



**ST THOMAS
MORE**
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Letter From Our Pastor

Corpus Christi



What a great day and relationship we celebrate today, the Body and Blood of Christ, entering our fallen humanity and pumping through our veins and into our souls! We are also joined by one of our sons, James Vu, who was ordained last Saturday. He is celebrating his Thanksgiving Mass here with so many of you who may have helped shape his journey, even if you didn't know it!

Additionally, we welcome Mr. Ryan Gaudet, who has discerned a calling to the priesthood, and will join his journey to ours for the next two months. Please extend your gracious welcome to him and include both of them in your prayers.

The heart of our Faith is Christ's Presence among us in the Eucharist. Yet, only ~ 30% of surveyed Catholics in America even profess to believe in His actual presence! I'm assuming that most of those are the same people who fill out surveys as Catholics but whose lives offer little evidence of that otherwise. But that still leaves quite a few practicing Catholics who doubt. I get it. It is more of an "anti-miracle" than a miracle. The miracle is not only that the essence of the species changes, but they do so without our being able to discern it! I can see non-believers shaking their heads and saying, "Yeah, right!"

There is so much brokenness in our world, so many lives that could be lifted and transformed if we truly believed that Christ is physically present in our Mass and Adoration. We have the opportunity to be embraced by Christ and to intimately engage with Him, as if He were sitting in our kitchen having coffee with us. Do you hear Him saying, "How's it going?"; "Let me help." "I'm proud of you." or "We need to talk," when you enter into our Mass? Do you experience Him leading you through a maze of challenges and carrying you on his back through treacherous terrain as you navigate this journey we call life?

He came so that His joy might be in us and our joy might be complete! He promised to make His home within us! Let us throw out the welcome mat and allow Him to be present within us.

To that end, I'd like to invite anyone who has doubts to contact me at freddie@stnbr.org. **I will also offer a presentation for those who want to strengthen their faith or learn how to engage others struggling with this vital part of God's plan for us, on Wednesday, June 17, at 6:00 pm, in the church.** Please join us and bring a friend or two; we need to share this incredible gift and help others fully appreciate and live it.

Blessed be God, PRESENT, and ALIVE among us, and WITHIN us!

Blessings,
Fr. Eddie



A special Mass for the Feast of St. Thomas More will be celebrated on Monday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar. Following Mass, we will view the Academy Award-winning film A Man for All Seasons, honoring the life and witness of St. Thomas More.



GALS (Give A Little Service) – Women’s Ministry

Looking for real community without adding more stress to your schedule? Meet G.A.L.S. Ministry!

We know life is full, and not everyone has time for big commitments. That’s why G.A.L.S. (Give A Little Service) at St. Thomas More is built around something simple and sustainable: women coming together to serve, pray, and build friendships in small, meaningful ways.

There’s no pressure, no expectations of perfection –just opportunities to show up when you can. From helping prepare meals and supporting youth pizza nights, to bringing a simple store-bought treat, every small act matters and everyone has something to offer.

💙💛 Ready to connect in faith and friendship? Scan the QR code below to learn more and get involved! For more information, visit stmbr.org/news/gals



SCAN ME!

Prayer for a Newly Ordained Priest

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, we thank You for the gift of the priesthood in Your Church.



Look with love upon Your servant, James Vu, who has just been ordained. Fill him with the grace of the Holy Spirit, that he may be faithful to the promises he has made before You and Your people.

Strengthen him to preach Your Word with courage, to celebrate the Holy Sacraments with reverence and joy, and to shepherd Your flock with a heart modeled after Your own.

Protect him from discouragement and temptation. Grant him humility in service, zeal in ministry, and purity of heart in all things.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, watch over him and lead him always closer to You.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With gratitude, we share that James Vu was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New Orleans on May 30, 2026. His home parish Mass is celebrated here at St. Thomas More on Sunday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the Activity Center.

Mark Your Calendar – Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner To Go

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Chicken Dinner To Go on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Dinner sales will be available at the Activity Center following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and at the Activity Center from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Each plate includes Chicken, BBQ Beans, Wild Rice, and a roll. Dinner is just \$10.

Cash, check, and Venmo accepted.

Plan to pick up a delicious meal and support the Knights of Columbus and their charitable works!



HELP Save the LIVES of BABIES!

