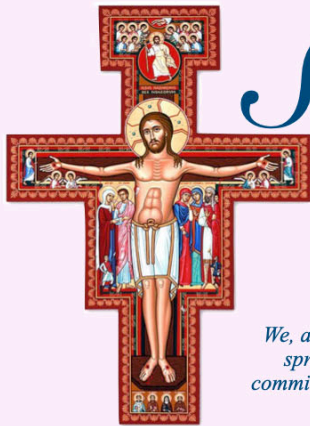


MARCH 27TH, 2022 | 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

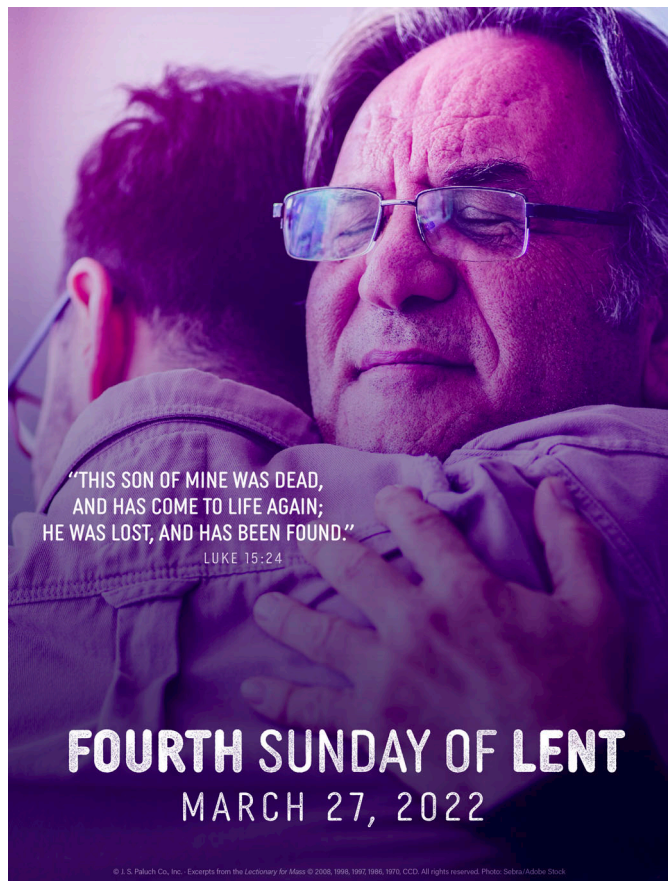
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in advance to schedule

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)



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.

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 27th**

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

Monday, March 28th

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

Tuesday, March 29th

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

Wednesday, March 30th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Thursday, March 31st

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

Friday, April 1st

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

Saturday, April 2nd

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.

Ministry Schedule

March 26th, 2022

Lector: Pam Allen & Dolly Hurtig

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

March 27th, 2022

Lector: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Altar Servers: Charlie & Maggie Rogers, Hannah Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Alex St. Cyr & Rodney Manning

Lectores: Dulce Aviles y Martin Aviles

April 2nd, 2022

Lector: Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks

Altar Servers:

April 3rd, 2022

Lector: Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Josie and Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Jackson & Jeremy Walkenford

Lectores:

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
Frankie Career	Pearline Robey
Tony Clark	Lometa Rorie
Judy Darcey	Mary Russo
Jill Denys	Gloria Saldana
Layten Davis	Laura Leigh Saleese
Adrien "Butch"	Ginger Schanks
Doiron	Jo Mary Smith
Sean Dwyer	Nicole Smith
Emmely Gay	Holly Hollis Star
Bernice Harrison	Marguerite Swannon
Harvey Hayes	Willie Tannerhill
Magnolia Johnson	Joanne Thompson
Jeffery Judice	Robin Thrasher
Chris Letendre	Toni Troiano
Mary Manuel	Kathleen "Kathy"
Ken Martinez	Walter
Tobie McKown	Donna Venters
J. C. Meshell	Stephen Webre
Rueben Moreno	Janice Williams
Kelly Morgan	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday March 27th Dominic Paternoster +
(by Michael Languilli)

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.

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.



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of March 12/ March 13

General Sunday Collection	\$7,658.00
Catholic Life Center	\$40.00

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 (318) 255-2870 and make sure we have your email and phone number in our system!





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LENT 2022



What is Lent About? It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control—it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form. Bishop Ricken of Green Bay, WI.

ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



LET IT SNOW!



