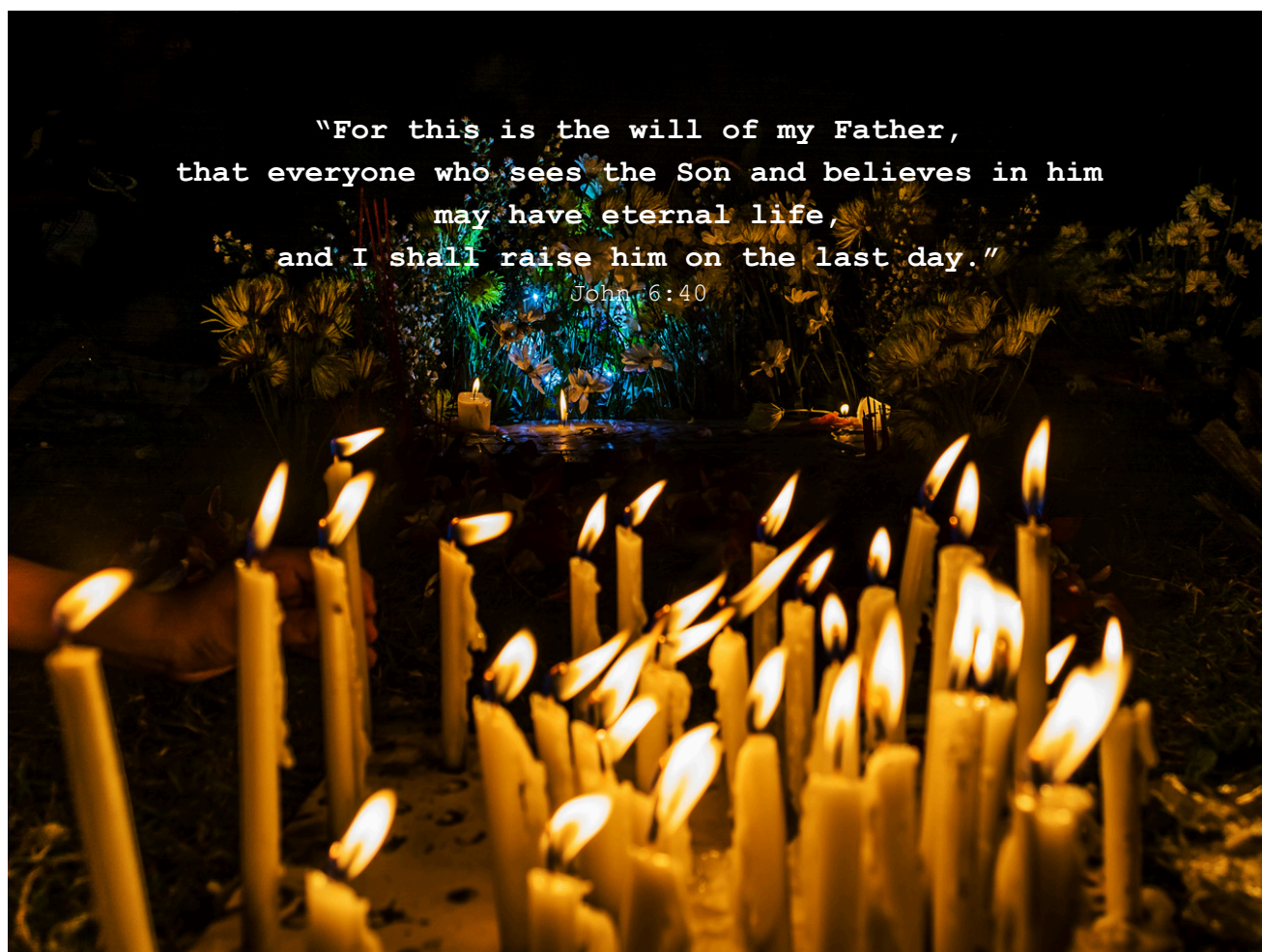




November 2, 2025 | VOLUME 55 NUMBER 44 | The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



A Letter From Our Pastor

SAINTS AND SOULS!



This week, we celebrate that our loved ones are not gone, but have gone ahead. The great gift of Eternal Life! Throughout the year, the Church singles out saints for us to imitate and be inspired by. The purpose of All Saints Day is to honor all the uncle Joes and Aunt Sues that will never be officially canonized by the Church, but that are saints in heaven, nonetheless. It is followed by All Souls Day, when we pray for those destined for sainthood but still being cleansed of sins or an affinity for sin.

We honor our departed loved ones by visiting and blessing their graves, giving thanks to God for putting them in our lives, and praying for any purification their souls may still require, especially in Mass. For those still in mourning, it is essential to focus on the good times and love we shared with them, and on the gifts our loved ones instilled in us, which live on within us, rather than on their current physical absence.

Of course, Purgatory, a process of being cleansed in the “age to come” (Mt. 12:32), had no place in Martin Luther’s newfound “instant salvation” theology. So when 2 Maccabees 12:46 was used to refute his self-created “discovery,” he tossed it out of the Bible where it had been enshrined as Sacred Scripture for over 1100 years (forcing him also to sacrifice the other six books not included in the Masoretic Text of the Rabbinic Jews). So these celebrations are ones not shared by the bulk of the roughly 100,000 Protestant denominations that have grown from Luther’s initial break. Therefore, let us especially pray for our deceased Protestant brothers who have no one praying for them.

