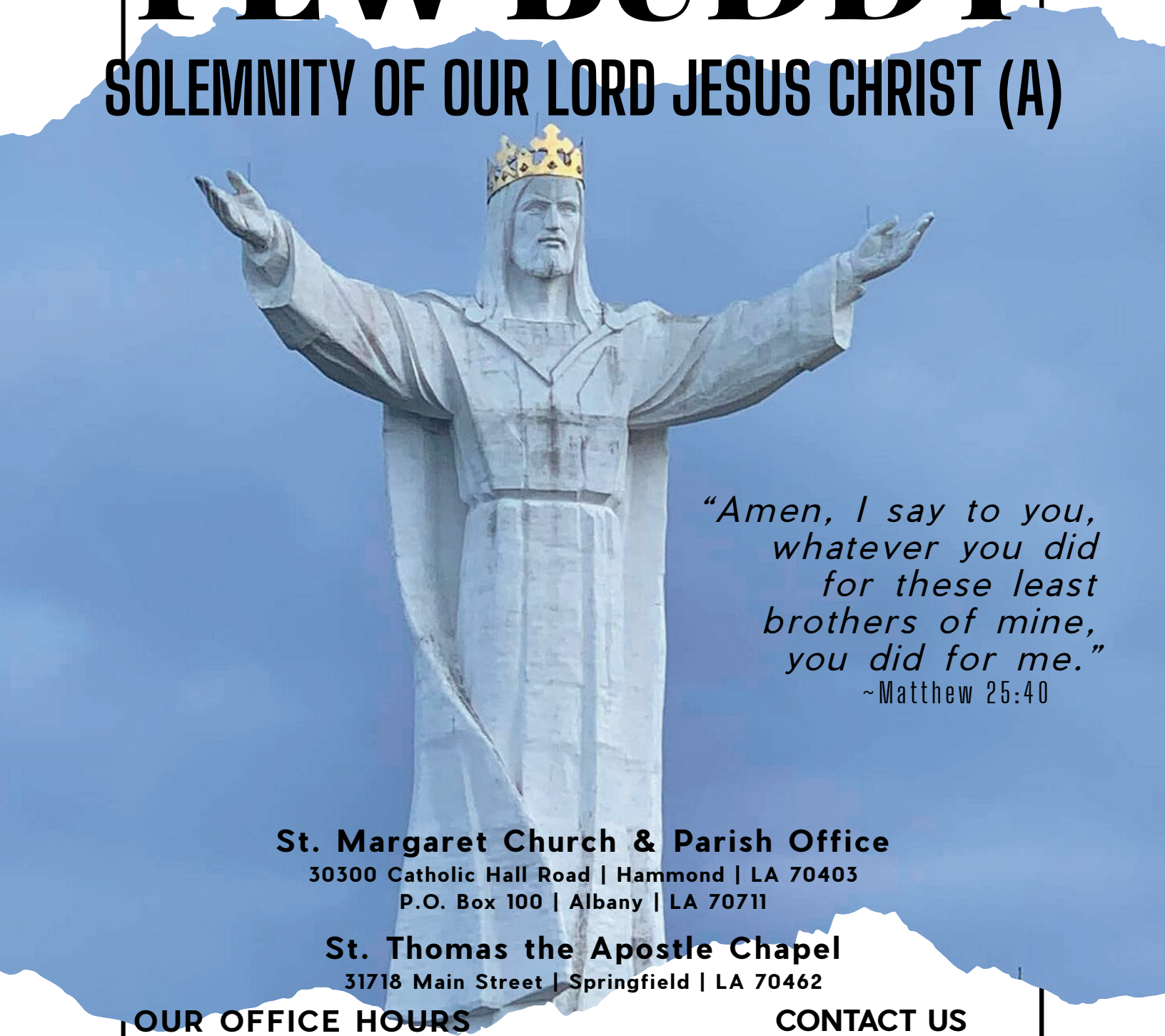
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NOVEMBER 21/22, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (A)



"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me."
~Matthew 25:40

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OUR OFFICE HOURS

We are open Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00AM-3:00PM, and Friday from 8:00AM-12:00PM! We are closed for lunch from 12:00PM-1:00PM.
We are closed on Monday!



