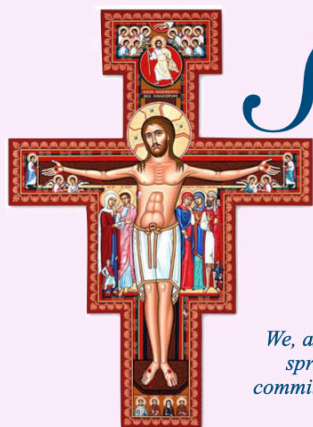


MARCH 13TH, 2022 | 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



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)

PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"MASTER, IT IS GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE;
LET US MAKE THREE TENTS,
ONE FOR YOU, ONE FOR MOSES, AND ONE FOR ELIJAH."
LUKE 9:33

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 13, 2022

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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>March 1st</u>	Bruce Cowan
<u>March 2nd</u>	Lorraine Freeman
<u>March 4th</u>	Bailey Keys
<u>March 5th</u>	Juan Alvarez Melanie Hernandez Flores Christopher DeCerbo
<u>March 6th</u>	Ana Laura Gonzalez Raythar
<u>March 7th</u>	Leah Sutherland Edward Mercier Pauline Phi Maria Vazques de Aviles Margarita Castillo
<u>March 8th</u>	Suzi Broussard
<u>March 9th</u>	Brenda Berg
<u>March 10^h</u>	Yesi Francisco
<u>March 12th</u>	Adelyn Haynie
<u>March 14th</u>	Jodie Morpew
<u>March 15th</u>	Kevin Watson
<u>March 17th</u>	Nikki Conroy Patricia Rodriguez
<u>March 18th</u>	Gary Kennedy
<u>March 22nd</u>	Gabriel Perez
<u>March 23rd</u>	Tyrette Cowan Amanda Sutherland
<u>March 26th</u>	Chris Kennedy Eli Watson
<u>March 27th</u>	Sofia Hernandez
<u>March 28th</u>	Alan Ulloa
<u>March 29th</u>	Benjamin Grafton Omar Ramirez
<u>March 30th</u>	Jennifer Pangilinan

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, March 13th**

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

Monday, March 14th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
5:30PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00PM - Parish Mission Talk

Tuesday, March 15th

8:00AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00AM - Lectio Divina
7:00PM - Parish Mission Talk

Wednesday, March 16th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
7:00PM - Parish Mission Bilingual Mass

Thursday, March 17th

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

Friday, March 18th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
12:00PM - Daily Mass
6:00PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 19th

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.

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.

**”Lord, Make Me an Instrument
of Your Peace”
“Quiero Ser, Señor Instrumento de tu Paz”**

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Mission
Ejercicios Espirituales
March 13-16, 2022
Father Ed Shea/*Padre Lalo OFM*

*Domingo, 13 de Marzo 13, 1:30 pm Misa con Charla
“El Hijo Pródigo”*

Monday, March 14, 7:00 pm
“Where there is Doubt... Faith”

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm
“Where there is Injury... Pardon”

Wednesday/Miercoles, March 16, 7:00 pm Bilingual Mass
“Where there is Despair... Esperanza



Father Ed Shea OFM is the last of a long line of Franciscan Pastors here at St. Thomas. A Franciscan who loves to sing and tell stories, FrEd rejoices most in celebrating the sacraments of our Church.

El Padre Lalo es nuestro Párroco.

Le gusta cantar y contar historias de su vida, después de 30 años como Padre Franciscano, y más que nada a él le encanta celebrar las grandezas del Señor



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LENT 2022

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446) www.usccb.org

ONLINE RAFFLE — LOTS OF PRIZES

In conjunction with the 25th Anniversary, generous donors have made it possible for us to have a raffle! Take a picture of the QR code with your phone and you may purchase tickets. If you want to purchase tickets the "old fashioned way," call us at 318 255 0793.

ACTS HISTORY



In February 2013, student chaplain, Alex Marquardt approached Br. Mike about "making" the center more "spiritual." From this discussion the nightly prayer of "10 @ 10" was born. Each evening students gather in the Student Center to pray. We begin by mentioning those things for which we are grateful, then those things for which we need. We complete the prayer by praying a song of praise. Thanks Alex!

