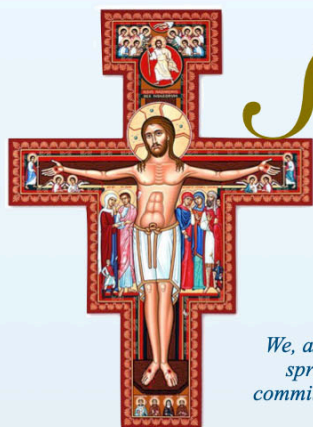


APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



# 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

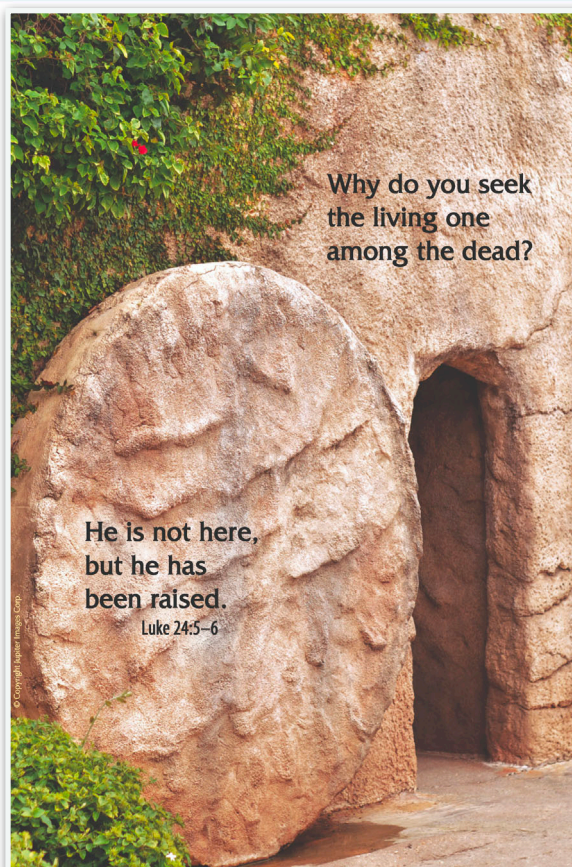
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## CONFESSIONS

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)



Why do you seek  
the living one  
among the dead?

He is not here,  
but he has  
been raised.

Luke 24:5-6

## 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**

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

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

[starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master list.

**THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE****Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30AM - Sunday Mass  
1:30PM - Misa en Español  
7:00PM - NO Sunday Mass

**Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open  
7:00PM - Daily Mass

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00AM - 3:00PM - Closed  
12:00PM - Daily Mass

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### HOLY WEEK

#### Holy Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

#### Good Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Samantha Groce & Jim Martin

#### Easter Vigil April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Pam Allen, Dolly Hurtig & Christie Weeks

**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

#### Easter April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Paul Jackson & Bre Ausbon

**Altar Servers:** Rosie & Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Mercier & Jim Martin

**Lectores:** Juan Ramirez y Rosa Ramirez

#### April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** John Allen & Pamela Allen

#### April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Stacey Denny & AJ Barbiero

**Altar Servers:** Charlie & Maggie Rogers, Hannah Bryan

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rodney Manning & Alex St. Cyr

**Lectores:** Angel Ventura y Alfredo Morelos

## 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 April 2/ April 3*

General Sunday Collection                      \$19,644.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>                      Stanley Viator +  
(by Linda Viator)

Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>                      Percy 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.

## 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!





# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



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

## NO 7PM EASTER SUNDAY MASS

## HAPPY EASTER — FROM ACTS



## WELCOME ULM CCM



This past weekend, ACTS hosted the Catholic Campus Ministry folks from ULM to Ruston. The two ministries are participated in a “fun day” together complete with friendly competition and a grand prize.



## ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



We were so blessed to have Sr. Edith Schnell, OP join us for the anniversary party. Sr. Edith was a significant presence here at St. Thomas Church and Student Center from 1993-2003. A good number of alumni from that time were able to visit too!



## RAFFLE WINNERS!

Thanks to all the folks who participated in the two raffles ACTS sponsored as part of the 25th anniversary celebration. Here is a list of the winners and their prizes.

- André Aguillard**
- Danielle Nash**
- Edie Martone**
- Linda Oakley**
- Linda Viator**
- Vince Miller**
- Will Lancaster**
- Melinda Bryan**

- KT Kakes Cookie Basket**
- Tech Themed Basket**
- Nutribullet Blender Combo**
- Just Peachy Gift Basket**
- R2-D2 Instant Pot**
- Instant Pot Duo-Crisp Air Fryer**
- Nutribullet Brew Choice**
- Tech Football Season Tickets**

## 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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: April 24

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## 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

## Important Dates:

April 24 Graduation Mass 9:30 am, reception to follow

April 27 First Communion Practice (2nd Grade) 5 pm in the church

April 30 SEEKERS First Communion Mass 5 pm, reception to follow

May 1 First Communion (2nd Grade) Mass 9:30 am, reception to follow

May 6 Confirmation Practices 6 pm (Ransom's Class) and 7 pm (Paula's Class)

May 7 Confirmation Mass 10 am (Ransom's Class) and 2 pm (Paula's Class)

May 8 May Crowning and Holy Rosary in the Garden

Check your email and texts to sign up for ways to help with receptions for each of these Masses. Thank you!

## Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection. **As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.**

## Domingo de Pascua

Hoy, cuando celebramos la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, como María Magdalena y los Discípulos, nos encontramos con el desafío de ver y creer en la Resurrección. **Cuando pones tu regalo en la Caja Pobre de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, ayudas a aquellos quienes son pobres y que tienen hambre a "ver y creer" en la Resurrección del Señor.**



**April 17, 2022**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
EVERYTHING IS CHANGED**

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today's psalm guides our response to God's power: "it is wonderful in our eyes." Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus' resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John's Gospel admits that the disciples "did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." Even Jesus' closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become "a fresh batch of dough." Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm** — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**(1) Second Reading** — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

*At the Mass during the Day*

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.

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.

**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord**

**April 17, 2022**

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins  
through his name. — Acts 10:43

**17 de abril de 2022**

**Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor  
CAMBIA TODO**

La Pascua lo cambia todo. Al haber resucitado de la muerte, Jesús destroza las imágenes espantosas que persiguen a la humanidad. La traición, la tortura, la crucifixión, la muerte, el entierro, estos terrores palidecen ante la gloria brillante de Jesús resucitado. El salmo de hoy guía nuestra respuesta al poder de Dios: "es maravilloso a nuestros ojos". Hoy es, en efecto un día para maravillarse, para agitarse de asombro ante la resurrección de Jesús. Durante toda la historia de la humanidad, la muerte había sido el final. Sin embargo, en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro atestigua que Jesús, quien había sido ejecutado públicamente, fue resucitado por Dios. El Evangelio de Juan admite que los discípulos "aún no entendían la Escritura de que tenía que resucitar de la muerte". Incluso los amigos más cercanos no esperaban esta novedad, la vida después de la muerte. En respuesta al milagro de la Pascua, Pablo nos dice que seamos "un poco de levadura" para hacer "fermentar toda la masa". Todo, incluso nuestro propio ser, debe convertirse en algo nuevo. La Pascua lo cambia todo.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Pedro es un testigo: el Señor ha resucitado (Hechos 10:34a, 37-43).

Salmo — Este es el día en que actuó el Señor: sea nuestra alegría y nuestro gozo (Salmo 118 [117]).

**(1) Segunda lectura** — Todos los bautizados, eleven su corazón al cielo (Colosenses 3:1-4) o

**(2) Segunda lectura** — Cristo nuestra Pascua fue sacrificado; por tanto celebremos (1 Corintios 5:6b-8).

**Evangelio** — Tres testigos, María, Pedro y Juan; cada uno responde a la tumba vacía (Juan 20:1-9) o Lc 24:1-12 (o en Misas de la tarde o la noche, Lc 24:13-35).

**ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

**Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor**

**Misa del día**

Señor Dios, que por medio de tu Unigénito,  
vencedor de la muerte,  
nos has abierto hoy las puertas de la vida eterna,  
concede a quienes celebramos  
la solemnidad de la resurrección del Señor,  
resucitar también en la luz de la vida eterna,  
por la acción renovadora de tu Espíritu.  
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.

**Domingo de Pascua  
de la Resurrección del Señor**

**17 de abril de 2022**

El testimonio de los profetas es unánime:  
que cuantos creen en él reciben,  
por su medio, el perdón de los pecados.

— *Hechos 10:43*



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!

## 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.



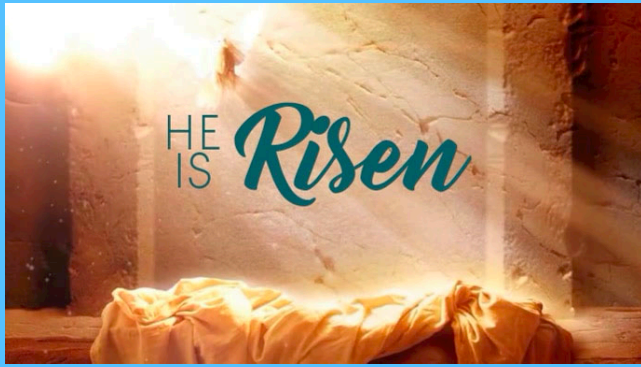
## Youth Small Group

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.



## 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.



### A personal message from Fr. Ed Christ is Risen indeed... Alleluia!!

Brothers and Sisters, please allow me to take a moment to wish you a most Blessed and Holy Easter Season which begins today on Easter Sunday. There certainly is a lot of NEW LIFE here at St. Thomas, and I look forward to the "explosion" of sacraments in the months to come.

It has been my privilege to walk with you these past seven months. I thank you for your Southern Hospitality and I look forward to a future full of HOPE for this wonderful Church. HAPPY EASTER!!

Paz y Bien,  
FrEd



### Mensaje personal del Padre Lalo Cristo ha resucitado... ¡¡Aleluya!!

Hermanos y hermanas, permítanme tomarme un momento para desearles un tiempo de Pascua muy bendito y santo que comienza hoy el Domingo de Pascua. Ciertamente hay mucha NUEVA VIDA aquí en Santo Tomás, y espero con ansias la "explosión" de sacramentos en los próximos meses.

Ha sido un privilegio para mí caminar con ustedes estos últimos siete meses. Les agradezco por su hospitalidad sureña y espero un futuro lleno de ESPERANZA para esta maravillosa Iglesia. ¡¡FELICES PASCUAS!!

Paz y Bien,

Fred



You're Invited!

Open House at Mary's House

**On Give for Good Tuesday, May 3rd, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

See how you're making a difference for moms

and babies!

Come for a complimentary lunch catered by Silver Star Catering.

Mary's House, 906 Margaret Place, Shreveport.

We hope to see you Tuesday, May 3rd!



# EASTER EGG HUNT



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**RUSTON, LA 71270**