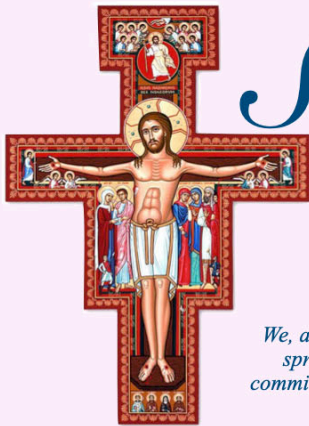


APRIL 10TH, 2022 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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

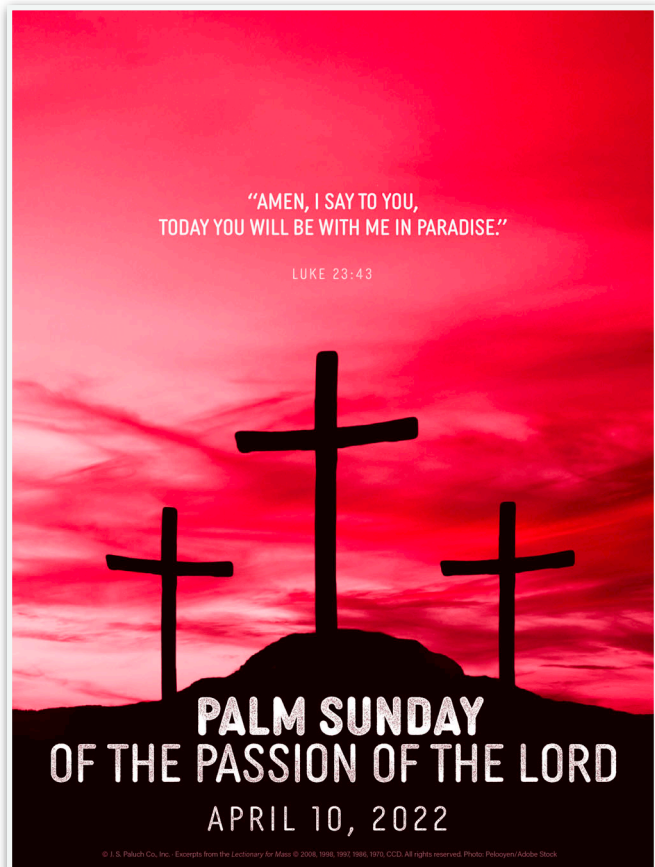
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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)



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>April 1st</u>	Robert Ramson
<u>April 3rd</u>	Ilda Ajanel Solis Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio Camila Carranza
<u>April 4th</u>	Harris Perot Richard Hooper Bill Schodlatz
<u>April 5th</u>	Teresa Richard Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson Saul Salazar
<u>April 6th</u>	Marlene Nammour
<u>April 8th</u>	John Serio Emanuel Gomez
<u>April 12th</u>	Braydyn Lopez
<u>April 14th</u>	Hannah-Claire Bryan
<u>April 15th</u>	Jimmy Stuff Allie Wilson
<u>April 16th</u>	Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman Julia Guerrero
<u>April 18th</u>	Paige Denny Patricia Plata Julie Richard
<u>April 19th</u>	Sofia Carranza
<u>April 21st</u>	Keeva Conroy Margie Skipper Taylor Coulter
<u>April 22nd</u>	Jonathan Lopez
<u>April 23rd</u>	Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre
<u>April 25th</u>	Sharon Pettijohn Lee VanderShaaf Taylor Fincher
<u>April 27th</u>	Carol Mercier
<u>April 28th</u>	Bailee Reger
<u>April 29th</u>	Mallory Taylor

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, April 10th**

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

Monday, April 11th

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

Tuesday, April 12th

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

Wednesday, April 13th

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

Thursday, April 14th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
7:00PM - Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15th

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Closed
12:00PM - Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM - Via Crucis Viviente
7:00PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 16th

7:30 PM - Easter Vigil (Bilingual)



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

April 9th, 2022

Lector: Jim Martin & John Allen

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

April 10th, 2022

Lector: Ryan Freling & Lorelei Feeling

Altar Servers: Mac, Keeva & Doc Conroy

Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle McCumber & Gary Kennedy

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday April 14th, 2022

Lector: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Good Friday April 15th, 2022

Lector: Samantha Groce & Jim Martin

Easter Vigil April 16th, 2022

Lector: Pam Allen, Dolly Hurtig & Christie Weeks

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Easter April 17th, 2022

Lector: Paul Jackson & Bre Ausbon

Altar Servers: Rosie & Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger

Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Mercier & Lee Smith

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	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of March 26/ March 27

General Sunday Collection	\$6,060.00
Catholic Life Center	\$250.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday April 10th</u>	Bernadette Bennett The Luffey Family <i>(by Barbara Lewis)</i>
	Walter Buboltz + <i>(by Teresa Buboltz)</i>

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.

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? When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love. Bishop Ricken of Green Bay, WI.

"LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS"

Thanks to all you participated in the ACTS Live Stations of the Cross last weekend. ACTS has been praying the "Biblical Stations of the Cross", developed by St. JP II, for the past 10 years.



