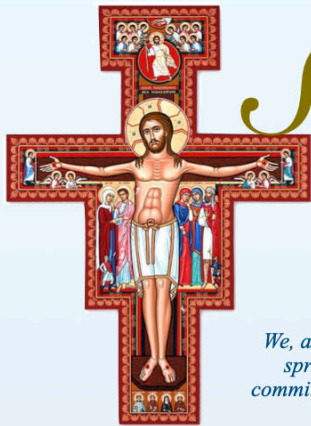


MAY 1ST, 2022 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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)



JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,
“SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME MORE
THAN THESE?”

JOHN 21:15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 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>May 1st</u>	Karyn Lopez Emelina Lopez
<u>May 2nd</u>	Samantha Groce Abraham Priego
<u>May 3rd</u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 5th</u>	Nancy Roger
<u>May 7th</u>	Amanda Serio Juana Turrubiarres Sheila Gonzalez
<u>May 9th</u>	Ryan Colvin Erin Rabb Thurston Allen Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez Alex Lainez
<u>May 10th</u>	Leonor Garcia
<u>May 11th</u>	Daniela Derosa Jonah McCumber
<u>May 12th</u>	Steven Shuff
<u>May 14th</u>	Jack Groce
<u>May 15th</u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 16th</u>	Madelyn Bryan
<u>May 17th</u>	Elaine Johnson Diana Perez
<u>May 18th</u>	George Gillum Cynthia Corcia
<u>May 19th</u>	Charles Barron
<u>May 20th</u>	Bala Ramachandran Virginia Rainwater
<u>May 21st</u>	Marina Bishop Reece Morphey Katie McCumber
<u>May 24th</u>	Mindy Bryan Alexander Moore
<u>May 25th</u>	Gregorio Garcia
<u>May 26th</u>	Lorena Lopez
<u>May 27th</u>	Todd Faulkner Jesus Salazar
<u>May 30th</u>	Molly Rabb
<u>May 31st</u>	Imelda Ramirez Rosy Ramirez

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, May 1st**

9:30AM - Sunday Mass
1:30PM - Misa en Español
7:00PM - Sunday Mass

Monday, May 2nd

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

Tuesday, May 3rd

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

Wednesday, May 4th

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

Thursday, May 6th

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

Friday, May 7th

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

Saturday, May 8th

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.

**Flowers donated by
Roland & Pam Allen**

Ministry Schedule

April 30th, 2022

Lector: First Communion Children

May 1st, 2022

Lector: First Communion Children

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Martin & Mary Ghougkedze

Lectores: Luz Martinez & Rosy Jaramillo

May 7th, 2022

Lector: Pam Allen & Dolly Hurtig

Altar Servers: Cedric, Peter and Kevin Serio

May 8th, 2022

Lector: Bruce Hampton & A J Barbiero

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Kaejha Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Rogers & Joan Mullens

Lectores: Martin Aviles y Dulce Aviles

ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST

Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Mona Adams	Kelly Morgan
Miriam Bishop	Cynthia Murry
Charles Bourgeois	Katherine Ned
Bill Buske	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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 30th Charles Key +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday May 1st Mary Manuel+
(by Barbara Lewis)

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 April 16/ April 17

General Sunday Collection	\$7,798.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$1,110.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Thank you to those who graciously participated in the recent Joyful Discipleship planning study conducted by the Steier Group. Bishop Malone and diocesan leadership reviewed the results of the study and would like to share a summary of them with you.

There will be a write-up of the findings and recommendations for the diocese in the May edition of the Catholic Connection. If you have any questions about the planning study or its findings, please contact the diocesan development office in the Catholic Center at 318-868-4441 extension 263.



You're Invited!

Open House at Mary's House. On Give for Good Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022. 11 am - 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!



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ACTS and BIG EVENT

ACTS always participates in Tech's Big Event. Last Saturday was no exception. Thanks to all who pitched in to rake a whole lot of pine needles.



ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



The 25th anniversary party gave the whole parish an opportunity to celebrate. We are so grateful to all those who helped out to make the very popular Shepherd's Pie for the banquet. We made 12 pans of it. Thanks to Sue Moreland who "started" the tradition and thanks to Mark and Jeanne Van Benthuyzen for making Shepherd's Pie for Dollar Lunch for 25 years!



WELCOME FR. KEVIN!

It was recently announced that Fr. Kevin Mues will be the new pastor and campus minister here at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Student Center. The details of his move are still in the works. His assignment begins June 1. Fr. Kevin will also be the Pastoral Administrator of St. Benedict's in Grambling.