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PONDERINGS OF THE PEDAL-N-PADRE

By Fr. Paul Gros

Dear Parish Family,

Peace in the Lord Jesus Christ! I wanted to write this bulletin article to stay in touch with you during my sabbatical and to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I miss all of you dearly and look forward to being back in the parish on December 20th, though I know that Fr. Kumar is doing a wonderful job leading the parish in my absence.

My sabbatical experience has been absolutely grace-filled! I began with a 30-day silent retreat—the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola—in Grand Isle, LA, with Fr. Mark Toups and my spiritual director, Kristin Nielbala, CV. Though the retreat certainly had its challenging moments, the graces and consolations of our Heavenly Father's love far outweighed them. Those graces gave me many "anchors" to help me stay grounded in God's deep, abiding love, especially as I return to ministry in December. For this, I am truly grateful to the Lord!

During the rest of my sabbatical, however, the Lord has steered me in a different direction than I had originally planned. I had intended to stay on the island with Fr. Mark to do some continuing spiritual and pastoral formation, but as some of you know, my father's health has declined over the last year, and this past month he has digressed even further. With the guidance of Fr. Mark and Kristin, I felt the Lord asking me to "follow Him" back to my parents' house to help my mother care for my dad and arrange for seven-day-a-week caregiving support.

I cannot tell you how much better God's plans always are than ours, even when it is challenging to see that at first! It has been a great gift to care for my father in his declining health—a man who spent so many years caring for me. To think that God knew this would happen a year and a half ago when I first planned my sabbatical is another example of His awesome providence.

This sacred time has allowed me to be home and focus on his care without the daily responsibilities of the parish on my mind and heart. Praise the Lord! I plan to spend Thanksgiving week at home and may return to Grand Isle at the end of the week once we have the care in place to assist my mom.

Finally, I want to again thank Fr. Kumar and the awesome staff at St. Margaret for keeping the parish afloat in my absence. Please know that I prayed for all of you during my 30-day retreat—especially those who sent intentions to prayers4frpaul@gmail.com—and I remembered you all in a special way on the Feast of St. Margaret this past Monday.

I pray you have a blessed and grace-filled Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. We certainly have many things to be thankful for! Please keep my family in your heart and prayers (a few Hail Marys would be great!) as we navigate this new season of caring for my dad. God bless you all this Thanksgiving!

Have a wonderful week,

Fr. Paul

EVENTS AROUND THE PARISH

PSR CLASS SCHEDULE & PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

In celebration of Thanksgiving, there will be no PSR classes on **Sunday, November 22, 2026**. PSR classes will resume on **Sunday, November 29, 2026**.

The parish office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26** and **Friday, November 27, 2026**, in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**. Please take care of any business in the office before or after this time. Thank you for your consideration.

ADVENT WOMEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION

Join the women of St. Margaret on **Monday, November 30, 2026**, at **6:45PM** for a night of reflection this Advent season. Our speaker, Lisa Veron, will share on the topic "Praying with Mary...With Open Hands and a Listening Heart". The event will take place in the St. Margaret Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend, but you must reserve your seats by calling Gloria at 419-348-9674. Seating is limited! You are welcome to reserve a table of 8 for a group of friends, family or ministry group. Hope to see you there!

HELP SECURE OUR CAMPUS!

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland is blessed to be located in a small town. However, security is a growing concern even in a small town like ours. We need cameras, door entry systems, and monitoring systems for all our campus buildings to ensure the safety of our parishioners, children, ministers, and staff.

This year's iGiveCatholic campaign has a goal of raising $25,000 to update our security systems in the Hall of Saints, Parish Hall and Rectory. Specifically, the security cameras and building access will be upgraded so that our staff can monitor any suspicious activity, an unfortunate reality in today's world. Anything above the $25,000 will go towards security cameras inside St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Church and St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel.

It is through YOUR faith-filled response on **Giving Tuesday (now and through December 1)** that you can *Give Back and Give Catholic* as we embark on this most important undertaking. I am grateful for you and how you will help change our churches with your gift! Please be generous.

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to the men and women of St. Margaret who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Fr. Kumar recently: **Lainey Legoria, Jesus Arriaga, Arron Arriaga, Paxton Page, Cassidy Wiseman, Thomas Wiseman, Christopher Owens and Daniel Griffin**.

A BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

The flowers in the Sanctuary this weekend at St. Margaret are in honor of the Sacrament of Marriage between **Casey Littlejohn** and **Justin Day**. If you would like to have flowers given in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion, call the parish office to schedule in advance.

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBERANCE

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Adrian Bailey
Lucien "Bud" Bailey, Jr.
Eddie Barker
Jim Barker
Rose Barras
Eleanor Bates
Frank Bates
John Bates
Paula Bates
Joe Bates, Sr.
The Brasington Family
Leroy Breland
Martha Brown
The Bruskey Family
Elroy Cain
Albert P. Chemay
Karen Chemay
Louis & Jennie Chemay
Louis J. & Ruth Chemay
Theresa & Joe Constance
Merrill Cooper
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Cowart
Shirley Darouse
Davis Desselles
Harvey & Greta Desselles
Eula Mae & Ned Doyle
Leslie Ernst
Ken Frahm
Anthony & Anna Friedman
Peter & Sophie Friedman
The Gaspard Family
Mark Gaspard, Jr.
Rose & Fred Gauthier
Michael Giardelli
Doris Gillard
John Gillard
Barbara Haluska
John Haluska, Jr.
Dorothy & Joseph Hanewinkel
Rosa Hanna
Vera & Herbert Hanna
Ricky Harrison
Dennis & Evelyn Hebert
Walter Hoffman
Hilton Hoover
Albert R. & Ireene Horrell
Christine Horrell
Bobby Hudson
Andre Ibarra
Andy & Eleanor Ivanyisky
Corliss Ivanyisky
Joseph & Suzanna Ivanyisky
Paul Ivanyisky
Paul & Helen Ivanyisky
Bill & Emery Jones
Donivan Jones
Jesse & Janice Jones
Keith Jones
Howard Kidder
James & Mary Koles
Frank & Mary Koles & Family
The Koleszar Family
Melissa Labranche
Angelina & Joseph LaFrance
Joe & Frances Lamonte & Family
The Landry Family
Vernon & Dorothy Landry
Anthony, Guy, Lawrence Leon
Philip & Irene Leon
Jane McCrory
Terrell McCrory
Joan Bailey McKinney
Ronnie McKinney
Audrey Onellion
Vincent & Bertha Ourso
Dolly Parton
Helen Pavlinsky
Timothy Peacock
Victor & Mary Pepitone
The Pfiffner Family
Lynette Pfiffner
Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner
George R. Pierce
Kathy H. Polinsky
Charles Risher
Barbara & Joseph Rome
Ozelia & Wallace Sanchez
Elizabeth & Butch St. Cyr
Barbara Stallcup
The Sterling Family
Joseph Styron
Pearl & Howard Styron
The Sziber Family
Patrick Tobin
Emory Tregre
Yancy Watkins
Ira & Janice Young

INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCIFUL HEALING

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

Tina Allen, Howard Balthaser & Family, Coy Behler, Cindy Brasington, Carol Bates, Joyce Butler, Amber Stilley Cocchiola, Hattie Davis, Betty Sue Deakles, Sal Faldetta, Jason Fischer, Mary Ann France, Lisa Goings, Hannah Guillotte, Todd Hagan, Joseph Hanewinkel, Joe Hanewinkel, III, Tristian Harrison, David Hanner, Fulton Charles Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Randy Heitman, Brian Helmstetter, The Herbert Family, Marsha Hoffman, Paul Horrell, Herbeth Howell, Carrol Istre, Melanie Johnston, Trevor Kinchen, Frank Kovach, Barbara Lebovitz, Bill Louviere, Gregg Mader, Patricia Matthews, Dwaine McDaniel, Maggie Millet, Gunner Norman, Amelie Oriol, Gasper Guy Palermo, June Catherine Peterson, Petit Family, Pete Pfiffner, Adrian Phillips, Jr., Eric Plauche, Steve Plauche, Marie Prine, Lauren Rodriguez, Brooklyn Sansone, Marian Shally, Valerii Sekisov & Family, Mary Stabile, Brittnay Stilley, Danette Stilley, Christine & Joseph Stolf, Sharon Stolf, Elaine Taylor, Carolyn Toole, Trysten Tucker, Robert & Ashley Wheat, Lucy Whiddon, Judy Wright, 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 **November 14/15, 2026,** totaled:

$10,863.00.