SPRING CLEANING

Every Spring, ACTS hosts a spring cleaning Saturday. ACTS members literally take the Catholic Student Center apart and put it back together again! This is one way ACTS expresses its gratitude for the gift of the Student Center and the resident parishioners.



GAME NIGHT



It's been a very busy quarter for ACTS members with spring retreat, the anniversary party and Stations of the Cross right after each other. A good way to recover is to have mac and cheese and board games! Thanks to James and Cody of the socials committee!

ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



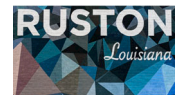
ANNIVERSARY PARTY

There were around 250 people here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the name "ACTS". At the banquet, the ACTS presidents lined up for a photo. Most of them were here, including Giovanna Giarelli, the first ACTS president! This is an incredible testimony to our college ministry program. The dedication of the both resident parishioners and the students have an impressive track record.



REACHING RUSTON +

From May 28 - June 3 the Association of Catholic Tech Students will be putting on their second annual Reaching Ruston + mission trip. This mission aims to provide community service for parishioners and the people of Ruston as well as bridge the gap between parishioner, student relations. If any parishioner has yard work and/or household chores that they need help with please call the number provided below. We aren't sure how many people will be able to help but if you call we will try our best to work you into the schedule. Funding for the mission will be provided, however, if you still want to get involved many parishioners in the past have been gracious enough to cook a meal for the team so if you would like to get involved in this way just let us know when you call. Association of Catholic Tech Students E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center (318) 251-0793. Sincerely, Joe Long and Ethan Dowell.



Children's Liturgy Leaders - Spring Quarter

April 3 Haley Perot

Palm Sunday April 10 Melissa Jackson

Easter Sunday No Children's Liturgy

April 24 Haley Perot

May 1 No Children's Liturgy

May 8 No Children's Liturgy

First Communion Song Practice

2nd Grade: April 24: The 2nd graders will practice immediately after the 9:30 am Mass on the above dates.

SEEKERS: April 24: The SEEKERS will practice during class at 3:00 pm in the church on the listed dates above.

High School Graduation Scholarship

If you have a high school graduate this year, please contact the PSR office ASAP. PSR office: 318-310-4009 or stthomaspsr430@gmail.com. Scholarship essay information will be mailed to your senior for a chance to apply for the Father Jerry Thelen Scholarship hosted by the Women's Guild. We will honor all high school graduates on **Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 am Mass**. A reception will follow.

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=orbric1821rbl00nav00>

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

April 10, 2022**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord****THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST'S LOVE**

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Almighty ever-living God,
who as an example of humility
for the human race to follow
caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the
Cross,

graciously grant that we may heed
his lesson of patient suffering
and so merit a share in his Resurrection.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**April 10, 2022**

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7a***10 de abril de 2022****Domingo de Ramos "De la Pasión del Señor"****EL MENSAJE DE AMOR DE CRISTO**

Desde la proclamación del Evangelio al principio de la liturgia, sabemos que hoy es diferente, no sólo porque escuchamos dos pasajes del Evangelio, o porque sostenemos palmas y caminamos en procesión. Hoy comienza la Semana Santa, un tiempo aparte, una semana en la que escuchar, orar, reflexionar y tomar en serio la realidad de la pasión de Cristo, crucifixión, muerte y, al final la resurrección. Se necesita una semana, y toda una vida, para escuchar atentamente el mensaje del amor de Cristo. Nos resulta difícil comprender que Jesús se sacrificó por voluntad propia, por lo que debemos escuchar la historia una y otra vez. Que esta semana sea para nosotros un nuevo momento de fe en el que, junto con el ladrón que fue crucificado con Cristo, gritemos "Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando vengas en tu reino".

LECTURAS DE HOY

Evangelio para la procesión de los ramos — ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! (Lucas 19:28-40)

Primera lectura — A pesar de mi sufrimientos no quedaré confundido. No me siento avergonzado (Isaías 50:4-7).

Salmo — Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado? (Salmo 22 [21]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús se despojó totalmente y Dios lo llenó de exaltación (Filipenses 2:6-11).

Evangelio — El recuento de la pasión de Cristo según san Lucas (Lucas 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Domingo de Ramos "De la pasión del Señor"**

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
que quisiste que nuestro Salvador
se hiciera hombre y padeciera en la cruz
para dar al género humano ejemplo de humildad,
concédenos, benigno, seguir las enseñanzas de su
pasión
y que merezcamos participar de su gloriosa
resurrección.

Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu
Santo

y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Domingo de Ramos**"De la Pasión del Señor"****10 de abril de 2022**

El Señor me ayuda,
por eso no quedaré confundido.

— *Isaías 50:7a*



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!

HOLY LAND GIFTS OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS

Blessed Olive wood Creations, a Christian group from Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish on April 9,10 They will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. They will also have some beautiful Olive Wood carvings, which are all handmade by the Christian people in Bethlehem, for sale after all the Masses.

