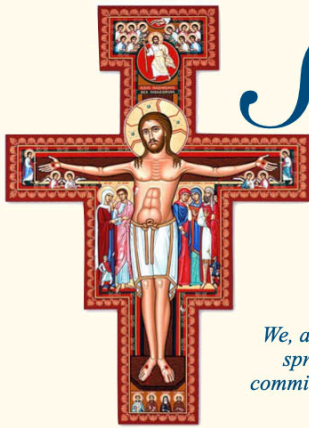


FEBRUARY 13TH, 2022 | 6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY



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

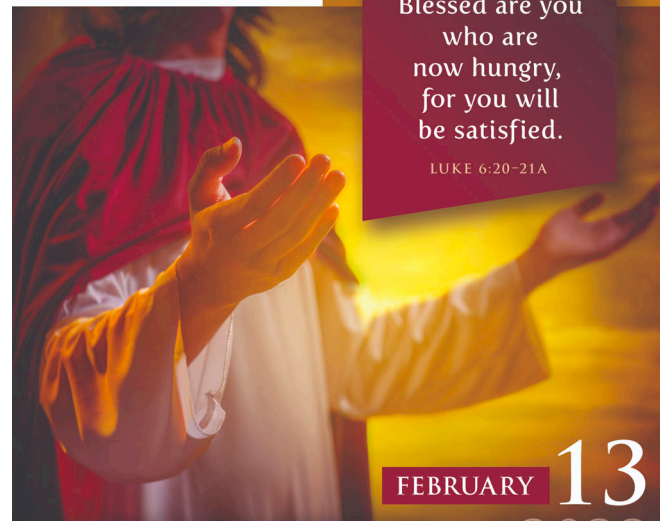
Saturday: 4:00PM to 4:45PM

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Br. Mike Ward, OFM (318) 251-0793 *Campus Minister*
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John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (255-8090)

Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.
Blessed are you
who are
now hungry,
for you will
be satisfied.

LUKE 6:20-21A



FEBRUARY 13
2022

SIXTH SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

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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>February 1st</u>	Michael Hinton
<u>February 2nd</u>	Libby Manning Aylmer Rainwater
<u>February 6th</u>	Iris Reis Kaejha Stewart
<u>February 7th</u>	Ralph Pettijohn Francisco Negrete
<u>February 8th</u>	Charles Rogers
<u>February 9th</u>	Christi Faulkner Martin Aviles Cubillo
<u>February 12th</u>	Margaret Stanton Roan Sutherland Britney Aguirre Gail Lindsey Melissa Jackson
<u>February 13th</u>	Matthew Bryan
<u>February 17th</u>	Elizabeth Rodriguez
<u>February 19^h</u>	Melissa Hernandez
<u>February 20th</u>	Linda Viator Samantha Shuff
<u>February 21st</u>	Jesus Salazar
<u>February 22nd</u>	Gwen Barron Michelle McCumber
<u>February 24th</u>	Bre Ausbon
<u>February 25th</u>	Cesario Gonzalez
<u>February 28th</u>	Adams Perot

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, February 13th**

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

Monday, February 14th

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

Tuesday, February 15th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00AM - Lectio Divina

Wednesday, February 16th

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

Thursday, February 17th

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

Friday, February 18th

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

Saturday, February 19th

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Flowers donated by Roland & Pam Allen
in memory of Geraldine Dudel*



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

February 12th, 2022

Lector: Samantha Groce & Christi Weeks

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

February 13th, 2022

Lector: Ed Jacobs & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Brennan & Mathew Jackson and Kaejha Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Manning & Mary Ghougkedze

Lectores: Martin Aviles & Ema Ramirez

February 19th, 2022

Lector: Jim Martin & John Allen

Altar Servers:

February 20th, 2022

Lector: Ryan & Lorelei Feeling

Altar Servers: Charlie & Maggie Rogers and Mary Adams

Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Chartier & Gary Kennedy

Lectores: Petra Salazar y Arnulfo Perez

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 12th Gwen Hartman
(by Mary Vidrine)

Sunday February 13th Sister M. Almond Diniz +
(by Yen Hang Van)

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.

Mona 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
Emmely Gay	Marguerite Swannon
Bernice Harrison	Willie Tannerhill
Harvey Hayes	Joanne Thompson
Magnolia Johnson	Robin Thrasher
Jeffery Judice	Toni Troiano
Chris Letendre	Kathleen "Kathy"
Mary Manuel	Walter
Ken Martinez	Donna Venters
Tobie McKown	Stephen Webre
J. C. Meshell	Janice Williams
Rueben Moreno	
Kelly Morgan	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of January 29/ January 30

General Sunday Collection	\$7,536.00
Catholic Life Center	\$150.00

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.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING QTR

The current executive officers met with the newly selected ones to map out the schedule for the Spring '22 Qtr. This has become an annual tradition for the ACTS executives.



