

THE

MAY 9/10, 2026

PEW BUDDY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

*"If you love Me,
you will keep My
Commandments."*

~John 14:15

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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RESPECTING THE DIGNITY OF HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

By Deacon Randall Waguespack

In today's Gospel (*John 14:15–21*), Jesus speaks intimately to His disciples on the eve of His Passion. **“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”** In these simple but demanding words, Jesus reveals a profound truth at the heart of our faith: love of God is inseparable from love of our neighbor. To live in Christ is to live in a way that honors the dignity of every human life.

The Church teaches that every person possesses an inherent and inviolable dignity because each one of us is created in the image and likeness of God (*cf. Genesis 1:27*). This dignity does not depend on age, ability, health, or social usefulness. It is not something we earn, nor is it something that can be taken away. It flows from the astonishing truth that we are children of God – loved into existence and called into eternal communion with Him.

Jesus' words in the Gospel remind us that this dignity is safeguarded by love and sustained by relationship. **“I will not leave you orphans,”** Jesus says. In promising the gift of the Holy Spirit, He assures us that God remains close to humanity – dwelling within us, guiding us toward truth, and strengthening us to choose life. The Holy Spirit helps us recognize Christ not only in the Eucharist and in prayer, but also in the faces of the most vulnerable: the unborn child, the elderly nearing death, the sick, the poor, and those too often forgotten.

This weekend, as we also celebrate Mother's Day, we acknowledge the unique and irreplaceable role mothers play in bearing witness to the dignity of human life. Through their love, sacrifice, and courage – often hidden and unseen – mothers reveal what it means to welcome life as a gift and to nurture it with fidelity and hope. We pray with gratitude for all mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and those who desire to be mothers, as well as for those who grieve the loss of a child or carry heavy burdens.

Respecting life “from conception to natural death” is not merely a slogan; it is a way of life rooted in Christ's commandment of love. To defend the unborn is to proclaim that life is a sacred gift, not a possession to be rejected. To care for the sick, the disabled, and the elderly is to witness that no life is a burden and no suffering is meaningless. To oppose violence, exploitation, and neglect in all their forms is to affirm that every human life is worthy of protection, reverence, and compassion.

During this Easter season, we celebrate the victory of life over death in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we love as Christ loves and uphold the dignity of every human life, at every stage, without exception.

As Jesus promises, **“Because I live, you will live.”** May that promise shape how we see, value, and care for one another, now and always.

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

CONGRATULATIONS SAVANNA!



Last weekend, Savanna Balado, a parishioner of St. Margaret, offered her life fully to Christ and His Church as a consecrated virgin at a celebratory consecration Mass with Bishop Michael Duca at St. Joseph Cathedral. In this sacred vocation, she becomes a living sign of the Church as the Bride of Christ, witnessing to His love in the heart of the world. We are blessed to have Savanna as part of our community. Share in her joy! Please keep her in your prayers as she begins this new chapter of faithful devotion to the Lord.



FOSTERING HOPE MINISTRY NEEDS

Fostering Hope Ministry is hosting a clothing drive for foster children attending the Teen Reach Adventure Camp. The requested sizes are for this year's campers but any sizes will help stock the store for future campers.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Girls: Spring Church Dresses, sizes Medium, Large & XL (8/9+), Jewelry and Purses.

Dress Shoes: sizes 6, 7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9.5, 10W.

Boys: Dress pants, sizes Youth 14/16, all men's sizes, Long-sleeve Dress Shirts, Ties and Wallets.

Dress Shoes: sizes Youth 9, Men's 6.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, & 10.5.

Donations will be accepted until **May 17, 2026**. Drop off all donations in basket outside the Hall of Saints. Thank you for your generosity to our foster children assistance ministry, Fostering Hope.

A MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Rotisserie Chicken Dinner

Large Leg Quarter, Baked Beans,
Corn on the Cob, Bread & Dessert

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Drive thru pick up time 11:00AM until 12:30PM
at the Parish Hall.



\$11.00 per plate

Funds raised will benefit our charitable
activities, including supporting and
assisting many St. Margaret ministries
and events.

Tickets will be sold outside of all Masses the
weekend of May 9/10, 2026.

For more information, contact Glenn Young (225.964.0947).

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed
Wednesday, May 13, 2026,
from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM** for
our monthly Staff Meeting.
Please take care of any
business you may have before
or after this time! Thank you
for your consideration!



