



August 10, 2025 | VOLUME 55 NUMBER 32 | Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Letter From Our Pastor

GIFT OF TRANSFIGURATION



Our readings today touch on faith and being prepared for our judgment day. The emphasis is on not knowing the day, and there is a particular warning to the servant entrusted with “distributing the food while the master is away.” I believe it is a special warning for us priests, but it applies to all of us, as we are all entrusted with bringing the joys of His kingdom to the world. So let us not put off the promptings of the Spirit a moment longer.

We celebrated the Transfiguration of the Lord on Wednesday, an event presented with remarkable agreement in our synoptic gospels. Strangely, it is not explicitly mentioned in John’s Gospel, and he was the only evangelist to have actually witnessed it. Yet, one of the themes of John’s gospel is that Jesus’ glory and suffering were inextricably connected, which is the primary lesson of the Transfiguration. It also emphasizes the divine and human natures of Christ and the glorified state that is offered to each of us.

It was given to the three “inner circle” apostles to bolster their faith and carry them through the shock of Jesus’ crucifixion, which would soon follow. Notice that both occur on a mountain; Jesus is positioned between two others in each occurrence. Jesus is displayed in all His Divine glory along with Moses and Elijah (representing His fulfillment of both the law and the prophets) to offset the most vicious display of His crucifixion, amid two criminals. And the voice of the Father was heard, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.” (Mt 17:5)

For centuries, a church and monastery have been maintained at the summit of the mountain. It was the focus of a great siege during the Crusades as Christian defenders attempted to protect this holy site, amazingly fortified atop a steep mountain that juts up from the Galilean plain. As I walked this holy ground in 2016, I couldn’t help but imagine the fear of being cut off from the rest of the world, with no way to communicate, wondering if another crusade would arrive to liberate us before starvation took us. Would my faith, and the knowledge I was on the very spot where Jesus gave his apostles strength to endure their trials, carry me through, or would I have fallen into despair?

May each of us be bolstered by the gift of the Transfiguration, as we face our own crucibles of life, especially in desperate moments when our faith must carry us through.

God bless,

Fr. Eddie



Holy Day of Obligation



ASSUMPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

8:45 AM W/SCHOOL, 12 PM & 6 PM

How do I become Catholic? An Invitation to Come and See

The Catholic Church always welcomes new members into its community. For those who are born into a Catholic family this welcome occurs usually as an infant when the parents of the family bring their child to receive baptism. But how does an adult or an older child become Catholic?



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the present-day process by which people enter the Catholic faith. It is a process designed to welcome and prepare new members into the Church and prepare them for the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It also prepares those individuals already baptized in another Christian faith or baptized Catholic for full communion with the Catholic Church.

Who is OCIA for?

- Adults or school age children (7+) who have never been baptized
- Christians baptized in another faith
- Catholics who were baptized but have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like a refresher

There is no cost or commitment to participate in the OCIA process. We will have an introductory session on Tuesday, August 26, from 6:30-8 pm (location TBD). Please **contact Tricia Greely (greelyt@stmbr.org)** at the parish office for more information by email or phone 225-275-3940.

FLOWER DONATIONS

The flowers on the altar are donated in memory of Mitch Rabalais the week of Aug. 16-17 as requested by Dell Rabalais, Rose Rabalais, and the Patrick Breaux Family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Aug. 12 - 6 p.m.: Joseph Abadie, Jane and Charles Lanclos

Wednesday, Aug. 13 - 12 p.m.: Ron Gurley

Thursday, Aug. 14 - 8:45 a.m.: Mery Sanchez

Friday, Aug. 15 - 8:45 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory; 12 p.m.: Beverly Rabalais; 6 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, Aug. 16 - 4:30 p.m.: Family of Eloise Dufrene, E.J. Bulot, Adena and Art Henriksen, Therese Cooper, Ernest Bonaccorso Jr., Mery Sanchez, Mary Wilson, Audrey Gallmann; Special Intention: Michelle Fleming

