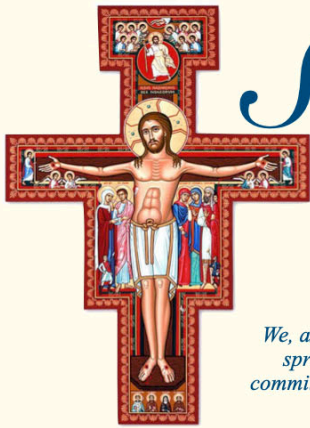


JANUARY 16TH, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

The Diocese of Shreveport

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community of faith in the Diocese of Shreveport, affirm our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both the local and Catholic college community in the Ruston, Louisiana area. We commit ourselves to God and to this community through a spirit of welcoming and service in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 9:30AM
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:00AM
Wednesday: 9:00PM (Sept. - May)
Thursday: 8:00AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Ed Shea, OFM (773) 892-4134 *Pastor*
Br. Mike Ward, OFM (318) 251-0793 *Campus Minister*
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*
Martin Aviles (318) 265-2992 *Youth Coordinator*
John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (255-8090)

January 16, 2022

Second
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
"Do whatever he tells you."

JOHN 2:5

NEW PARISHIONERS

"May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel." - Pope Francis

Please contact the office to register your membership if you are new in our community.

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PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS

<u>January 1st</u>	Wayne Skipper Michael Langiulli Dolly Garcia
<u>January 2nd</u>	Carmen Trevison Ethan Moreno
<u>January 3rd</u>	Atilano Garcia Martinez Stephanie Martinez
<u>January 4th</u>	Oscar Hannibal
<u>January 5th</u>	Ramona Bishop
<u>January 7th</u>	Josie Bishop
<u>January 8th</u>	Callum Conroy
<u>January 10th</u>	Yanney Hernandez
<u>January 11th</u>	Olivia Roger
<u>January 12th</u>	David Broussard Melissa Jackson Caitlin Corcia Harry Lopez
<u>January 13th</u>	Joseph Lanning
<u>January 14th</u>	Brennan Jackson Marcie Tucker
<u>January 15^h</u>	Sandy Freeman
<u>January 16th</u>	Juana Maria Leon Ella Viator
<u>January 17th</u>	Paul Kabbes Jesus Gonzalez Jerry Berg II
<u>January 18th</u>	Linda Oakley
<u>January 21st</u>	Rose Kitishian John Adams Jose Maria Garcia
<u>January 22nd</u>	Benjamin Denny Hayden Frost
<u>January 24th</u>	Cindy Bimle
<u>January 26th</u>	Ryan Corcia
<u>January 27th</u>	Riley Oakley
<u>January 28th</u>	William Slusher Zane Morris
<u>January 31st</u>	Pedro Derosa

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, January 16th**

9:30AM - Sunday Mass
Children's Liturgy: Mindy Bryan
1:30PM - Misa en Español
7:00PM - Sunday Mass

Monday, January 17th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
5:30PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, January 18th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Wednesday, January 19th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - STAY
9:00PM - Daily Mass

Thursday, January 20th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Friday, January 21st

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
12:00PM - Daily Mass

Saturday, January 22nd

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass



If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please sign up at the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please call Carol Mercier at **(318)254-8826** for more information.

Ministry Schedule

January 15th, 2022

Lector: Jim Martin & Christy Weeks

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

January 16th, 2022

Lector: AJ Barbiero & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson & Kaejha Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy & Paul Jackson

Lectores:

January 22nd, 2022

Lector: Dolly Hurtig & Pam Allen

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

January 23rd, 2022

Lector: Ryan & Lorelei Freling

Altar Servers: Charlie & Maggie Rogers & Hannah Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle McCumber & Jim Martin

Lectores:

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday January 14th
12:00 PM

John Eldridge
(by Linda Viator)



You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates.

ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST

Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Ramona Adams	Cynthia Murry
Miriam Bishop	Katherine Ned
Charles Bourgeois	Don Olivier
Abby Bray	Pearline Robey
Frankie Career	Lometa Rorie
Tony Clark	Mary Russo
Judy Darcey	Gloria Saldana
Jill Denys	Laura Leigh Saleese
Layten Davis	Ginger Schanks
Adrien "Butch"	Laura Schneider
Doiron	Jo Mary Smith
Sean Dwyer	Holly Hollis Star
June Finnorn	Dianne Stuckey
Emmely Gay	Marguerite Swannon
Bernice Harrison	Willie Tannerhill
Magnolia Johnson	Joanne Thompson
Jeffery Judice	Robin Thrasher
Chris Letendre	Toni Troiano
Mary Manuel	Jamie Tucker
Ken Martinez	Kathleen "Kathy"
Tobie McKown	Walter
J. C. Meshell	Donna Venters
Rueben Moreno	Stephen Webre
Kelly Morgan	Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of January 1/ January 2

General Sunday Collection	\$4,701.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 115.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Youth Small Group

If you are a high school student interested in a small bible group, please contact Carmen Bishop at (318) 243-3070 for more information. The youth small group meets on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm.





BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



Selected at one of the "Top 50 Catholic Campus Ministry Programs" in the United States.

SERVICE

The "theme" for the 20-21 school year for ACTS is "Service". It is the fifth tenet of our mission statement. The scripture guidance is 1Peter 4:10.

A STUDENT'S PRAYER



God of Light and Truth, thank you for giving me a mind the can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life, for all knowledge can lead me to You. Lead me to be aware of Your presence in all thing and at all times.

Encourage me when my studies are difficult and when I am tempted to give up. Give me confidence when my brain seems slow to understand and the way forward is filled with struggles and challenges.

Grant me the grace to fully express all the talents and gifts You have entrusted to me to explore the world You have created, certain that in Your love and goodness all will be well.

I ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN.

LEADERSHIP TEAM DISCERNMENT

On Tuesday, 1/18, ACTS members will be gathering to discern a new leadership team for 2022-23. Since 2017, the ACTS Leadership Team has grown to 20 students. The discernment will take place among those members who have been nominated by their peers. Please keep these students in your prayers. Thank you.



POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH



During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Check out www.usccb.org to find daily action items

and reflections that you can personally do to meet this challenge. You can sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month!

ACTS HISTORY



From 1994-2000, Sr. Edith Schnell, a Grand Rapids Dominican Sister, was the campus minister at St. Thomas, as well as its DRE. Sr. Edith wore many hats for the St. Thomas Community and was always there when she was needed. As campus minister, Sr. Edith led the students to "Hospitality House" in Shreveport. While there, ACTS members cooked, served food, and performed housekeeping duties. In 2022, Sr. Edith will be celebrating her 60th year as a Dominican Sr. Edith will be joining us for the 25th Anniversary Party!



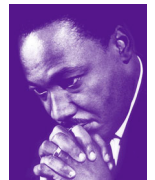
ACTS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 3/26/21



ACTS became a university organization 25 years ago and this decision has changed the face of the campus ministry here at St. Thomas ever since. To celebrate this momentous act there will be an all day celebration on Saturday, March 26, 2022, concluding with Mass and a banquet. If you would like to be part of the planning process or if you have some ideas you would like to share, call 318-251-0793.

MLK PRAYER

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hey Everyone, I hope everyone is enjoying their 3-day weekend! We have postponed our Girls' Retreat and Guys Retreat. Hopefully we can have them in February. The leadership discernment process is this week. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Retreat on March 18-20, and for the ACTS 25th Anniversary Party on March 26. Be on the lookout for more activities! God bless.