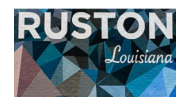
HANGING OUT AT THE EDP

ACTS is so blessed to have the entire E. Donn Piatt Catholic Center for its use. Not only is the building a great place to hang out, so are the grounds. Last week ACTS celebrated May birthdays utilizing the space on the front lawn and deck.



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

May 1 No Children's Liturgy

May 8 No Children's Liturgy

May 15 Melissa Jackson

May 22 Mindy Bryan

First Communion Masses

There will be a communion Mass at both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Masses on April 30 and May 1, respectively. Please be in prayer for our First Communicants during this special time.

Important Dates:

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)

Confirmation Practices

A mandatory practice will be held on Friday, May 6th at 6 pm for Deacon Ransom's class and 7 pm for Ms. Paula Martin's class. Teens plus one parent must be present. Please meet in the church.

Confirmation Masses - May 7

10 am Deacon Ransom's Class

2 pm Paula Martin's Class

VBS Save the Date

June 20 - 24 from 8:00 am - 11:30 am daily. Call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 or email to stthomaspsr430@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer as a teen assistant or an adult volunteer. Thank you!

May 8 May Crowning and Holy Rosary in the Garden

*Welcome to the world **Trey James Martin**. Jim and Ashlei Martin welcomed baby Trey April 1st, 2022. Big sisters Rylie and Allie Jo are thrilled to have a baby brother.*



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter**GOD'S OVERFLOWING KINDNESS**

The superabundance of God's kindness ties all of today's readings together. Especially when life overwhelms us, the Lord provides all we need, and then some. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter takes the lead when facing the Sanhedrin. We might expect the man who denied Jesus to crumble under the imposing glare of the high priest. Instead, the Holy Spirit helps him testify to his faith in Jesus Christ. What Peter had lacked before, courage and conviction, God provides in abundance. Similarly, today's Gospel shows Jesus providing a surplus of fish for the disciples. They have no luck fishing until the Lord intercedes. Jesus supplies an almost ridiculous number of fish, and he cooks it for them, too. As our reading from Revelation affirms, the overflowing riches of God require constant praise. Countless creatures—"everything in the universe"—cry out to honor the Lord, forever and ever.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brought before the Sanhedrin, the apostles give witness to Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — In his vision John sees all in heaven and on earth give honor and glory to the one on the throne and to the Lamb (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel — Jesus appears to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Third Sunday of Easter**

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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:

What does it mean to me to have hope in the Resurrection?

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power and riches,
wisdom and strength,
honor and glory and blessing."

— *Revelation 5:12*1^o de mayo de 2022**Tercer Domingo de Pascua****LA BONDAD DESBORDANTE DE DIOS**

La superabundancia de la bondad de Dios une todas las lecturas de hoy. Especialmente cuando la vida nos abrumba, el Señor nos proporciona todo lo que necesitamos, y más. En los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pedro toma la iniciativa cuando se enfrenta al Sanedrín. Nosotros podríamos esperar que el hombre que negó a Jesús se desmoronará bajo la imponente mirada del sumo sacerdote. En cambio, el Espíritu Santo le ayuda a dar testimonio de su fe en Jesucristo. Lo que a Pedro le había faltado antes, valor y convicción, Dios se lo proporciona en abundancia. Del mismo modo, el Evangelio de hoy muestra a Jesús proporcionando un excedente de peces a los discípulos. Ellos no tienen suerte pescando sino hasta que el Señor intercede. Jesús les proporciona una cantidad casi exorbitante de peces, y además les cocina algunos. Como afirma nuestra lectura del libro del Apocalipsis, las desbordantes riquezas de Dios requieren una alabanza constante. Innumerables criaturas, "todo en el universo", clama para honrar al Señor, por los siglos de los siglos.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — Llevados ante el sanedrín, los apóstoles dieron testimonio de Jesucristo (Hch 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Salmo — Te ensalzaré, Señor, porque me has librado (Salmo 30 [29]).

Segunda Lectura — En su visión Juan ve todo en el cielo y en la tierra rindiendo honores y gloria al que está en el trono y al Cordero (Apocalipsis 5:11-14).

