

PEW BUDDY

CORPUS CHRISTI (A)

*"I am the
living bread
that came
down from
heaven"*

~John 6:51

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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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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDALING PADRE

By Father Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! This weekend, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). This feast marks the "grand finale" of the great Solemnities following the Easter Season. Established in the 13th century by Pope Urban IV, this day centers on the Holy Eucharist—the true presence of the **Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity** of Jesus Christ.

The feast is famously tied to a Eucharistic miracle in Bolsena, Italy. A priest named Peter of Prague was struggling with serious doubts about the Real Presence while celebrating Mass. During the consecration, blood began to seep from the Host, trickling onto his hands and the corporal (the linen cloth on the altar). To this day, that same blood-stained corporal is preserved for veneration at the Cathedral of Orvieto.

A Call to Reverence

This Solemnity is a perfect moment to reflect on our interior and exterior reverence toward the Eucharist. In a culture that has largely lost its sense of the "sacred," piety reminds us that not everything in life is casual. Not everything can be approached on our own terms.

Some things—above all, God Himself—demand that we come on His terms. This posture helps us grow in the virtue of religion: simply giving God His "just due."

Receiving the Eucharist

When receiving Holy Communion, practicing Catholics may receive either on the tongue or in the hand, and may do so while standing or kneeling. However, we must also prepare our hearts:

- **Self-Examination:** In *1 Corinthians 11:27-32*, St. Paul warns us not to receive the Eucharist unworthily. The Church teaches that if we are aware of a **mortal (grave) sin**, we should seek the Sacrament of Confession before receiving Communion.
- **A Medicine for Sinners:** This does not mean we must be perfect saints to approach the altar! The Eucharist is food for the journey. It should be received with a spirit of repentance and a deep desire to be united to Christ.

New Kneeler at St. Margaret

As mentioned above, the Church offers the option to receive the Eucharist while kneeling. Thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner, we now have a kneeler available at St. Margaret.

We have used this setup at St. Thomas for the last five months, and it has worked very well. Here is how it functions:

- **If you wish to stand:** The priest or minister stands to the side of the kneeler so you can approach them directly without anything between you.
- **If you wish to kneel:** The minister will simply step behind the kneeler to administer the Sacred Host.

This option will be available during both Sunday and daily Masses. Whether we stand or kneel, may our **exterior posture** always reflect a humble and reverent **interior heart**.

Have a wonderful week!

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

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!



ST. MARGARET
VBS
2026
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 BAILEIGH 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!**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026**, from **8:00AM** until **1:00PM** for our monthly staff meeting, and again on **Friday, June 12, 2026** for our annual planning meeting. Please take care of any business you may have before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration!

GLORIFY THE LORD!

HELP SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Help make this year's VBS a fun and faith-filled experience for all of our children! We've created an Amazon Wish List with supplies and items needed for crafts, games, snacks, and activities throughout the week (use the QR code here). Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help make VBS possible for our parish families. Thank you for your generosity and support of our youth ministry!



INTERCEDE



PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

"...Fatherhood is first a spiritual reality, because fatherhood has its origins in God who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers therefore have a special and unique role 'in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God' (FC 25). Fathers have a vital, unique, and important role to play in the personal and spiritual development of their children, and in reflecting the love of God the Father himself. Fathers are called to show the world the virtues of a tender protector, while living out the virtues of humility and courage.

In all circumstances, but especially in difficult circumstances, a father needs to be encouraged to faithfully accept the role entrusted to him by God and support the mother of his child. Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!..."

Read the full article by Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux, at bit.ly/fabre-fatherhood.

ACT (choose one)

- Pray a decade of the Rosary (bit.ly/how-to-pray-rosary), followed by this Prayer to St. Joseph (bit.ly/Joseph-Rosary-Prayer) for all expectant mothers and fathers, especially those who are in difficult circumstances. May they be guided and inspired by the example of Mary and Joseph in welcoming new life.
- Choose one of your favorite foods, beverages, snacks, or treats to fast from for one day for the featured intention.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Use the simple activity guide located at usccb.org/joseph-spiritual-bouquet to create a spiritual bouquet seeking the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers. (While the activity guide suggests offering the bouquet in honor of Father's Day, it can be offered at any time of year!) Pray for expectant mothers to be lovingly supported by the fathers of their children in welcoming new life.

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For additional prayers, resources, and ideas on supporting mothers in your local area:

www.WalkingWithMoms.com

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PRAISE YOUR GOD!

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

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 Pffifner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Steve Plauche, Wayne Poche, Herb Pretus, Marie Prine, Kim Prokop, Brooklyn Sansone, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Ricky Simoneaux, Mary Stabile, Barbara Stallcup, Brittney 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 30/31, 2026**, totaled:


\$14,238.50.

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

\$2,706.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to our ministries!

TO 
GIVE...

CONGRATS NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to our newest couples married at St. Margaret during the month of May: **Kyle Brown & Brianne Voros, and Trevor Sanchez & Yesenia Izaguirre.** We wish them many blessings in the future together! Contact one of the clergy to schedule your wedding or to learn more about marriage at St. Margaret!

NEWLY BAPTIZED MEMBERS

Congratulations to the family and friends of the newest Catholics welcomed into the faith at St. Margaret during the month of May, **Callie Todd, Harris Williams, and Benjamin Hudspeth.** May these children grow in the grace and love of Our Lord forever! Contact Debbie Corbett in the parish office if you are interested in having your child baptized!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Margaret is given in memory of
Gwen Delaune by Kim Navarre.

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday, June 6, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron-Plauche' Families, Susan Hammett Brantley, Roy Cain, 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, Brittany Landeche, Vernon & Dorothy Landry,
Irene M. Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Gina & Adam Moscary,
Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak,
Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner,
Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, Gerry Suhor, Kate Sziber and Vito Tallia, Sr.

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 8:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

George & Eric Navarre

Monday, June 8, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Jeff Day

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Jeff Day

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Fr. Kumar Kolakani

Thursday, June 11, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Barnabas)

Lynette Pfiffner

Friday, June 12, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Irene M. Leon

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

Corpus Christi

Gather Hymnal Number 1089

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

Remember how God fed
the Israelites in the desert.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We are one body
when we share in the Eucharist.

John 6:51-58

"Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood has eternal life."

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 13/14, 2026*

Exodus 19:2-6a

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36-10:8

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Building Fund Second Collection!
Coffee & Donut Ministry!

Monday, June 8, 2026

5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

8:00AM—**Child Food Summer Program**, Church Grounds
8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
5:30PM—**GriefShare**, St. Ignatius Room

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Parish Office Closed Today from 8:00AM until 1:00PM!
7:30AM—**Eucharistic Adoration**, St. Margaret Church
9:00AM—**Staff Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
3:00PM—**Cemetery Committee Meeting**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room
5:00PM—**Junior Youth Group**, St. Margaret Room
6:30PM—**High School Youth Group**, St. John Paul II Room
6:30PM—**OCIA Inquiry Session 2**, St. Jean Vianney Room
6:30PM—**KC Fourth Degree Meeting**, St. Maria Goretti Room

Thursday, June 11, 2026

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

Friday, June 12, 2026

Parish Office Closed Today!
10:30AM—**Staff Calendar Review**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Mission Krewe Second Collection!
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—**KC & Ladies Officer Installation**, St. Margaret Church
7:00PM—**KC & Ladies Banquet**, Off Campus

