



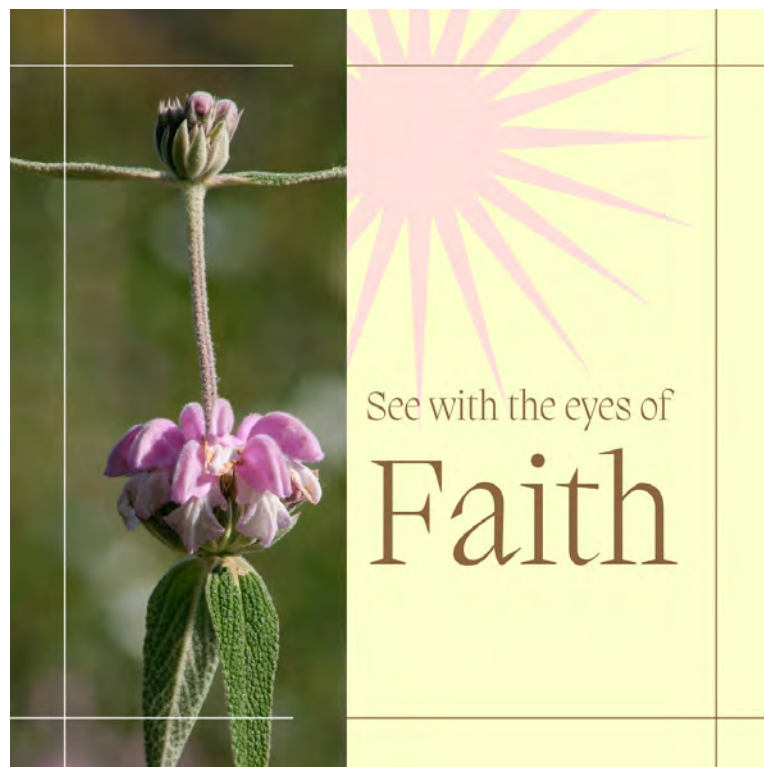
TO GUIDE. TO INSPIRE. TO SERVE.

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FAITH

DO NOT BE AFRAID; JUST HAVE FAITH.

The author of The Cloud of Unknowing prays, “That which I am and the way that I am, with all my gifts of nature and grace, you have given to me, O Lord, and you are all this. I offer it all to you, principally to praise you and to help my fellow Christians and myself.” **Knowing that God sustains us in being is the key to faith.** All that we need to do is to love God as God is and the rest will begin to fall into place. God made us in His image and desires that we have life. God also desires that we be healed of all of our wounds, especially those caused by sin, and know his loving touch. Being weighed down by negativity, imperfections, the cares of the world, and weakness is not something that God desires.



Faith can profoundly change how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It **gives a clearer lens through which to see life and connects us with the powerful virtues of love and hope.** Three friends journeying with us through all that we encounter, faith, hope, and love, help us experience God’s embrace and heal us. All we have to do is let God be who God is and not foolishly try to make Him into what we need or want Him to be. Without God we cease to be. It’s that simple. The very blood that flows through my veins and the life that I have come directly from Divine origins. With this knowledge of who God is and who I am, I can open my ears and hear the powerful words Jesus speaks, “Do not be afraid, just have faith.” Trust begins.

When we are struggling, we naturally reach out for God because we know that a divine remedy is the only remedy. But, in doing so we wrestle with letting God take charge. We want something more miraculous and visible than the obvious and have difficulty in finding consolation simply resting in God’s presence. Our naked being, stripped of any pretense or self-serving agenda, is being called to rest in and love the uncreated Presence of God. Reach out in love to God. Ask God to heal you from all that separates you from Him. Put aside any ideas of God that create barriers between you and God’s tender and endearing presence. The Cloud of Unknowing leaves us with wisdom, “think of yourself and of him in the same way, that is, with the simple awareness that he is as he is and that you are as you are.” This is a meeting of two friends who desire nothing more than to share life together.

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Live out your role as a member of Christ's body by serving as a liturgical minister.

Training for all ministries will be scheduled in July.

Contact Sarah Neau at neaus@stmbr.org, 225.275.3940.

LECTOR

A lector is not just reading words from a page but proclaiming them. A lector should have a love for Scripture, a clear confident voice, and sufficient public speaking skills to proclaim the Word.

This ministry is open to women, men, high school and junior high youth.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Each time a Eucharistic minister offers the Precious Body and says: "The Body of Christ" or offers the Precious Blood and says: "The Blood of Christ" that person confesses a belief in the central mystery of the Catholic faith. This ministry is open to women, men, and high school youth who have been confirmed.

USHER

Ushers are ministers of hospitality in that they open doors, welcome, and help parishioners and guests find seats as they come into the church. They are also responsible for taking up the offertory collections, assisting in directing the flow of communion, handing out bulletins, and offering assistance if emergencies arise. This ministry is open to women, men, high school, junior high and youth who are at least in third grade.