WELCOME FR. TOM NAIRN, OFM

Fr. Tom Nairn will be joining us for the anniversary party and will be the presider at the Sunday Masses this weekend. Fr. Thomas Nairn, O.F.M. is the Provincial Minister of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscans, headquartered in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio in 1948, he entered the Franciscan Order in 1968 and was ordained a priest in 1975. He earned an M.Div. and M.A. in Theology from the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago and a Ph.D. from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago in Christian Theology with a specialization in Christian Ethics. From 1980 until 2008, he taught at CTU, becoming the Erica and Harry John Professor of Catholic Theological Ethics. During that time, he was also medical ethics consultant to several Chicago hospitals and the Franciscan priesthood studies formation director. In 2008, he became the Senior Director of Ethics at the Catholic Health Association of the United States, and served in that position until he was elected Provincial in 2017. Fr. Nairn has published four books and various academic, professional, and popular articles on moral theology, especially in the area of health care ethics. He has taught or lectured in several countries. In 2014, he was appointed by the Vatican Council for the Laity as Ecclesiastical Advisor to the International Catholic Committee for Nurses and Health Care Workers.



WELCOME BISHOP MALONE



Francis Ignatius Malone, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was ordained a priest on May 21, 1977 for the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas. On May 21, 1998, he was conferred Prelate of Honor to His Holiness with the title of Reverend Monsignor. He was called to the order of bishop on November 19, 2019, for service in North Louisiana. On January 28, 2020, he was ordained and installed as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport.

WELCOME SR. EDITH SCHNELL, OP

Sr. Edith Schnell, OP was campus minister at St. Thomas from 1994-2000. She will be joining us for the anniversary party this weekend. Welcome back! Sr. Edith was educated by Grand Rapids Dominican Sisters at St. Michael School in Maple Grove, New Lothrop, Michigan. Dominican Sisters planted the seed of helping others in her heart and assisted her in cultivating, fertilizing, and nurturing the growth of that seed. She continued her education at Aquinas College, completing a BA degree and a Masters of Religious Education. As Sister Edith set out on a life of service, the charisms of joy and hospitality permeated each of her life and ministry choices. Through the years, her diverse ministries were a great source of personal enrichment. Teaching in elementary schools, ministering in parishes as Director of Religious Education, operating food pantries and soup kitchens, sheltering homeless families, ministering to college students, initiating, organizing and leading family-centered intergenerational religious education, and working in areas of peace and justice have always enhanced her life. This is her 60th year as a Dominican Sister! Congratulations!



Children's Liturgy Leaders - Spring Quarter

March 27 Melissa Jackson

April 3 Haley Perot

Palm Sunday - No Children's Liturgy

Easter Sunday - No Children's Liturgy

April 24 Haley Perot

First Communion Song Practice

2nd Grade: 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.

Stations of the Cross

April 1 Led by ACTS

April 8 Led by Deacon John Serio

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual egg hunt will be at the church since there will be a Palm Sunday breakfast and blood drive that day. All PSR families with kids in grades 2nd grade and younger are asked to bring 12 pre-filled eggs by April 3.

Franciscan at Home

The Diocese of Shreveport has purchased a yearlong subscription to the Franciscan at Home online platform. If anyone is interested in new resources for faith formation, Franciscan at Home can be used independently or in group settings. Email Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com for a how-to flyer to sign up for a free account. Learning Tracks include: Catechist Track - Youth Ministry Track - RCIA Track - Parish Catechetical Leader Track - Catholic Schools Track - Hispanic Faith and Family Track - Ministry of Parenting Track - Pastoral Accompaniment Track - Campus Ministry Track - First Proclamation Track - Africa-American Faith and Family Track - Special Needs Track - Culture of Life Track - Diocesan Officials Track - Priestly Renewal Track - Sports Ministry Track - Music Ministry Track - Collegial Outreach Track - Franciscan Spirituality Track - The Sacrament of the Eucharist - Eucharistic Discipleship - Dealing with Crisis and Conflict from a Christian Perspective - An Introduction to Spiritual Combat - Sacramentals in the Life of the Church - In Spanish: Tres Modelos del proceso de RICA - In Spanish: Catequesis eficaz en la pastoral juvenil - In Spanish: Fundamentos filosóficos de la catequesis.

Rice Bowls

For Catholic Relief Services will be due on Palm Sunday. Online Donations can also be made with a card or PayPal: <https://support.crs.org/donate/change-life-lent-0?ms=orbric1821rb100nav00>

To donate by phone: 1-877-435-7277

To donate by mail: Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21297-0303

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 am I preparing myself for the celebrations

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

27 de marzo de

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

PERDIDO Y ENCONTRADO

La parábola del padre y sus hijos es una de las más conocidas de todas las historias de Jesús. El padre de la parábola es espléndido en el perdón y se deleita con el regreso de su hijo menor, el que estaba perdido y ahora lo ha encontrado. El hijo mayor también está perdido; perdido por su negación a perdonar, perdido por su incapacidad para comprender el espíritu generoso de su padre. Los israelitas pasaron muchos de los años perdidos en el desierto, buscando la tierra de leche y miel, pero muchas veces fracasaron para buscar al Dios que los liberó y alimentó. Nosotros también algunas veces estamos perdidos. Perdemos de vista al Señor y a sus caminos. Sin embargo, Dios nunca nos pierde de vista. Dios espera, listo para que volvamos a entrar en razón, listo para recibirnos de nuevo con los brazos abiertos.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El pueblo de Dios entra a la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) *o* 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo — Gusten y vean qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) *o* Salmo 23(22).