The purpose of this visit is to help maintain the existence of the catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholic Christians were once the majority in that land, but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.3%. Please take time to look at the carvings, make a purchase, and help this church maintain a presence in the very land where our Lord was born, where He preached the Good News and where His Kingdom was first established. These carvings make great sacramental gifts that have an added special significance, given where and why they were made.

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.



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.

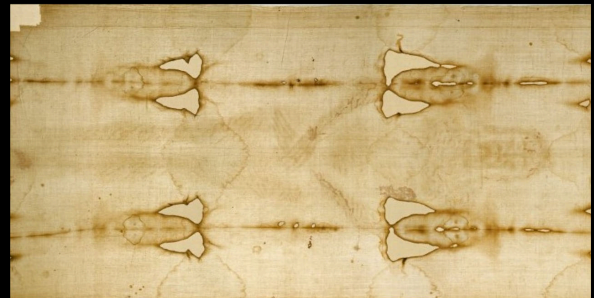
Chrism Mass

The celebration of the Chrism Mass will be held on **Tuesday, April 12th, 2022, beginning at 6:00 PM** in the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

Most Reverend Francis I. Malone, Bishop of Shreveport will preside. The Holy Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens will be blessed, and the priests will renew their commitment to priestly service at this Mass. Everyone in the diocese is invited to attend the Chrism Mass.

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 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!



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.



Women's Guild

Asociación de Damas

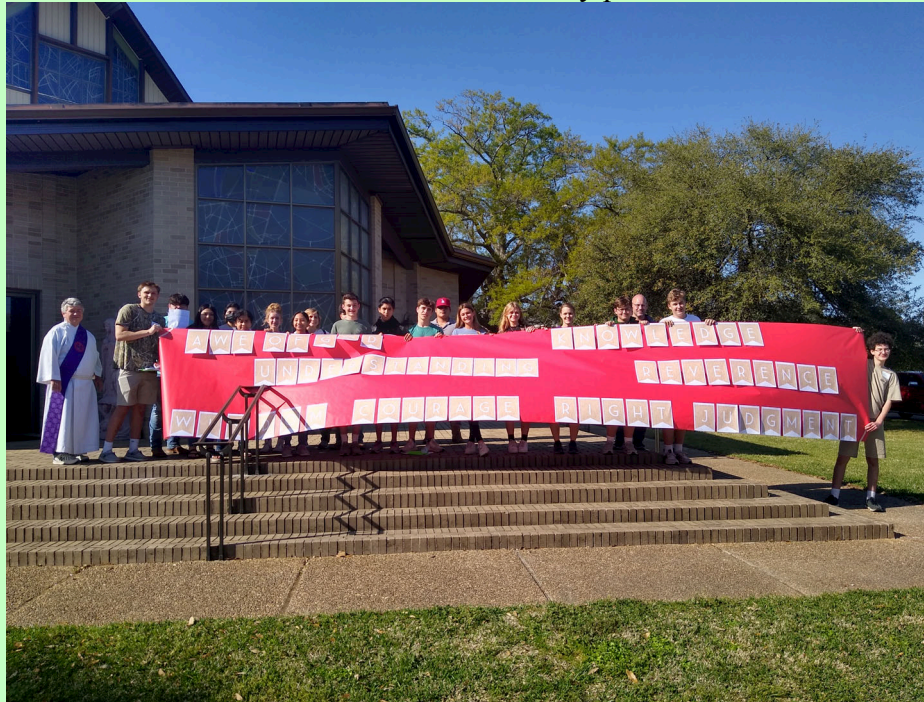
All ladies of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild lunch meeting on Tuesday April 12th at noon in the Luffey Center. I hope you can join us in sharing a meal and friendship. Any questions--call Rhonda at (318) 548-7127.

Todas las damas de Santo Tomás de Aquino están invitadas a la reunión de almuerzo del Gremio de Mujeres el martes 12 de abril al mediodía en el Centro Luffey. Espero que puedas unirse a nosotros para compartir una comida y amistad. Cualquier pregunta: llame a Rhonda al (318) 548-7127.

Confirmation Retreat

The retreat for our current candidates was held on Saturday, April 2.

It was a great day filled with activities including breakfast, games at Hideaway Park, a prayer walk, lunch and a talk on Evangelization, Saint research, and the fruits of the spirit. The group concluded the day by attending Mass together with the church and their parents and sponsors. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made the day possible!



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.**

Domingo de Ramos La Pasión del Señor

Hoy celebramos la triunfante entrada de Jesús a Jerusalén y el inicio de la semana más sagrada para todo Cristiano. Roguemos por la gracia para aceptar nuestra propia cruz y seguir a Jesús por medio de Su muerte, hacia una vida nueva. **Cuando pongas tu regalo en la Caja Pobre de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, consta que eres un signo del amor de Dios a aquellos quienes cargan una cruz de sufrimiento y dolor.**



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Viernes Santo
15 de Abril a las 3:00 PM
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Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
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**THE LIVING STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**
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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PARA LOS JOVENES DE LA
PARROQUIA DE SANTO
TOMÁS

SÁBADO, 23 DE ABRIL
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
GRADOS: 6-12



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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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