le - lu - ia.

Qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re, al - le - lú - ia.
For he whom you have hum - bly borne for us, al - le - lu - ia.

Re - sur - ré - xit si - cut di - xit, al - le - lú - ia.
Has a - ris - en, as he prom - ised, al - le - lu - ia,

O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lú - ia.
Of - fer now our prayer to God, al - le - lu - ia.