SPRING RETREAT



The annual Spring Retreat will be March 18-20, this year. Cost is \$20. Scan the QR code here to sign up. Do it now, so you don't forget!

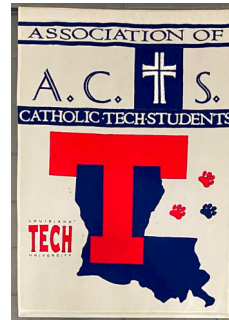


FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION

Thanks to our student chaplain, Jody Bachus for leading a discussion on the different traditions/rites within our Catholic Church.



ACTS HISTORY



In 2004, ACTS president, Candice Bread said, "Being able to grow spiritually and receiving support from students in this organization, especially during freshman year, has always been a priority of mine." During that year, ACTS participated in the Relay for Life, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and visited local nursing homes. Socially, for two years straight the ACTS women's basketball team went undefeated.

ACTS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



ACTS became a university organization 25 years ago. To celebrate this momentous act there will be an all day celebration on Saturday,

March 26, 2022, concluding with Mass and a banquet. Sr. Edith, Dr. Guice, Bishop Malone, and Fr. Tom Nairn, OFM will be joining us. Please let us know if you are planning to attend any or all of the events by scanning the QR code, or calling 318-251-0793.



BISHOP MALONE'S VISIT



If all goes as planned, Bishop Malone will be with us Sunday, February 20. He will meet with the ACTS Leadership Team at 5:00 pm and celebrate the 7 pm Mass with us.

CONGRATS JESSICA AND CHARLES

On January 29, ACTS grad Jessica Houte '15 wed Charles Creed at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Mandeville, LA. Fr. Michael Dellapenna was the presider and Br. Mike was the deacon for the ceremony. Jessica served as ACTS president and VP and taught PSR for years. The couple will reside in NOLA.



PANCAKE DINNER

The ACTS Pancake Dinner will be from 6-8pm on Thursday, 2/17/22. This is a good one!

FEBRUARY - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH (STAY) EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			5:30-7:00 Youth Council			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			5:30-7:00 Game Night & Chicken with Dumplings			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			5:30-7:00 Basketball & Food			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
No Small Groups			5:30-7:00 Bowling (Limbright at Tech)			
27	28					
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups						

PSR and SEEKERS SCHEDULE

Feb 13 PSR, SEEKERS

Feb. 20 **No Morning PSR**, President's Day Holiday. **SEEKERS** will meet at 3:00 pm.

Feb. 27 PSR, SEEKERS' First Reconciliation at 3 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION

February 13 – First Reconciliation 2nd Graders

Please be in prayer for the following children who will have their First Reconciliation this Sunday:

Bryan, Olivia,	Carranza, Sofia	Denny, Paige	Gillum, Patrick
Hickman, Beau	Mujica, Nicolle	Perot, Carson	Reis, Sophia
Turrubiarres, Alexis			

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE – PLEASE RSVP SOON!

The event will be on February 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Luffey Building.

Reminder...please RSVP to Karen Rogers at 985-320-2268 with daughter(s) names and number of guests attending the dance.

SAVE THE DATE - CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat for 8th,9th, and 10th + graders will be on April 2 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend!

February 13, 2022**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time****FEELING BLESSED**

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.

Reflection question:

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**February 13, 2022**

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."

— Luke 6:20-21a

13 de febrero de 2022 Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**SENTIRSE BENDICIDO**

¡Felicidades! ¡Bienvenido al Reino! ¡Alégrate y salta de alegría! Suena como algo de la Pascua, ¿cierto? Bueno, de una manera auténtica, lo es. Este domingo, las Escrituras nos recuerda que somos bendecidos y amados, especialmente cuando tenemos dificultades y no nos sentimos sobre todo bendecidos. Jesús nos recuerda que Dios nos bendice en nuestras pruebas, por lo que debemos confiar en el poder salvador de Dios. Estamos "resucitados de la muerte", por así decirlo, cada vez que nos levantamos de nuestras dificultades. La prueba definitiva de esto es nuestra nueva vida en Cristo, quien murió para que pudiéramos liberarnos del pecado, y quien resucitó de la muerte para que pudiéramos tener una nueva vida. ¿No sería eso algo? Una vida nueva, en la que la pobreza es riqueza y la tristeza se transforma en luz del espíritu. Es un mundo al revés, ¿verdad? ¿Te sientes bendecido hoy?