The word Purgatory, like the words Trinity and Incarnation, is not explicitly found in Scripture, but the concept is expressed just as in the case of the Trinity and Incarnation. Some citations of note: 2 Mac 12: 39-46; Mt 12: 31-32; 1 Cor 3:13-15; Zech 13:19; Rev 21:27, and Sirach 13:19. It is also notable that the Talmud, the Jewish Catechism, states that prayers for the dead will bring greater blessings and rewards for them; Jesus never refuted this! Orthodox Jews to this day recite a prayer known as the Mourner’s Kaddish for 11 months for the purpose of purifying their deceased loved one.

Please feel free to contact me at freddie@stmbr.org if you would like to discuss this or any other Church teaching further.

God bless!

Fr. Eddie



Merciful Father, hear our prayer and console us.

*As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His Resurrection,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*



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Fall Fun Fest

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Hamburgers, hot dogs, jambalaya, Cane's lemonade & sweet tea, and water will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and pop up tents.

**Thanksgiving Food
Collection:**

Bring donations of canned goods and staples to the field.

Angel Tree Project:

Angel selection will be on the field @ the 10 am Mass

Need help setting up your chairs or tents? High school volunteers will be at the church lot entrance to the field.





STM Parish will celebrate Veterans Day by honoring and remembering veterans and active military personnel at all Masses the weekend of Nov. 9 - 10.

Veterans are encouraged to wear something symbolic of their service to Mass.

Fellowship Sunday hosted by the Décor Committee will follow the 10 a.m. Mass on the 10th in the activity center.

The Angel Tree: Ready to Spread Its Wings

St. Thomas More Parish has a strong history of serving and helping those in need, especially during the Christmas season. This year, the Angel Tree Committee invites you to continue that tradition by assisting individuals and families through our annual **Angel Tree Project**.

The Angel Tree will feature wishes from **St. Vincent de Paul, Xavier Catholic School, Volunteers of America, and our own STM families in need.**

The Angel Tree will be located at the back of the church beginning the weekend of **November 15**, and angel ornaments will be available through **November 30**. Volunteers from the Angel Tree Committee will be available before and after each Mass to help you select your special angel and answer any questions you may have. *(Angels will also be available for selection on the field at the Outdoor Mass on November 16.)*

Once you've selected an angel, please wrap the gift in festive paper or place it in a holiday gift bag, and securely attach the angel ornament to the outside. **Gifts should be returned to the church or the church office no later than December 7.**

If you have questions about the STM Angel Tree Project, please contact **Megan Campagna at 225-276-1257** or mscampagna@cox.net.

We warmly encourage all members of the STM family to take part in this meaningful project. It takes many volunteers to make the Angel Tree a success — from sorting gifts and shopping for unclaimed angels to coordinating deliveries and more. A [volunteer link will be available soon](https://stmbr.org/news/angel-tree) and will be found at **stmbr.org/news/angel-tree**.

May God bless you for your generosity and compassion this Christmas season.



CONGRATULATIONS, CONFIRMANDS!

Bishop Michael Duca administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to of our parish youth on Tuesday, October 21st. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with peace and joy, and continue to bless their lives with the gift of faith.



Thomas Gifford Alley
Adele Elizabeth Aucoin
Charles Kenneth Aycock
Elyse Abigail Bailey
Aniyah Brielle Bailey
Caroline Rose Bradley
John Joseph Brocato
Abigail Renee Broussard
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Aiden Matthew Ferrand



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Alex Benedict Shivor
Bryce Kyle Sims
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Jude Michael Stafford
Vanessa Lauren Tabony
Matthew Germain Tessier
Natalie Hong-An To
Emily Toler
Ethan Bao Tran
Audrey Grace Uffman
James Ancil Wilkinson
Benjamin Andrew Wilkinson
Brianna Kathryn Wisdom



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the ladies on our Women's retreat November 6-9th. May the Holy Spirit help to strengthen their faith, individual spirituality, and build a sense of community and friendship.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Men's retreat will be held January 29 – February 1, 2026.
Announcements and application timeline coming soon.

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of **Andy Shread** and **Mark Midboe**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Lynette Harelson the week of Nov. 2 as requested by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Feltzer.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Beth Bonnacaze the week of Nov. 2 as requested by Dina and Henry Bonnacaze Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 4 - 6 p.m.: Frank Schittone, Lynette Harelson, Mark Midboe

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - 12 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, Nov. 6 - 8:45 a.m.: Juanita Coutee

Friday, Nov. 7 - 12 p.m.: Lois Thompson, Karen Macus

Saturday, Nov. 8 - 4:30 p.m.: Deceased Members of the Carville Family, Wilfred Anthony Ferbos Sr., John the Baptist Trung Luu, The Family of Eloise Dufrene, Aine and Eamon McLaughlin, Jane Nazarro, Lynette Harelson, Maureen Casey

Sunday, Nov. 9 - 8 a.m.: Juanita Coutee; **10 a.m.:** Delores Dupuy; **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, Lloyd Hebert, Bubba Howell, Frank DePaula, Julie Zerbst, Geraldine Gauthier, Wendall Blouin, Camilla Barlow, Kathy Moise, Allyce Trapp Alexander, Sharon Mann, Louis LaBauve, Melani Cagle

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 kennysnar69@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 (To add/edit names: email receptionist@stmbr.org.)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon;
Thursday, 8:45 a.m.; and Friday, 12 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.;

Thursday, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.;

Saturday, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.; and By Appointment

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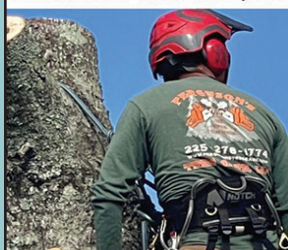
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