ACTS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 3/26/21



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, Mayor Ronnie Walker, and Fr. Tom Nairn, OFM will be joining us. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED.** Scan the QR code, or call 318-251-0793 to RSVP. Come for any or all of the events! All are welcome!!



NEW TEAM FOR ACTS

is one to the new ACTS Leadership Team for 2022-23. The "current" team prayed with the new team in a spirit of "passing on the wisdom" from one team to the next. The entire prayer was centered on the San Damiano Crucifix and the goodness that each member possesses to lead ACTS for the next year.



Girl Scout' Sunday

Girl Scouts were recognized Sunday 6th, 2022. They received a Girl Scout patch, a Girl Scout Law bookmark, and a My Faith Pin project to connect their faith to the Girl Scout values. Guest girls from Troop 11, 518, and 351 were represented at this mass. St. Thomas Aquinas Girl Scouts: Kaeja Stewart, Camille Mhire, Sophia Reis, and Anna Kate Jackson.



Rite of Election

Catechumen and Candidates were honored this weekend at St. Thomas Aquinas and at the Cathedral in Shreveport. Please be in prayer for all of our RICA catechumen and candidates who will be received into the church at Easter Vigil.



MARCH - SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS YOUTH (STAY) EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
			5:30-7:30 PM Ash Wednesday			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			5:30-7:30 PM Practice for Stations of the Cross			STAY Day at the Park
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			No STAY	St. Patrick's Paintball	6:00 PM Stations of the Cross Led by STAY	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			5:30-7:30 PM Wednesday Night			Babysitting for ACTS
27	28	29	30	31		
6:00-6:45 PM Ignite Small Groups			5:30-7:30 PM Wednesday Night			

March 13, 2022**Second Sunday of Lent****A GLIMPSE OF GOD**

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Second Sunday of Lent**

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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 be more attentive to God's word?

Second Sunday of Lent**March 13, 2022**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— *Psalm 27:1***13 de marzo de 2022 Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma****UNA VISIÓN DE DIOS**

¿Alguna vez has tenido una visión de Dios? Quizá percibiste la presencia de Dios en un momento tranquilo de oración, en una conversación amable con un ser querido o en una situación difícil que se resolvió inesperadamente. En el Evangelio de hoy, Pedro, Santiago y Juan tuvieron en la montaña una visión de la gloria de Cristo, cuando Jesús se transfiguró ante ellos. Abram puso su fe en Dios y vio el poder de Dios en una maravillosa señal de amor de alianza. Tenemos la promesa de la vida eterna con Dios en el cielo. Esta promesa trae consigo misma responsabilidad, como pueblo estamos llamados a vivir en el mundo la vida misma de Cristo. La Cuaresma es el tiempo perfecto para resolver y escuchar más atentamente al Señor y seguir los caminos de Dios, con la seguridad de que, al hacerlo ponemos nuestra fe en el Dios único, verdadero y fiel.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor hizo una alianza con su siervo fiel Abram, diciendo: "A tu descendencia daré esta tierra" (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura — Esperamos al Señor Jesús, quien nos cambiará para conformarnos con su cuerpo glorificado (Filipenses 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Evangelio — Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma**

Señor Dios, que nos mandaste escuchar a tu Hijo muy amado,
dígnate alimentarnos íntimamente con tu palabra,
para que, ya purificada nuestra mirada interior,
nos alegremos en la contemplación de tu gloria.
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 estar más atento a la Palabra de Dios?

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma**13 de marzo de 2022**

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación,
¿a quién temeré?

— *Salmo 27 (26):1*

Second Sunday of Lent -- March 13, 2022

“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma - 13 de Marzo de 2022

“Este es mi Hijo, mi Elegido; ¡Escúchalo a Él!” Si al escuchar al Señor siente la invitación a seguir a Cristo 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.”

Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call St. Vincent de Paul, they are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 255-8090 so that together we can help the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.**



There is going to be ozanam training for new associate and active members of St. Vincent de Paul sometime this spring. It will probably be a zoom meeting. If interested please let Becky Garza know by 17 March. Email: bgtntx@cs.com or call 265-2740.