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Bienaventurado es el que confía en el Señor (Jeremías 17:5-8).

Salmo — Dichoso el hombre que ha puesto su confianza en el Señor (Salmo 1).

Segunda lectura — Cristo fue resucitado de entre los muertos, como primer fruto de los que duermen (1 Corintios 15:12, 16-20).

Evangelio — Jesús predica: Felices cuando sufren a causa del Hijo del Hombre. Les espera una recompensa grande (Lucas 6:17, 20-26).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Señor Dios, que prometiste poner tu morada en los corazones rectos y sinceros, concédenos, por tu gracia, vivir de tal manera que te dignes habitar en nosotros. 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.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Cómo puedo permitir que Dios, por medio de su gracia, haga su morada en mi corazón?

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**13 de febrero de 2022**

"Dichosos ustedes los pobres,
porque de ustedes es el Reino de Dios.
Dichosos ustedes los que ahora tienen hambre,
porque serán saciados".

— Lucas 6:20-21a

Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 13 de Febrero de 2022 (Día Mundial del Matrimonio)

"Bienaventurados los que confían en el Señor." ¿Está siendo llamado a profundizar su confianza en el amor del Señor sirviéndole como sacerdote, diácono, hermana o hermano? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 868-4441 o envíe un correo electrónico a: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 13, 2022 (World Marriage Day)

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord." Are you being called to deepen your trust in the love of the Lord by serving Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.



Church Registration

Are you receiving church emails and texts? Scan this QR code and quickly register with our church to informed about Masses and events happening in our parish.



St. Thomas Women's Guild

All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meeting on Tuesday February 15th at noon in the Luffey Catholic Life Center. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation. Please join us for this time of fellowship!

Todas las mujeres de Santo Tomás de Aquino están invitadas a la reunión del Gremio de Mujeres el martes 15 de febrero al mediodía en el Centro de Vida Católica Luffey. El almuerzo se proporcionará por una donación de \$ 5. ¡Por favor, únase a nosotros para este tiempo de compañerismo!

Men's Club Meeting

Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Youth Room, Luffey Building.

If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams
(318)548-6686

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.



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!

The Chosen

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.



SCOUT SUNDAY

We celebrated a special Scout Sunday for all the Cub scouts and Boy Scouts in our parish. Thank you to all the former Scouts who were also recognized at Mass. Your example means so much to the young Scouts and you are an example of Christianity and loyalty to the young boys.



Adult Education Possibilities

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:

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!

Super Bowl LVI ·

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Christian Community Action is representing Lincoln Parish on the national registry for the "Souper Bowl of Caring Project"

we are asking each group to collect \$1 per person

(we will purchase all soup at a later date) either February 14th or 15th please

*****turn in all monetary collections earmarked "Souper Bowl Sunday"*****

to CCA, 108 South Bonner Street, Ruston LA 71270

we will add up all donations and report all funds at one time raised for Lincoln Parish through CCA on line all donations are tax deductible and you will be offered a receipt

Engaged Couples Weekend (ECW)

February 25/26, June 24/25, October 14/15, 2022

Contact: Dotye Stanford,

dotstanford@sjbcathedral.org

Every couple is required to attend an Engaged Couples Weekend. This is a weekend retreat for couples engaged to be married in the Catholic church. It is led by a team of married couples and a priest who present on topics such as ambitions, goals, attitudes about God, sex, money, children, family, and your role in the Church and community. The members of the presenting team discuss these issues in the context of their own experience, sharing their personal stories. The main focus of the weekend, however, is to provide time for couples to privately reflect on and discuss these issues. The cost is \$175 to cover materials, food, and speakers. www.sjbcathedral.org/sacraments/marriage. On right side scroll down to Engaged Couples Weekend Register and click Use my donation to support: family life/marriage/engaged couples.

Engaged Couples Weekend – **Friday/Saturday**
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans

939 Jordan Street Shreveport LA 71101

Typical format:

We gather on **Friday, 6-9 pm, with supper beginning at 6 pm**. On **Saturday**, the weekend begins with a **continental breakfast at 9 am and end at 4 pm Mass. Lunch will be served on Saturday.**

Cost is \$175 covering food, speakers, and materials.

For info on Engaged Couples Weekends:
Dotye Sue Stanford, 318.221.5296 ext. 107,

dotstanford@sjbcathedral.org

Register for the **February Engaged Couples Weekend Fee Online: \$175**. Go to www.sjbcathedral.org, click on **Sacraments/Marriage**. On right side scroll down to **Engaged Couples Weekend Register and click on "Use my donation to support: Family Life/ Marriage/Engaged Couples.**

Future Engaged Couples Weekend will be June 24/25 and October 14/15.

200 for this week

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