Evangelio — Jesús se aparece a los discípulos cerca del mar de Tiberíades (Juan 21:1-19 [1-14]).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Tercer Domingo de Pascua**

Dios nuestro, que tu pueblo se regocije siempre al verse renovado y rejuvenecido,
para que, al alegrarse hoy
por haber recobrado la dignidad de su adopción filial,
aguarde seguro con gozosa esperanza
el día de la resurrección.

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.

Tercer Domingo de Pascua1^o de mayo de 2022

"Digno es el Cordero, que fue inmolado,
de recibir el poder y la riqueza,
la sabiduría y la fuerza,
el honor, la gloria y la alabanza".

— *Apocalipsis 5:12*



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!

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.



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.



VIRTUS

Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios

Miércoles, 18 de Mayo
6:00 PM

Parroquia de Santo Tomas de Aquino
Regístrate con Elise Reis, Luz Martinez, Martin Aviles

¿QUÉ ES LA SESIÓN DE ENTRENAMIENTO DE VIRTUS PROTEGIENDO A LOS NIÑOS DE DIOS?

El programa VIRTUS Protegiendo a los niños de Dios incorpora estándares de mejores prácticas demostradas para la prevención de abuso sexual de niños por clérigos, miembros del personal, voluntarios y otros que interactúan con niños dentro del contexto de las iglesias y escuelas católicas.



Red Mass 2022

On the occasion of Law Week 2022
 Rev. Duane C. Trombetta, Pastor, and
 The Red Mass Society of Shreveport cordially
 invites you to attend the

Annual Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit
 historically known as The Red Mass
 to be celebrated at

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
 315 Marshall Street
 Shreveport, Louisiana on
 Friday, the sixth of May
 Two thousand and twenty-two
 at nine o'clock in the morning

~~~~~  
 Bishop Francis I. Malone  
 Diocese of Shreveport  
 Principal Celebrant and Homilist

~~~~~  
 The Red Mass this year is celebrated
 in honor of
 John A. Vanchiere, MD, PhD and the
 LSUHS COVID-19 Strike Team

Red Mass Society

The annual Shreveport Red Mass will be held on Friday, May 6, 2022, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in downtown Shreveport. Music provided by Zion Baptist Church Choir under the direction of Pastor Brady Blade will begin at 8:30 a.m. Aaron Wilson will be directing the St. Cecilia Choir for the liturgical music. Bishop Francis Malone will deliver the homily. This year's honoree is John A. Vanchiere, MD, PhD, and the LSUHS COVID-19 Strike team. The Mass starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The Red Mass tradition dates to La Sainte-Chapelle Chapel in 1246. It was brought to the United States in 1928 and first celebrated at old St. Andrews in New York City. The opening of the Supreme Court in Washington D.C. and the opening of the Louisiana Supreme Court in New Orleans are accompanied by a Red Mass. The name is taken from the color of the vestment that is worn by the priest: red since it is a votive mass of the holy spirit and a prayer for guidance in judicial proceedings. Individuals who have attended in the past include Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, Archbishop Cardinal Edward Egan and U.S. District Judge Tom Stagg.

Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim, "It is the Lord!" **Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?**

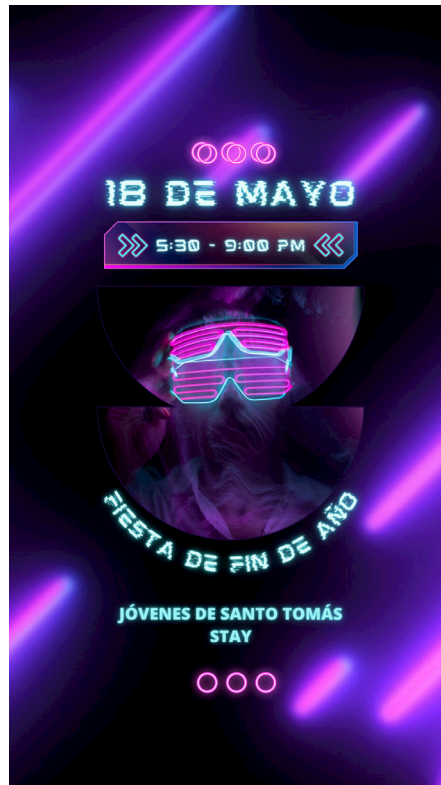
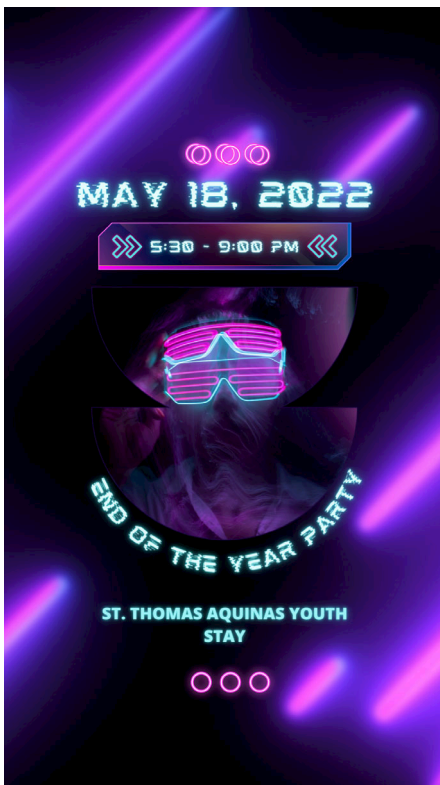
Tercer Domingo de Pascua:

