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TAKE COURAGE AND DO NOT BE AFRAID.

Jesus said, "Come."

PETER GOT OUT OF THE BOAT AND BEGAN TO WALK
ON THE WATER TOWARD JESUS.

MATTHEW 14:27-29



The STM Auction will run from Friday, Aug. 21, through Sunday, Aug. 23, with a live virtual event on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m.

If you have an item or service to donate or want to help with this year's event, please contact the auction co-chairs, Mary Katherine Jackson (mkatjack@gmail.com) or Sara Landreneau Kleinpeter (sara.kleinpeter@gmail.com).

Three of the festival raffles will be drawn in conjunction with the STM Auction:

- ⇒ **\$10,000 raffle** - Six winners to be drawn: \$10,000 (1), \$1,000 (2), \$500 (1), \$250 (2). Tickets are \$100 each and only 450 tickets will be sold.
- ⇒ **Big ticket raffle** - 4-piece patio set with fire pit and an 11' umbrella, Blaze 25" 3-burner propane gas grill (thank you BBQ Guys and Blaze Outdoor Products). Tickets are \$5 each.
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Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Festival, and mail along with this form to 11441 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70815 to the attention of Sara Kleinpeter. Sponsors should email their logos in a high-resolution format to sara.kleinpeter@gmail.com by **August 10, 2020**. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. A letter acknowledging your contribution will be mailed after the event.

For more information contact:
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Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.



SILENCE
IS GOD'S
FIRST
LANGUAGE.

St. John of the Cross

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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**God of silence and God of all sound, help me to listen.
Help me to do the deep listening to the sounds of my soul,
waiting to hear your soft voice calling me deeper into you.
Give me attentive ears that begin to separate the noise from the sounds that are you;
you who have been speaking to me and through me my whole life,
for so long that you can seem like background noise.
Today help me hear you anew.**



Pope Francis

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Friendship is one of life's gifts and a grace from God. Faithful friends, who stand at our side in times of difficulty, are a reflection of the Lord's love, His gentle and consoling presence in our lives.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control. The Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm-less eternity awaits us. Amen.— *Fr. Al Volpe, Cameron Parish, LA*

FLOWER DONATION

The flowers on the altar this weekend, Aug. 8-9, are donated in memory of Patricia Mullins as requested by Vickie Viger.

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Barry Sanders as requested by his family the week of Aug. 9.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Patricia Mullins as requested by Vickie Viger the week of Aug. 9.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Aug. 11 - 6 p.m.: Neissy and Rod Graf, James Prevot, Flo Rageur

Thursday, Aug. 13 - 8:45 a.m.: Rita Strate

Saturday, Aug. 15 - 4:30 p.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors

Sunday, Aug. 16 - 8 a.m.: Larry Cronan; **10 a.m.:** MaLou and John Grosch, Mary McDonald, Barry Sanders, Sandy Diehl, Peggy and Tommy Day; **5 p.m.:** Sadie Debetaz

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers these seriously ill persons: Ida Mae Alonzo, Gail Babin, Bill Bailey, Pat Bailey, Johnnie Broussard, Liz Ferguson, Helen Fox, Jane Gelpi, Carl Gibson, Larry Gibson, John Chris Goff, David Longwell, Cathey Merle, Curtis Mitchell, Lydia Pourciau, Shelly Romero, Suzette Snow, Brant Theriot, Grace Thompson, Barbara Tureau, Loressa Watts, D.J. Webre, Thomas Webre

PRAYER LINE

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 prayerline@stmchurch.org.



BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO TRUST IN THE
LORD; THE LORD WILL
BE THEIR TRUST.

JEREMIAH 17:7

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We are so happy to once again be having Mass with our parishioners present at STM at a capacity of 185 persons to allow for social distancing.

To attend Mass in person at this time, you need to wear a mask, bring hand sanitizer and maintain 6' social distance between yourself and others - no gloves, please. We will continue to **livestream** the **10 a.m. Mass**, and individuals who fall in the at risk category (65 years of age or older, those with compromised immune systems, and/or those with underlying health conditions) are encouraged to watch from home, as are others who do not feel comfortable attending Mass in public at this time. *The Sunday Mass obligation continues to be dispensed for all Catholics indefinitely.*

STM CHURCH PHASE II MASS SCHEDULE

(subject to change if necessary)

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses - 8 am, 10 am, 5 pm

Daily Masses - 6 pm Tuesday and 8:45 am Thursday

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

Please bring donations of canned goods and staples to Masses next weekend, Aug. 15-16. Food donations support the food pantry at St. Paul the Apostle Church which feeds the poor of Eden Park. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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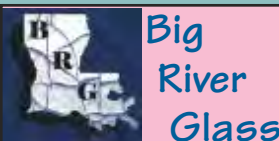
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