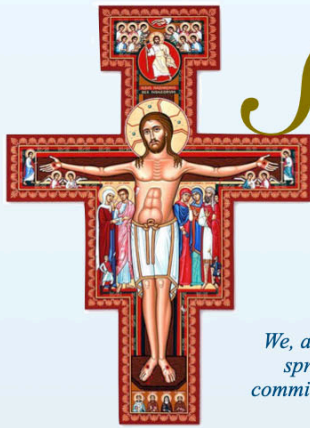


# MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 | 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## 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.

Br. Mike Ward, OFM (318) 251-0793 *Campus Minister*  
Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*

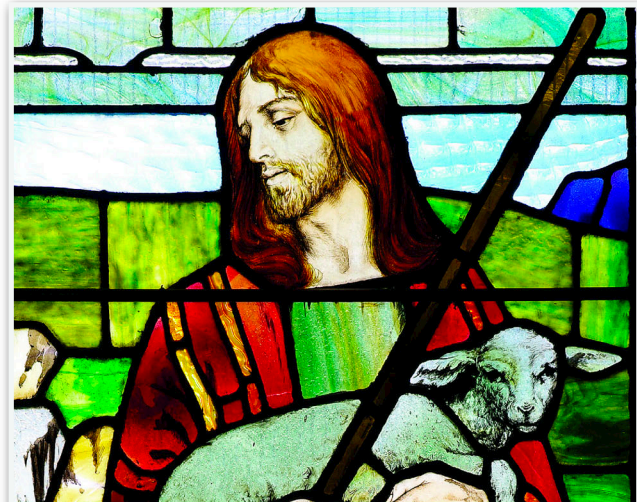
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*

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John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*

Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*

St. Vincent de Paul Society (255-8090)



JESUS SAID,  
"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;  
I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 8, 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 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Karyn Lopez Emelina Lopez
<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Samantha Groce Abraham Priego
<u>May 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Nancy Roger
<u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Amanda Serio Juana Turrubiarres Sheila Gonzalez
<u>May 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Ryan Colvin Erin Rabb Thurston Allen Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez Alex Lainez
<u>May 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Leonor Garcia
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Daniela Derosa Jonah McCumber
<u>May 12<sup>th</sup></u>	Steven Shuff
<u>May 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Jack Groce
<u>May 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 16<sup>th</sup></u>	Madelyn Bryan
<u>May 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Elaine Johnson Diana Perez
<u>May 18<sup>th</sup></u>	George Gillum Cynthia Corcia
<u>May 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Charles Barron
<u>May 20<sup>th</sup></u>	Bala Ramachandran Virginia Rainwater
<u>May 21<sup>st</sup></u>	Marina Bishop Reece Morphey Katie McCumber
<u>May 24<sup>th</sup></u>	Mindy Bryan Alexander Moore
<u>May 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Gregorio Garcia
<u>May 26<sup>th</sup></u>	Lorena Lopez
<u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Todd Faulkner Jesus Salazar
<u>May 30<sup>th</sup></u>	Molly Rabb
<u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	Imelda Ramirez Rosy Ramirez

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, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 14<sup>th</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.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

The St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Guild will meet Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Luffey Center. All women of the church are invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Call Rhonda (318-548-7127) for more information.

### Ministry Schedule

#### May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Pam Allen & Dolly Hurtig

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

#### May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks

#### May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Lector:** Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeremy Walkenford & Paul Jackson

**Lectores:** Petra Salazar y Angel Ventura

### 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	Stephen Webre
J. C. Meshell	Janice Williams
Rueben Moreno	

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup> Mary Manuel+  
(by Teresa Buboltz)

Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> Jimmy 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.

**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.

### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

*Weekend of April 23/ April 24*

General Sunday Collection	\$7,187.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$1,220.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter:** Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us. **Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.**

**Cuarto Domingo de Pascua:** Hoy celebramos el "Domingo del Buen Pastor" cuando podemos reflexionar en el cuidado y amor que Jesús tiene por nosotros.

**Tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul enseñará que, de verdad, eres discípulo de Jesús, el Buen Pastor, mientras que traerá tú amor a aquellos que viven en temor y duda, soledad y ansiedad.**





# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



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

## 7 PM MASS SCHEDULE



**Mass Schedule** The last "College Student Mass" for this school year will be May 15. The next one will be the Sunday of Labor Day



## ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



The 25th anniversary party gave the whole parish an opportunity to celebrate. This was a time in which all aspects of our parish family could work and play together. Dann Lat and Ben Kubicek were a huge help with a lot of the details that took place during the celebration. Thank you!



## TECH GRADUATIONS

The university will hold its graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 21. There will be ceremonies that day in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Congratulations to our graduates. We have 12 active ACTS members graduating this year.



## WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations to Ian Bardwell and Tristen Kramer who had their wedding ceremony at St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Student Center on Saturday, April 30. Over 20 alumni were able to attend the Mass and the reception that was held at the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center. Br. Mike gave the homily and administered the vows and Fr. Mike Haney was the priest for the Mass. The couple reside in Kansas City.



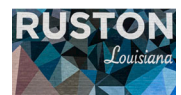
## ACTS IN THE QUAD



ACTS had a "Day in the Quad" last week. ACTS members hung out in the quad meeting and greeting other students.

