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MAY 30/31, 2026

PEW BUDDY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (A)

*"God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son..."*

~John 3:16

St. Margaret Church & Parish Office

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OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday-Friday,
8:00AM-12:00PM, and Tuesday-
Thursday from 1:00PM-3:00PM!

We are closed for lunch from
12:00PM-1:00PM.

We are closed on Monday!



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THE “STORY” OF THE TRINITY

By John Foley, SJ

In order to know about the Trinity, we can think back to the great story that we have been celebrating for many weeks. Let us tell it one more time.

God the Father invited people on earth to a lasting and loving relationship with him and with each other. “I want to be your God, and I want you to be my people. My love for you is tender and precious. Won’t you love me in return?”

People understood and entered into the agreement. Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Elisha, Elijah, just to begin the list. But we humans keep choosing things closer to hand: money and honors—barns full of them—which can also bear a refusal of God’s love.

How would God react to such refusal?

My people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. For your sake I scourged your captors and their first-born sons, but you brought your scourges down on me! My people, answer me! [from Good Friday, The Reproaches]

So, eventually God tried a new and quite brilliant way. To paraphrase, “I will show them what true love looks like. Since I am all love and nothing but love, I will go out to them completely, as love does. I will become one of them. I will live humanity to its depths, and they will see Love in its full truth.”

So, God was born as a human called Jesus, who told the people to love God above all things and their neighbors as themselves. He was the very heart of God-made-flesh. One with the Father but different as well.

And so, the world knew about two persons in one God.

Many human beings had been hurt and betrayed, forced to live with their own mixed-up motives, and selfishness and greed. Having to live with the faults of others. Love can get lost in such a world.

So, God the Son plunged into this ocean of cruelty and loss, diving all the way down to death. This was a display of the most profound insides of God: give everything, receive everything.

So far, the disciples knew two parts of God, Jesus and his Abba; and they were not very sure about these. So, before he left, Christ said the following to them (again paraphrasing):

If you know me, you know the Father. He is in me fully, and after I go back, I will make a home in you by sending the Holy Spirit. It will comfort you and will be the very love that I and the Father have for each other and for you. That way I will be with you until the end of time!

He was talking about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. which snuggles close to our souls if we let it. If we let it. The Holy Spirit is like a blanket in cold winter. It is the love between Father and Son. So real that it is the third person of the Trinity.

So, there are three parts to God. Ok, not parts but ... well, go figure.

But how could God interact with us in these three very different ways? By being “plural” (in a sense), that is, by being what believers have called three “persons.”

Alright, how can three persons in God be one? By not letting the number three be a divider but a plus sign. All three, in a great dynamic of love; come so close that they are One God.

Let us simply let God the Trinity touch us!

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

KC BLOOD DRIVE THIS SUNDAY!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Blood Drive on **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, from **8:30AM** until **12:30PM** in the parish hall. Donors will receive a Blood Center patriotic polo shirt, free dessert card from Don's seafood, and a blueberry muffin with breakfast side. The Blood Center is in dire need of blood donations due to a high level of transfusions in our area. If you would like to donate at the Blood Center at any time, please use the code *D227* so that St. Margaret gets credit for the donation.

MOVIE NIGHT, DATE NIGHT, FUNDRAISER!

Please help our High School Youth Group students raise money for their Steubenville and Mission Krewe experiences this summer by purchasing a ticket to attend a movie night in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, following the Vigil Mass. Tickets, available outside of all Masses and at the door, will be \$10, which includes dinner. Candy, drinks, and popcorn will be available for purchase at the event. Please contact Baleigh Henderson for more information!

HAVE YOU LOST A LOVED ONE RECENTLY?

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one? Are you still grieving years after a loss? Is it hard for you to feel optimistic about the future at the moment? You are not alone! St. Margaret will host a grief recovery ministry called GriefShare in the Ignatius Room of the Hall of Saints on **Tuesday evenings** at **5:30PM** beginning on **June 9, 2026**. This support group will help you face the challenges of grief while moving toward rebuilding your life. If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Tammy, the ministry leader, in the parish office or by email at tresetar@stmargaretstthomas.com. *Catholics, non-Catholics, as well as non-parishioners are invited to attend!*

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic but have questions? Do you know of someone in your family who is interested in learning more about the faith? Join us for our next OCIA Inquiry Session on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, at **6:30PM** in the Hall of Saints. This session's topic will be "What is OCIA?" presented by Kristie Raborn. Kristie will review the Catechism of the Catholic Church and discuss what the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults actually is, along with testimonies from previous catechumens and candidates. We are here for you!