Sunday, Aug. 17 - 8 a.m.: Mitch Rabalais; 10 a.m.: Suzanne Jung; 5 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following persons: Becky Cline, Buddy Vidrine, Baron Lacour, Laurie Bolanoff, Diane Green, John Pecoraro, Jr., Hunter Pecoraro, Loressa Watts, Destiny Kelley, Marcia Sells, Byron Ellis, Tim Bonin, Joe Bonin, Tara Manzullo, Lloyd Hebert, Bubba Howell, Frank DePaula, Julie Zerbst, Geraldine Gauthier, Wendall Blouin, Camilla Barlow, Kathy Mois.

PRAYER LINE FOR IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS

For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225.978.1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to kennyshar69@att.net.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: Capt. Austin Starks, PFC Alyssa Richardson, SSG Brian Edwards, SPC Havyn Henley, PO3 Tytan Henley, MAJ Nate Conlon

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. (To add the name of a loved one, call 225.275.3940 or email receptionist@stmbr.org.)












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Nursing Home Volunteers Needed

The parish is in need of volunteers to minister to residents of Flannery Oaks Guest House on Flannery Road. Volunteers will facilitate communion services, lead the recitation of the rosary, and visit with the residents. If you are interested in being trained in nursing home ministry, please **contact Deacon Paul Soileau at soileaup@stmbr.org**.

Learn more about Domestic Church



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UNITED STATES

Domestic Church is an officially recognized movement within the Catholic Church whose mission is to strengthen marriages and families through a deepening of personal and family spirituality.

Do you want to grow closer to God as a couple ... enjoy more peace in your marriage ... find supportive community with other couples ... nurture your own personal prayer life ... encourage your children in the faith? If so, come learn about a lay movement designed for sacramentally married couples that started in Poland with the help of St. John Paul II.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: AUGUST 24 @ 11 AM IN THE CHURCH (AFTER 10 AM MASS)

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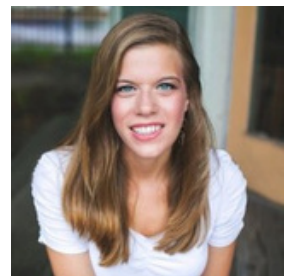
Diocese of BR Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

August 23, 2025 | 9 am - 12 pm | Oak Lodge Reception Ctr., 2834 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd.

Ticket price: \$27

The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead praise and worship.

About the speaker: Casey Sprehe first experienced the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit at a retreat in 2000. It was there her Catholic faith came fully alive. Casey earned a master's degree in Catechesis and Evangelization at The Augustine Institute. Over the past fifteen years Casey has traveled the country speaking on matters of faith. Today Casey and her husband, Kevin and their children are active members of St Benilde Parish in Metairie. Casey is a leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans and spends any extra time outside of family as a Catholic speaker and evangelist.



The online registration link can be found at stmbr.org/news/magnificat

or register by phone or text by contacting

Dianne Lencse at 225-235-3021 or Gwen Gillis 225-505-7050

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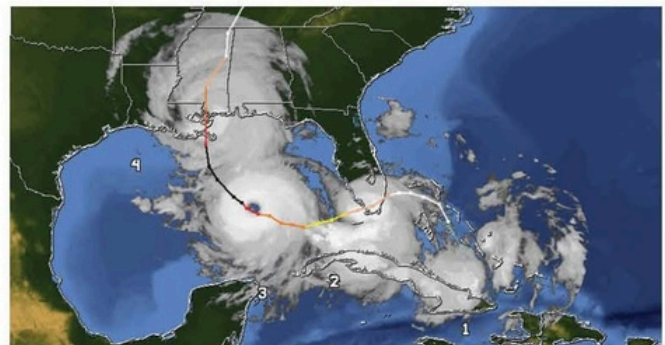
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- to give thanks in prayer
- to claim hope through music
- to support those on their journey of recovery
- to celebrate the many ways Greater Baton Rouge worked to support our neighbors in need



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