The Diocese's offices of Life, Peace & Justice and Marriage & Family Life invite you to a presentation by Dr. Brian Pedraza on:

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND MARRIAGE: THE CALL TO HOLINESS AND SEXUAL ETHICS

"Love is never something merely 'given' to man and woman, it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming', and what it becomes depends upon the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment." — Pope John Paul II, Love and Responsibility



Brian Pedraza, Ph.D.
Director, Theology Program
Director, The Dominus Project
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

THURSDAY
5-14-26
FROM 6-8 P.M.
ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC
CHURCH - KLEINPETER
ACTIVITY CENTER
7808 St. George Dr.
Baton Rouge



Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Use link or QR code to register:

<https://diobr.org/ric-event>

Contact us

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The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE
OFFICE OF LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE



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MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

“HOW AWESOME YOUR DEEDS!”

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

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 Stillely 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, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Mike Matherne, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Joseph Mocsary, Erica Montz, 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, Brittney Stillely, Danette Stillely, 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.

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 2/3, 2026**, totaled:

\$13,405.50.

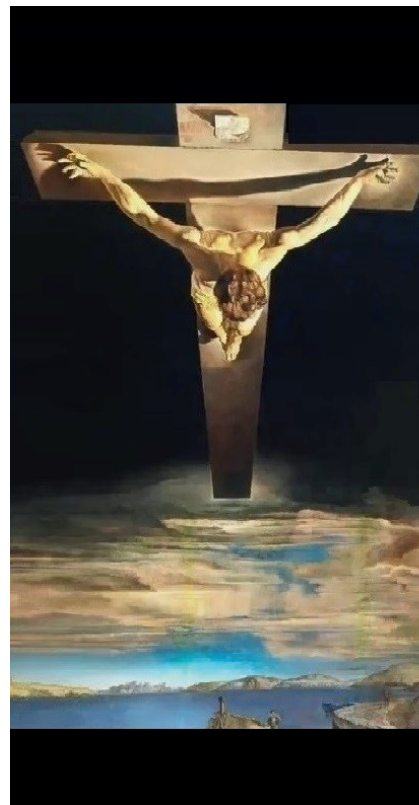
The **Second Collection** for the
Building & Maintenance Fund totaled:

\$3,395.00

The **Second Collection** next weekend
will be for the **Mission Appeal!**

Thank you for your kindness and generosity
to our ministries!

TO 
GIVE...



INVITATION TO A CARMELITE RETREAT

"The Desire for God in
Saint John of the Cross"

July 24-26, 2026
St. Joseph Abbey

Cost: two nights, six meals \$328
Commuter \$75/day

RSVP kathleencranford@gmail.com

Retreat Master
Fr. Jorge Cabrera, OCD



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is burning for
all the mothers of St. Margaret and St. Thomas.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Thomas Chapel is given in memory of
Pauline Frisbie by Mary & Stephanie.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 9, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Karen Chemay,
Deacon & Mrs. Byrd Corbett, Jeff Day, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr.,
Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Dennis & Evelyn Hebert, Hilton Hoover, Jo Ann Impastato,
Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Irene M. Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Brandon Mayeaux,
Gina & Adam Mos Cary, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Alex Newman,
Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Sidney Ourso, Lynette Pfiffner,
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Ted & Jan Resetar, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman
and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

Jerry Adamcewicz, Lloyd Dominguez, Pauline Frisbie, Annette Holliday,
Clarence & Faye Landeche & Family, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza,
Charlie Martin, Stormy Perry, E.D. Purvis, Gerard Lou Staub
and Charles & Marie Stumpf & Family

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

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

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Easter Weekday)

June Koles Olah

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

Fr. Paul Gros

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of St. Matthias)

Margie & Joe Liuzza

Friday, May 15, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Easter Weekday)

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Gather Hymnal Number 1076

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Praying for the Spirit's presence
among the Samaritans.

1 Peter 3:15-18

Encouragement to Christians
enduring suffering.

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises to send the Spirit.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

The Ascension of the Lord
May 16/17, 2026

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 10, 2026

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**Catholic Communication Campaign Special Collection!
KC Ladies Chicken Dinner Ticket Sales!**

Monday, May 11, 2026

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

5:30PM—**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

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

6:00PM—**KC Fraternal Benefits Night**, St. Margaret Room

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

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

9:00AM—**Staff Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room

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

6:30PM—**KC Fourth Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, May 14, 2026

11:00AM—**KC Rotisserie Chicken Dinners**, Parish Hall

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

5:30PM—**Pastoral Council Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

7:00PM—**Finance Committee Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Friday, May 15, 2026

No Extraordinary Events Scheduled Today!

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Mission Appeal Second Collection!

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

4:00PM—**KC Quarterly Mass & Communion**, 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.