



TO GUIDE. TO INSPIRE. TO SERVE.

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*He is not God
of the dead, but of
the living,*

FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.

Facing her 50th birthday and recently diagnosed with Type-2 Diabetes, Rebecca was at a crossroads. Realizing that she had neglected her health and fitness over the years and allowed herself to gain significant weight, she felt poorly about who she had become. While it was easier to give in to temptation and the gratification received from food, her family needed her, and she desired a long life. She had an image of the person she could become. She wanted to be more trim, focused, disciplined, and healthy. She liked what she saw in her mind and set out on a journey to create it. With great effort, she succeeded and accomplished her goals. When we have a goal ahead of us, we are more apt to do whatever is necessary to get it.

Is heaven a goal you want to achieve? Our popular images and metaphors to describe heaven can leave some people wondering if this is something they want for all eternity. Living like an angel, wearing white robes, meeting St. Peter, and reconnecting with loved ones are all welcome notions to some extent. But do they really inspire and captivate us enough to want to dramatically change how we live our lives? Heaven's reality is more profound than any human image or idea can fathom. Even though we believe in a bodily resurrection, heaven is more about attaining union with God. To achieve heaven is to attain eternal happiness and fulfill all desire. How do we awaken within us an ardent and passionate desire for heaven?



St. Isaac of Ninevah counsels, “Enter eagerly into the treasure house that lies within you, and so you will see the treasure house of heaven, for the two are one and the same, and there is but one single entry into them both. The ladder that leads to the kingdom is hidden with you, and is found in your own soul. Dive into yourself and in your soul you will discover the rungs by which to ascend.” Our souls are made to be eternal.

Once we discover our true selves and are captivated by the wonder of who we really are, we will unleash our unwavering desire for a lasting union with our Creator. Heaven is about who we are. “For seeing you, our God, as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages.”

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~ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~

St. Thomas More Church Parish is excited to participate in the 2022 **#iGiveCatholic Campaign**. Our 24 hour giving day this coming November 29th. More information in next week's bulletin issue!



WHAT IS #IGIVECATHOLIC?

#iGiveCatholic is a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation (and the globe!) to come together and raise as many charitable dollars as possible for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in participating arch/dioceses. Last year, **#iGiveCatholic** raised more than \$16.5 million for 2,600+ organizations in 40 arch/dioceses across the United States.

WHEN IS #IGIVECATHOLIC?

#iGiveCatholic takes place on #GivingTuesday, November 29th, from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm for gifts given online at www.igivecatholic.org, or offline through a donation of cash or check directly to the Catholic organization of the donor's choice. In addition, there is an Advanced Giving Day phase for both online and offline "pre-Giving Day" gifts running from 12:00 am on Monday, November 14th through 11:59 pm on Monday, November 28th.

Veterans Day — November 11

Each year on November 11, the United States observes Veterans Day and remembers all those who have served our country in times of war.

As Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of the Military Services, writes, “Even the privilege to hold differing opinions and to express them openly is a result of the sacrifice of a few for all. Let us remember those who have sacrificed so much to serve our country. Let us keep them all in our prayers, on Veterans Day and always.”



**Father, bless our veterans and all who serve our nation
defending our freedom.**

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



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registered parishioners!*

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

November 6-12, 2022

Join us this week in praying for a flourishing of all vocations in the Church, that God will bless the Church with an abundance of holy priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters.

God our Father,

**we thank you for calling men and
women to serve in your Son's**

**Kingdom as priests, deacons, and
consecrated persons.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to help others
to respond generously and
courageously to your call.**

**May our community of faith support
vocations of sacrificial love in our
youth and young adults.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who
lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen**



ANGEL TREE PROJECT BEGINS:

November 19-20

THANKSGIVING MASS:

November 23 @ 6 pm

MASS BOOK OPENS:

November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

November 27

#iGIVECATHOLIC:

November 29



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“Not that we loved God but that he loved us” (1 Jn 4:10). Let us never forget this. Our abilities and our merits are not central to faith, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10

Giving to The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports ministries in the Diocese of Baton

Rouge that do not receive funding from other avenues, such as tuition assistance, seminary formation, Catholic Charities programs and college campus ministry. Be a steward of God’s graces today by visiting diobr.org/baa or scanning the QR code.



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, Nov. 8 - 6 p.m.: Bob McDaniel, Adolph Sorina, Mary Thuy Pham, Mickey Deville, Ivy Alford Jr., Eulan Rabalais, Mark Martin, Timothy P. Hill

Thursday, Nov. 10 - 8:45 a.m.: Jim Miller

Saturday, Nov. 12 - 4:30 p.m.: Ernest Bonaccorso

Sunday, Nov. 13 - 8 a.m.: Sammy Ragusa; **10 a.m.:** STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors; **5 p.m.:** Todd Frugé, Mark Martin, Timothy P. Hill, Max Rodriguez Sr.

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Carolyn and John Perkins the week of Nov. 6 as requested by Cookie and Kerry Uffman.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Mary Pham the week of Nov. 6 as requested by Tuyen Pham.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the following seriously ill persons:

Calvin Bajon, Jerry Campbell, Deanna Ducote, Liz Ferguson, Annagrace Fremin, Bill & Pat Bailey, Ruth Fleming, Mark Landry, Willie & Joyce Maynor, Londyn Morse, Mary Morse, Maria Nga Pham, Leigh Pitchford, Mike & Emmeline Ross, Jerry Thompson, Loressa Watts

To add your name, or the name of a loved one if you have their permission, contact Elise Moran at morane@stmbr.org, or call 225.275.3940.

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@stmbr.org.

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*In a caring environment dedicated
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worship, education, ministerial
and social opportunities for the
spiritual growth
of the parish family*

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Thursday: 8:45 am

WEEKEND MASSES

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

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Saturdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
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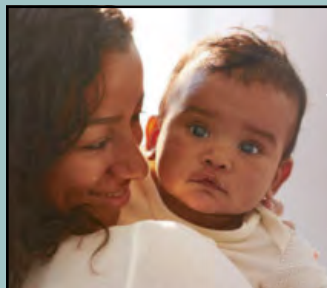
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