Current Liturgical Ministers:

It's time to update contact information in Ministry Scheduler

If you are a current liturgical minister, please make sure to take the time to login to the ministry scheduler system and update your contact information (address, phone and email). It is also time to update your service preferences and unavailable dates so that you are scheduled appropriately when the new schedules are run.

If you wish to be removed from the list of active liturgical ministers, please contact Sarah Neau at the parish office 225-275-3940 or by email neaus@stmbr.org. Please be aware that training for new ministers and refresher training for current ministers will be scheduled soon.



Celebrate our God in Song - STM Music Ministry looking for voices and instruments

The opening line of Psalm 147 says "how good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise." As we look to restart the STM Music ministry, we invite those who have a desire to celebrate God in song with their voices or their instrumental talent to contact Mallory Sollie at solliem@stmbr.org.

The choir is open to junior high and high school youth as well as adults. Because we are including youth in the choir, we are asking all adults to complete the Diocesan Child Protection requirements. Information on these requirements will be provided to adults after they contact Mallory Sollie.

The first rehearsal for the choir will be on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The choir will then sing at the 10:00 Mass on the following Sunday, July 18.

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Ed Hargrove Jr. the week of June 27 as requested by Sheri and Dana Vutera.

The sanctuary light in the chapel will burn in memory of Joanne LeBlanc the week of June 27 as requested by Sheri and Dana Vutera.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 29 - 6 p.m.: COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, July 1 - 8:45 a.m.: COMMUNION SERVICE

Saturday, July 3 - 4:30 p.m.: Floyd Staderker

Sunday, July 4 - 8 a.m.: STM Families, Friends, and Neighbors; **10 a.m.:** Tom Webre; **5 p.m.:** Todd Frugé, Mike Mannino; Special Intention: Isabelle Broussard

Please notice that communion services are being held on June 29, July 1, and July 6 as Fr. Michael will be out of the parish on retreat.

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.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the following seriously ill persons: **Bill Bailey, Pat Bailey, Brandon Burrows, Larry Brown, Lisa Brown, Al Diehl, Liz Ferguson, Annagrace Fremin, Ronnie Gauthier Jr., Ruth Gauthier, Jane Gelpi, Leslie Gendron, David Longwell, Terri Mallett, Jack Morris, Grace Thompson, Loressa Watts, D.J. Webre.**

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.

Collection for the Holy Father

This weekend's Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."



Pope Francis
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Underlying all our strengths and weaknesses, stronger than all our past hurts and failures, or our fears and concerns about the future, there is this great truth: we are beloved sons and daughters.

Celebrate St. Joseph

Bishop Duca talks about our diocesan patron.

View:

St. Joseph: Heart of the Father

<https://diobr.org/year-of-st-joseph>





St. Matthew Icon Painting Workshop August 8 – 13, 2021 LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden

St. Matthew, one of Jesus's 12 Apostles, was born in Palestine in the first century. He worked as a tax collector. St. Matthew is the patron saint of accountants and tax collectors. His feast day is September 21.

Our staff of volunteers is pleased to offer you another quality painting experience with trained Iconographers scheduled from Sunday, August 8, to Friday, August 13.

Sunday workshop hours are 1-3 pm. Monday through Friday hours are 8 am–5 pm.

Completed and varnished paintings may be picked up on Saturday, August 14, 2021, from 9–10 am in the Orangerie at the Burden Gardens.

The cost of the workshop is \$350. You may pay the entire amount or send a deposit of \$175 by June 30, 2021. A final payment of \$175 is due on July 19, 2021. Participants are accepted on a first come first serve basis. **All payments should be sent to Kitty Wiemer at the address below.**

All tools and supplies are provided. However, if you would like to use your own brushes, Ott light, or wet pallet, we encourage you to bring them. Coffee and lunch are provided daily by our wonderful Hospitality Committee. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

The safety of our participants and committee members is our top priority. We will comply with current COVID guidelines. We can accept 24 participants, as at previous workshops, and will provide spacing and cleaning supplies in accordance with guidelines. Anyone not fully vaccinated should wear a face mask.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming workshop, and hope you and your families have been healthy and safe during the past year.

Thank you for your interest in our program, and please stay safe as you go about your daily activities.

Kitty Wiemer, Diana Wells
Co-Chairs

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Gardens** and mailed to:

Kitty Hessburg Wiemer
7636 Claret Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

You may contact Kitty Hessburg Wiemer at 225-284-7440 or Diana Wells at 225-927-8646 with any questions.

If desired, participants may bring their brushes, a 13-watt Ott desk lamp and/or a Sta-Wet pallet.

I have a 13-watt Ott desk lamp. Yes ☐ No ☐ I have a Sta-Wet pallet Yes ☐ No ☐

I plan to bring them to the workshop. Yes ☐ No ☐

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