GRUPO DE JOVENES DE SANTO TOMAS DE
AQUINO

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH (STAY)

Faith | Fellowship | Fun | Food

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30-7:00 PM GRADES 6-12
7:00-8:00 PM GRADES 9-12

Questions: Martin Aviles: 318-265-2992 | stay1941@gmail.com

STAY Wednesday Night Dates	Ignite Topic	Weekend Special Event Dates	Title
January 5, 2022	Who is God?		
January 12, 2022	What is sin?		
January 19, 2022	Grace	January 22, 2022	Bowling @ Tech
January 26, 2022	The Soul	January 29, 2022	Basketball @ The Luffey Gym
February 2, 2022	What is Real Love?		
February 9, 2022	Am I Good Enough?	February 12, 2022	Paintball @ Ultrazone Paintball
February 16, 2022	God as Father		
February 23, 2022	Trust in God	February 26, 2022	Examination of Conscience/Confession @ STA Church
March 2, 2022	Why Did Jesus Come?	March 5-6, 2022	Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference: Fly! @ Alexandria
March 9, 2022	<i>Spring Break</i>		
March 16, 2022	The Resurrection	March 18, 2022	STAY Stations of the Cross @ STA Church
March 23, 2022	The Church as the Body		
March 30, 2022	Priest, Prophet, King		
April 6, 2022	The Sacraments	April 9, 2022	Service Project @ CCA
April 13, 2022	What is Baptism?	April 23, 2022	Soccer @ Ruston Sports Complex
April 20, 2022	What is Reconciliation?		
April 27, 2022	What is the Eucharist?		
May 4, 2022	God in Nature	May 7, 2022	Hike & Pray the Rosary @ Lincoln Parish Park
May 11, 2022	Living with Faith		
May 18, 2022	Living with Hope	May 28, 2022	Lock In Party @ The Luffey Gym
May 25, 2022	Living with Charity		
		June 24-26, 2022	Steubenville South 2022: Fearless! @ Alexandria

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— *Isaiah 62:2*

16 de enero de 2022 Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

REVELACIÓN DE LA PRESENCIA DE DIOS

La primera lectura de hoy de Isaías surge del sufrimiento del pueblo de Jerusalén y de Judea cuando ellos anticiparon el final de los setenta años de exilio en Babilonia. Sus sufrimientos y su opresión terminarán, y se les promete una alegría como la de una boda espléndida al regresar a su patria. Aunque es probable que este pasaje sucedió a principios del siglo VI AC, carece de los detalles históricos. En este sentido, la Iglesia ha entendido sus metáforas de forma universal, ya que proclama la promesa de Dios de curación, esperanza y felicidad para todos los pueblos, en este mundo y en el otro. Cuando se lee este contexto, la historia de Jesús convirtiendo el agua en vino en las bodas de Canaán se convierte en una revelación de la presencia de Dios en la persona de Jesús, haciendo que estas promesas sean verdaderas para nosotros aquí y ahora, en la transformación de nuestras propias vidas.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Como el esposo goza con su esposa, así Dios se regocija con su elegida (Isaías 62:1-5).

Salmo — Cuenten a todas las naciones las maravillas del Señor (Salmo 96 [95]).

Segunda lectura — Todos los diferentes dones y talentos que se encuentran en la comunidad cristiana son obra del mismo Espíritu (1 Corintios 12:4-11).

Evangelio — Compartiendo el gozo de una boda en Caná, Jesús rellena la provisión de vino (Juan 2:1-11).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que gobiernas los cielos y la tierra,
escucha con amor las súplicas de tu pueblo
y haz que los días de nuestra vida
transcurran en tu paz.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo,
que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo
y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 16 de enero de 2022

Entonces las naciones verán tu justicia,
y tu gloria todos los reyes.

— *Isaías 62:2*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 16, 2022

“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit.”
Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 23 de Enero de 2022

"Ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo y miembros individuales de Él." ¿Estás llamado a fortalecer su cuerpo a través de la vocación al sacerdocio, al diaconado o a la vida consagrada? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 868-4441 o envíe un correo electrónico a: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Jesus to Polish Saint Faustina in the 1930's. It recognizes God as infinite mercy and involves a decision to accept God's mercy with thanksgiving, to trust in Him, and to be merciful as He is merciful. One element of the devotion is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a form of prayer using Rosary beads. The Recitation of the Chaplet is prayed each Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the small chapel. All are welcome!