Segunda lectura — Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo (Corintios 5:17-21) *o* Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio — Debemos celebrar cuando nuestro hermano se arrepiente y vuelve a la vida (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) *o* Juan 9: 1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Señor Dios, que por tu Palabra realizas admirablemente la reconciliación del género humano, concede al pueblo cristiano prepararse con generosa entrega y fe viva a celebrar las próximas fiestas de la Pascua. 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.

Preguntas de reflexión:

¿Cómo me preparo para celebrar la Semana Santa?
¿Hay algo más que pueda hacer?

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

27 de marzo de 2022

El que vive según Cristo
es una criatura nueva;
para él todo lo viejo ha pasado.
Ya todo es nuevo.

— 2 Corintios 5:17

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 27, 2022

"God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma - 27 de Marzo de 2022

"Dios está apelando a través de nosotros." ¿Te atrae una vida dedicada a promover la gracia de la reconciliación en Cristo para los demás? Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 868-4441 o envíe un correo electrónico a: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father. **In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 15 families, providing \$1,916.92 in food, utilities and rent bills. Thank You!**

**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.

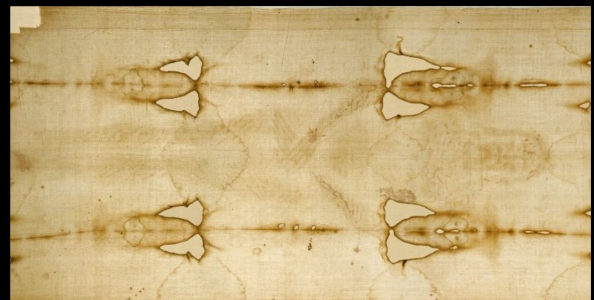
Fast from suspicion; Feast on trust.

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.



THE MYSTERY OF THE PASSION

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS

THE SHROUD ART COLLECTION AND EXHIBIT
WILL BE OPEN IN THE PARISH HALL

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15
FROM 12:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION ON THE SHROUD AT 1:00 P.M.
BY DR. CHERYL WHITE

Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday (April 14-17)
As we pass through the journey of Lent, it's always important to remember where we're going. Here is the schedule for those high holy days here at St. Thomas:

Holy Thursday:

7:00 pm Celebration of Lord's Supper (Bilingual)

Good Friday:

Noon Stations (English)

3:00 pm Via Crucis Viviente (Español)

7:00 pm Celebration of Lord's Passion (English)

Holy Saturday

Noon - Soup R Chili

7:30 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual)



"Soup R Chili: A Community Meal for Easter"

Saturday, April 16, 2022

12 Noon to 2:00 pm

Please join us for a FREE LUNCH anticipation of the great Season of Resurrection and New Life!

This is an INVITATION from:

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
813 Carey Ave.

ALL are WELCOME in this place!



If you are a Catholic young man who has wondered about the priesthood, this weekend is a perfect opportunity to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for you.

Type of Event: Vocation Discernment

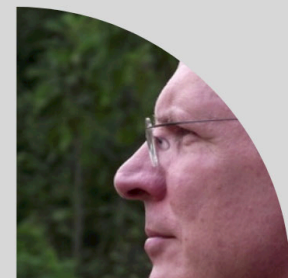
Ages: Men 16-25

Location: St. Joseph Seminary College near Covington, LA

Contact Person: Fr. Peter B.
Mangum 318-2215296



Guest
Speaker



STAY
HS SMALL GROUP
Sunday, March 27
6:00-6:45 PM

The Church as the
Body of Christ

Br. Mike Ward,
OFM



4/3/22

TRAIL RUN






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GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS WALK FOR JUSTICE

Presented by: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the traditional Good Friday Way of the Cross in downtown Shreveport. As we prepare for Easter, this is a meaningful way to experience and contemplate the Passion of Christ. The stations are represented by agencies within our community that follow Christ's example of outreach to our neighbors in need. Invite others to join you.

WHEN: Good Friday, April 15, 2022

WHERE: Begins and ends behind First United Methodist Church of Shreveport at the Head of Texas Street. Parking is available.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

In the event of rain, it will be held at Holy Trinity Church, 315 Marshall Street.

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IN SPANISH

Good Friday
April 15 at 3:00 PM
810 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270

For more information, please call 318-224-0980



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9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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**STAY-
DAY AT
THE PARK**

FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
YOUTH

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
GRADES: 6-12



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