En el Evangelio de este Domingo, los Discípulos, en su lucha, por fin reconocen a Jesús y proclaman, "es el Señor." **¿Haz pensado de contestar el llamado de "ayudar a los pobres reconocer al Señor en sus vidas," reuniéndote como miembro a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul?**



Farewell to the Friars

There will be a bilingual Mass on Saturday, May 14 at 5, followed by the blessing of the statue and then a potluck at the Luffey. Anyone who is interested in helping the Hospitality Committee is welcome to attend our next meeting on Monday, May 2 at 6 in the St. Vincent de Paul room.

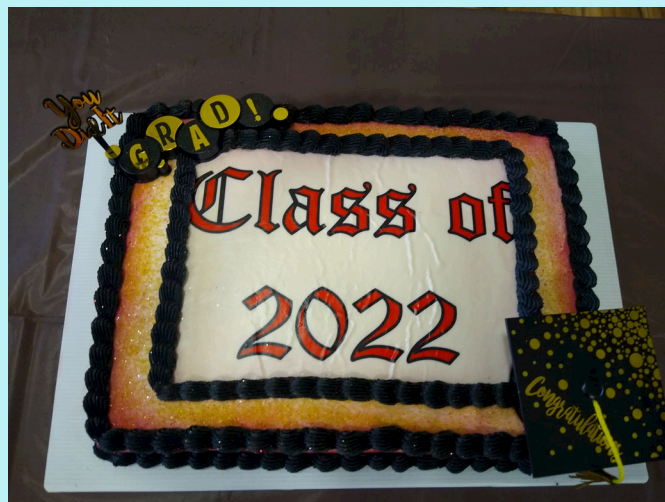


Graduate Mass

High school seniors were honored at 9:30 am Mass on April 24th. Please be in prayer for these young people as they graduate and start a new chapter in their lives.

Congratulations to the winners of the Father Thelen Scholarship award presented by the St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Guild.

The recipients were: Dylan Nash, Riley Oakley, and Marylin Priego.
Special thanks go to Dani's Sweets and Treats for providing the cake.



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.

Prayer for our New Pastor and Campus Minister

Loving God,

During this time of transition, we pray for Father Kevin Mues to be led by the Holy Spirit in serving as our new Pastor and Campus Minister

We thank you, Lord, for all of the Franciscan Friars who have served here at St. Thomas these many years, and we pray that they continue to joyfully minister, wherever they may be.

We ask for your loving patience during this time as we anticipate the future of our parish family.

May God bless Father Kevin with the gifts that our community needs, and may we support and welcome him when he comes.

We ask this through the intercession of St. Thomas Aquinas and Saints Francis and Clare and in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Oración por nuestro nuevo pastor y ministro del campus

Amando a Dios,

Durante este tiempo de transición, oramos para que el Padre Kevin Mues sea guiado por el Espíritu Santo al servir como nuestro nuevo Pastor y Ministro del Campus.

Te damos gracias, Señor, por todos los frailes franciscanos que han servido aquí en Santo Tomás estos muchos años, y oramos para que continúen ministrando con alegría, dondequiera que estén.

Pedimos su amorosa paciencia durante este tiempo mientras anticipamos el futuro de nuestra familia parroquial.

Que Dios bendiga al Padre Kevin con los dones que nuestra comunidad necesita, y que podamos apoyarlo y darle la bienvenida cuando venga.

Pedimos esto a través de la intercesión de Santo Tomás de Aquino y los Santos Francisco y Clara y en el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Resucitado, Jesucristo.

Amén

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