The **Special Collection** for the
Campaign for Human Development
totaled:

$1,229.00.

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

Thank you for your kindness
and generosity to our ministries!

TO GIVE...



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamps at St. Margaret Church and at St. Thomas Chapel are burning for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Saturday, November 21, 2026, 4:00PM Vigil Mass

Bergeron/Plauche Families, Karen Chemay, Bill & Frances Dantin, Shirley Darouse, Joan Edwards, Larry J. Evans, June & Peter "Larry" Fos, Jr., Homer Gaspard, Ricky Genre, Irene Good, Hilton Hoover, Mary, Joe L. & William Juhasz, Earline Kraemer, Alberta & Francis Kronlage, Vernon & Dorothy Landry, Frank & Guy Leon, Ray & Connie Louviere, Manina Family, Judy, Mitch, Andrew & Tony Monistere, Patti Niehaus, Sue Novak, Dr. William T. O'Brien, III, June Koles Olah, Lynette Pfiffner, Peter J. & Elizabeth Pfiffner, Sansone Family, Anne Sherman, Judy Sherman, William F. Sherman, Sr., MD, Vito Tallia, Sr. and Jason Vassil

Sunday, November 22, 2026, 8:00AM Mass, St. Thomas Chapel

Fred Armand, Jr., Caleb Degenhardt, Lloyd Dominguez, Paul Kluka, John LaGrange, David Landeche & Family, Margie & Joe Liuzza, Charlie Martin and Gerard Lou Staub

Sunday, November 22, 2026, 10:00AM Mass

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

Sunday, November 22, 2026, 5:30PM Mass

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30PM Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Chuck Raborn, Sr.

Tuesday, November 24, 2026, 7:00AM Mass (Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions)

Donivan Jones

Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 6:00PM Mass (Thanksgiving Vigil Mass)

George & Eric Navarre

Thursday, November 26, 2026, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

Friday, November 27, 2026, NO Mass (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

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 Debbie in 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 Baleigh in the parish office during normal hours for scheduling. After hours, please leave a message on the emergency line at extension 106.

OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday - 7:30AM-8:00PM
Concluding with Benediction
St. Margaret Church

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

CLERGY & STAFF

PRIESTS
Father Paul August Gros (*Pastor*)
Father Kumar Kolakani (*Parochial Vicar*)

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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Gather Hymnal Number 1191

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
I myself will look after
and tend my sheep.
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Paul proclaims Christ's death,
resurrection and second coming.
Matthew 25:31-46
The Son of Man will judge us
on our acts of mercy.

Anticipating Next Week's Scriptures
First Sunday of Advent
November 28/29, 2026
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:33-37

OUR CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 22, 2026
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection!
10:00AM—**OCIA Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming**, St. Margaret Church
11:00AM—**Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Procession**, St. Margaret Grounds

Monday, November 23, 2026
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
5:00PM—**Mondays with Mary**, St. Margaret Church
5:30PM—**Daily Mass**, St. Margaret Church


OCIC Handmade Monstrances

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
8:30AM—**St. Matthew's Guild**, St. Cecilia Room
6:30PM—**OCIC**, St. Elizabeth Seton Room

Wednesday, November 25, 2026
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
NO Daily Mass Today!
Eucharistic Adoration Ends at 5:00PM Today!
7:30AM—**Eucharistic Adoration**, St. Margaret Church
6:00PM—**Thanksgiving Vigil Mass**, St. Margaret Church

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Happy Thanksgiving!
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
Parish Office Closed Today!
NO Daily Mass or Confessions Today!

Friday, November 27, 2026
NO Daily Mass Today!
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
Parish Office Closed Today!

Saturday, November 28, 2026
First Sunday of Advent!
iGiveCatholic Early Giving!
Visit our Hospitality Ministry Table!
3:00PM—**Confessions**, St. Margaret Church

To send prayer intentions to Fr. Paul, email:
Prayers4frpaul@gmail.com