HOLY GOD, MIGHTY GOD

ST. MARGARET
VBS
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JULY 6-10TH

JOIN THE FUN!!!

REGISTER TODAY!
FORMS DUE JUNE 15

PARTICIPANT FORM



VOLUNTEER FORM



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!
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join our Rainforest Krewe this summer for VBS 2026! Participant and volunteer forms are LIVE on the website and available to access via QR code in the flyer, social media, and a few printed in the church. VBS is for those kiddos that have completed Pre-K through 5th grade. Volunteers may help once they have completed 6th grade. ALL forms are due to the parish office by **Wednesday, June 15, 2026!**

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Effective **June 1, 2026**, for the summer months, the parish office will close at **12:00PM (NOON)** on **Fridays**. If you have business to attend to in the parish office, please do so before this time.

USHERS/HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

If you are looking for a simple way to serve in a ministry that will touch many people, consider becoming a Usher/Hospitality Minister. Ushers/Hospitality Ministers get to share Jesus with everyone entering and leaving our beautiful churches. They are also essential for the security of our parish community. If you are interested in helping with this rewarding ministry, please call the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

How is your Spiritual day going? A great way to recharge those batteries is to spend an hour or so with Jesus in the silence of Eucharistic Adoration. At St. Margaret Church, Jesus is present on the Altar on **Wednesdays** between **7:30AM** and **8:00PM**. Also, we are always looking for committed adorers who would like to spend an hour with Jesus on a weekly basis. Contact Gretchen Johnson for more information at 225.921.4071 or gretjohnson5@yahoo.com.

GOD IMMORTAL BE ADORED

Glory and praise for evermore.

HEALING POWER: PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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

Tina Allen, Louis Bartus, Nancy Bergeron, Cindy Brasington, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Kathleen Coleman, Shirley Darouse, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, 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, 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, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Barbara Stallcup, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, 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.

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
May 23/24, 2026, totaled:

\$12,405.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO
GIVE...



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 burning for
the intentions of Pope Leo XIV.

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Saturday, May 30, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Fr. Howard Atkins, Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Roy Cain, Karen Chemay, Jeff Day, Edie Didier, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Benny Gex, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Gina & Adam Moscary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Christopher Ourso, Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, Gerry Suhor, Frank & Katie Sziber and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Al & Jackie Cox, Lloyd Dominguez, Erin Gautier, Vickie & Brian Jones, David Landeche, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin, E.D. Purvis, Sherry Rider Smith, Gerard Lou Staub and Chris Trosclair

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Susan & Mike Basso

Monday, June 1, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr)

Joseph, Mary & Raymond Resetar

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

George & Eric Navarre

Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 7:00AM Mass

(Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga & Companions)

Shelby Aucoin

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Donivan Jones

Friday, June 5, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Boniface)

Lynette Pfiffner

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 Most Holy Trinity

Gather Hymnal Number 1086

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

God's mercy and forgiveness
are revealed to Moses.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Christ's grace, God's love
and the Spirit's fellowship.

John 3:16-18

"God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son..."

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

Corpus Christi

June 6/7, 2026

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 31, 2026

St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!

8:30AM—Knights of Columbus Blood Drive, Parish Hall

Monday, June 1, 2026

10:00AM—St. Thomas Altar Society, St. Thomas Chapel

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

8:00AM—Child Food Summer Program, Church Grounds

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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

5:00PM—Junior Youth Group, St. Margaret Room

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

Thursday, June 4, 2026

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON BYRD!

4:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

6:00PM—VBS Volunteer Meeting, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, June 5, 2026

Parish Office Closed at Noon Today!

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

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Building Fund Second Collection!

3:00PM—Confessions, St. Margaret Church

5:00PM—Movie Night Fundraiser, Parish Hall



FEED THE YOUTH!
ST. MARGARET JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS MEET EACH WEDNESDAY AND THE KIDS COME HUNGRY! WE LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY LEAVE FED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A MEAL, OR A FEW, HERE!



SAVE THE DATE

ST. MARGARET'S
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RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God