Ministry to the Homebound

Please contact the church office or Dc. John Serio (318-278-3600) if you need communion brought to your home. If you are aware of someone that needs communion brought to them please contact us. We do have a team of parishioners ready to assist.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and would like to help with this ministry please contact Dc. John.



Greetings from the Welcome Committee! Saint Thomas Aquinas has always tried to be a welcoming church. Sometimes we are not as welcoming as we would like to be. For Lent 2022, let us recommit ourselves to be a welcoming church.

Some ideas are:

- meet people at the door,
- reach out to someone you don't know,
- pray for each other.





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!

What's your PLAN for Lent this year??

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving

Here's a crazy idea: Don't just "give up" something for Lent this year! This year, make a plan for how you want to live all three of the traditional Lenten practices:

PRAYER -- Let us pray for each other and for an end to the war in Ukraine

FASTING -- Let's make some significant sacrifices this year

ALMSGIVING -- How about a big push for filling up those rice bowls??

St. Thomas is READY to celebrate this great season of repentance... Let's do it together!

Lenten Opportunity

Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from differences; Feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from living in the dark; Feast on the reality of the Light.

Fast from thoughts of sickness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on the phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on God's providence.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negativity; Feast on the positive.

Fast from stress; Feast on prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on cooperation.

Fast from self-concern. Feast on compassion.

Fast from anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.

Fast from depression; Feast on delight.

Fast from laziness; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from suspicion; Feast on trust.

Fast from weakness; Feast on inspiration.

Fast from sorrow; Feast on contentment.

Fast from gossip; Feast on complimenting.

Fast from overwhelming problems; Feast on the Spirit.

Ministry Schedule

March 12th, 2022

Lector: Dolly Hurtig and Ed Jacobs

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

March 13th, 2022

Lector: Ryan & Lorelei Feeling

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ghougkedze and Lee Smith

Lectores: Imelda Ramirez e Ilda Solis

March 19th, 2022

Lector: Jim Martin & John Allen

Altar Servers:

March 20th, 2022

Lector: Paul Jackson & Bre Ausbon

Altar Servers: Kaehja Stewart, Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Martin & Emily Chartier

Lectores: Alfredo Morelos & Petra Salazar

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"	Jo Mary Smith
Doiron	Nicole 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	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 13th Dominic Paternoster +
(by Victor Languilli)

Tuesday March 15th Miller Family
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

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.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of February 26/ February 27

General Sunday Collection	\$6,217.00
Catholic Life Center	\$250.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

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. Or call our office and make sure we have your email and phone number in our system!



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.



FIRST COMMUNION SONG PRACTICE

2nd Grade: February 27, March 6, March 27, April 3, and April 24. The 2nd graders will practice immediately after the 9:30 am Mass on the above dates.

SEEKERS: March 27, April 3, April 24

The SEEKERS will practice during class at 3:00 pm in the church on the listed dates above.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!!!

The date for the Confirmation Retreat is April 2, 2022. The retreat will be at the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Students currently in SUNDAY Confirmation classes with Ms. Paula Martin or Deacon Ransom are expected to attend. The sponsor or a parent in place of the sponsor will be asked to attend a portion of the time as well.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

March 11 Deacon Ransom's Confirmation Class will lead.

March 18th STAY will lead.

March 26th Children will lead. A second practice will be March 20th immediately after the 9:30 am Mass.

April 1 Led by ACTS

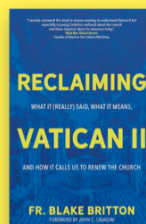
April 8 Led by Deacon John Serio

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Reclaiming Vatican II

Reclaiming Vatican II — Attention all STA Parishioners! It was nearly 60 years ago when Pope John XXIII invited the Church to renewal and revitalization called Vatican II. There are still a lot of questions people have about what happened back then and what is still happening in our Church today. During Lent this year, we will be talking about this book by **Father Blake Britton**, and everyone is welcome to attend. We will gather every Sunday morning after the 9:30 am Mass in the Luffey Center.. All people (and opinions) are welcome!



TASTE OF ST. THOMAS

Thank you for attending, sharing your food and supporting this event!



200 for this week

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