YOU can HELP Save the LIVES of Babies by supporting the Pregnancy Problem Center's **Baby Bottle Campaign** to be held at Masses June 20-21. Baby Bottles containing a written message from the Pregnancy Problem Center will be available to take home, pray for the at-risk unborn babies, and then return the bottle with your donation to church the following weekend, June 27-28. Your generosity will help the Pregnancy Problem Center save the LIVES of BABIES! Checks made payable to Pregnancy Problem Center will be accepted. Questions? Call 924.1400 or visit pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com. Online donations: pregnancyproblemcenterbr.com/donate/



SANCTUARY LIGHTS

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Lester Graves the week June 7, as requested by Tootie St. Romain.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Jun. 9 - 6 p.m.: Patrick Dufrene, Josie Hebert

Wednesday, Jun. 10 - 12 p.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention: David Bonaventure

Thursday, Jun. 11 - 8:45 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, Jun. 12 - 12 p.m.: Janice Newsom

Saturday, Jun. 13 - 4:30 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

Sunday, Jun. 14 - 8 a.m.: Anthony Culotta, Josie Hebert, Aldo Gomez;
10 a.m.: Hudson Hargroder; **5 p.m.:** Harold John Cannon

PRAYER LIST

FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

Kindly remember in your prayers the following individuals who are seriously ill: Louis LaBauve, Becky Cline, Tim Bonnin, Joe Bonnin

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, MASA Landry Helmke, E-5 David Meyers, SGT Nicholas Lee, SSgt Carlos Burn, CPO John W. Arceneaux
(Add/edit: receptionist@stmbr.org)

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SAVE THE DATE

STM AUCTION

Casino NIGHT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026
6:30 P.M.
ST. THOMAS MORE GYM

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Parish Youth Invited to Join Altar Server Ministry

St. Thomas More welcomes all parish and school students, boys and girls, in 4th grade and above who are baptized Catholics to serve as altar servers. This is a rewarding way for young people to deepen their faith while actively supporting the parish community.

Why Join?

Active Participation: Assist the priests and deacons during Sunday parish liturgies and/or weekday school Masses.

Character Building: Develop valuable life skills, including responsibility, reverence, and teamwork.

Spiritual Growth: Gain a deeper understanding of the Mass and strengthen a personal connection to the Church.

Training Pathways

We offer two options:

Option 1: Summer Serving

For students eager to train immediately and begin serving at regular parish Masses this summer.

Option 2: Fall/School Year Serving

For students who prefer to serve primarily during the school year. Additional training sessions will be held at the end of the summer.

Registration link found at stmbr.org/news/altar-server

*Current altar servers who would like additional training are also encouraged to complete the registration form.

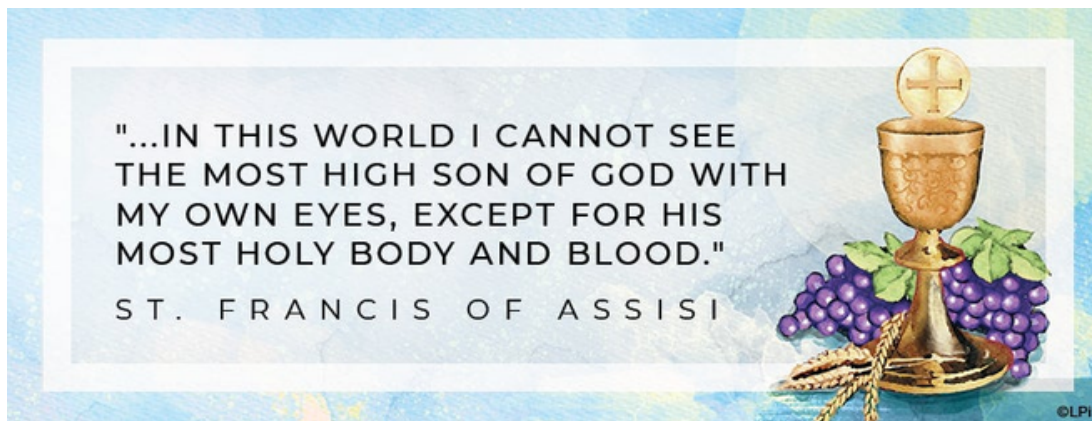


Youth Faith Formation

PSR registration for parish youth not attending Catholic school opened June 1. Grades 1–5 participate in a home-based program supporting parents as primary faith teachers; grades 6+ participate in on-campus Confirmation prep. stmbr.org/news/psr

Registration for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation for rising second graders also opened June 1 for 2026–2027. Eligible students must have participated in Catholic school or PSR for at least two years. Preparation is home-based through the family's registered parish. stmbr.org/news/sac-prep-reg

Registration for Fall 2026 Confirmation for students entering grades 7–8 is now open. A mandatory parent meeting will be held July 26, 2026; at least one parent must attend. stmbr.org/news/confirmation



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In a caring environment

dedicated to celebrating the Catholic faith

and modeling the life of Jesus Christ,

St. Thomas More Church provides worship,

education, ministerial and social opportunities

for the spiritual growth of the parish family.

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DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 6:00 pm; Wednesday: 12 noon (Rosary @ 11:30 am)
Thursday: 8:45 am; Friday: 12 noon (6 pm during Lent)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil; Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays of Lent from 5:00 - 5:45 pm; Wednesdays from 11:15 - 11:45 am
Thursdays from 8:00 - 8:30 am; Saturdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm
- and by appointment -

Emergencies After Hours:

Please call 225.275.3940 and follow voicemail instructions