RETREATS

There are several Domestic Church Evangelization Retreats taking place in the spring. The retreat provides sacramentally married couples with an opportunity to begin their spiritual journey together (or deepen it if it already exists). The retreat serves as the introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. However, the retreat can fruitfully be attended by any sacramentally married couple. The retreat includes daily Mass, talks, and time for couples to encounter the Lord together.

- **January 14 - 17, 2022 - Abbeville, LA**

- **January 27 - 30, 2022 - Osyka, MS (near Baton Rouge)**

- **February 3 - 6, 2022 - Oklahoma City, OK**

- **April 7 - 10, 2022 - Schriever, LA**

Website: <https://domesticchurchfamilies.com/>

God Bless.

Tom Aranda

318-393-8285

The Chosen series started back with part 2 on Sunday, January 9th. All are welcome to come to the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center on Sunday mornings from 10:45 - 11:45 for adult faith formation and fellowship.



PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday PSR classes resume on January 12th at 5:30 pm.
- NO PSR classes January 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Observed)
- NO SEEKERS class at 3:00 pm January 16
- Confirmation Parent Meeting – January 23 Parents. Please plan to meet at 12:00 pm in the CLC gym regarding the Confirmation retreat and Mass dates.
- Colorcraft Church Directory Follow Ups – January 18,19,20. The photographer will be back to St. Thomas Aquinas on January 18, 19, and 20 for families to review their photos and have the option to purchase prints.
- Missed the photo session???? Please send a family photo by email to Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com. The final phase of the directory production will be completed in January. The digital photos will be included. Also, any church group that would like to send in a group photo can also send to Elise. Thank you!

*Congratulations to Deacon Robert Ransom on the arrival of his new grandson, Kamryn.
He was 6 lbs 2 oz and 20 inches long.*



ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

If you're enjoying the new bulletin, but want to see more, advertise for your company in the back. The more advertisements we have, the more space they will give us at no charge.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr... His Own Eulogy

Every now and then I guess we all think realistically about that day when we will be victimized with what is life's final common denominator--that something we call death.

We all think about it and every now and then I think about my own death and I think about my own funeral. And I don't think about it in a morbid sense. And every now and then I ask myself what it is that I would want said and I leave the word to you this morning.

If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy tell him not to talk too long.

Every now and then I wonder what I want him to say.

Tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize--that isn't important. Tell not to mention that have 300 or 400 other awards--that's not important. Tell him not to mention where I went to school.

I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody.

Adult Education Possibilities (from Father Ed)

One of the complaints I have heard and witnessed among Catholics is that while Jesus spent his time teaching the adults and playing with the children, we do quite the opposite. We teach the children and play with the adults. Here are some very concrete ways we adults can study our Catholic faith:

The Chosen — Every Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass a group of people gathers in Luffey to watch the series “The Chosen” and to share some brief reflections about what we’ve just seen. The sessions last until about Noon

Lectio Divina — On Tuesdays at 10:00 am some of us gather in the Youth Room in Luffey to prayerfully consider the following Sunday’s Gospel. This prayer session ends around 11:00 am

Reclaiming Vatican II — Looking ahead to Lent (which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2022), I have purchased 25 copies of a book called Reclaiming Vatican II which will help us to understand and study together the present situation of our Church. We will gather each Sunday after the 9:30 am Mass in Luffey for some conversation and hopefully some hearty discussion of what is happening in our own parish and in the Catholic Church throughout the world. Everyone is welcome!

Estudio Biblico - de Padre Lalo

Quiero hacerles una invitación. Muchos de nosotros pensamos que realmente no entendemos la Biblia, aunque la leímos cada vez cuando venimos a Misa. Con mucho gusto quiero estudiar la Biblia con ustedes aquí en Santo Tomás. Nos reunimos cada Miércoles a las 7:00 pm en la escuela... Que vengan para recibir la palabra de Dios en su corazón!

200 for this week

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