## 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 8 No Children's Liturgy

May 15 Melissa Jackson

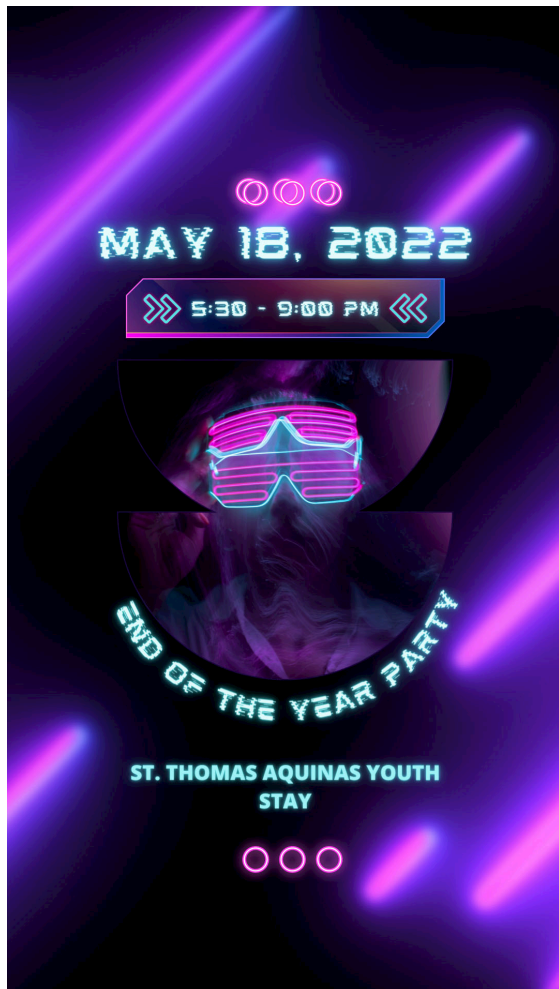
May 22 Mindy Bryan

### May 8 May Crowning and Holy Rosary in the Garden

The children will help celebrate May Crowning during the 9:30 am Mass. After the Mass, the whole parish community is invited to pray the Holy Rosary in the Mary Garden. In the event of rain, we will meet in the Luffey gym.

### 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](mailto:stthomaspsr430@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer as a teen assistant or an adult volunteer. Thank you!



**May 8, 2022****Fourth Sunday of Easter****A FORETASTE OF PARADISE**

Throughout Easter Time, the Church rejoices with Jesus, risen from the dead. Our readings on this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrate our instinct to come together in joy, worshiping in church. While private prayer nourishes our individual relationship with the Lord, community prayer is a foretaste of paradise. The book of Revelation depicts a “great multitude” worshiping God “day and night in his temple.” Our churches on Easter Sunday often reflect this happy multitude, filling the pews to bursting. Four Sundays into the festive season, we are encouraged to keep praising God together. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas demonstrate their instinct to worship with their faith community each Sabbath, dutifully taking their seats in the synagogue. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us his sheep and reminds us why coming together as a flock is so important: uniting in community, we imitate the unity of God.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas’ preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

**Psalm** — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

**Second Reading** — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

**Gospel** — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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

Almighty ever-living God,  
lead us to a share in the joys of heaven,  
so that the humble flock may reach  
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

How can I listen more closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

**Fourth Sunday of Easter****May 8, 2022**

*“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth.”*

— Acts 13:47b

**8 de mayo de 2022****Cuarto Domingo de Pascua****UN ANTICIPO DEL PARAÍSO**

Durante todo el tiempo de Pascua, la Iglesia se alegra con Jesús, quien resucitó de la muerte. Nuestras lecturas para este Cuarto Domingo de Pascua celebran nuestra intuición de reunirnos alegremente, celebrando el culto en la Iglesia. Mientras que la oración privada alimenta nuestra relación con el Señor, la oración comunitaria es un anticipo del paraíso. El libro del Apocalipsis describe “una gran multitud” adorando a Dios “día y noche en su templo”. Nuestras parroquias, el domingo de Pascua frecuentemente muestran a esta multitud alegre, llenando las bancas a rebosar. Cuatro domingos después del inicio del tiempo festivo, se nos anima a seguir juntos alabando a Dios. En el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, Pablo y Bernabé demuestran su intuición de adorar con su comunidad de fe cada sábado, ocupando obedientemente sus lugares en la sinagoga. En el Evangelio, Jesús nos llama sus ovejas y nos recuerda por qué es tan importante reunirse como rebaño: uniéndose en comunidad, imitamos la unidad de Dios.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera Lectura** — Los judíos rechazaron airados la predicación de Pablo y de Bernabé. Luego concentraron sus energías en los gentiles (Hch 13:14, 43-52).

**Salmo** — Nosotros somos su pueblo y ovejas de su rebaño (Salmo 100 [99]).

**Segunda lectura** — Juan tiene la visión de una multitud en vestiduras blancas ante el trono y ante el Cordero (Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17).

**Evangelio** — Mis ovejas conocen mi voz; ellas me siguen. Yo les doy vida eterna (Juan 10:27-30).

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

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,  
te pedimos que nos lleves a gozar de las alegrías  
celestiales,  
para que tu rebaño,  
a pesar de su fragilidad,  
llegue también a donde lo precedió su glorioso Pastor.  
Él, 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 escuchar más atentamente la voz del Buen Pastor?

**Cuarto Domingo de Pascua****8 de mayo de 2022**

*“Yo te he puesto como luz de los paganos,  
para que lleves la salvación  
hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra”.*

— Hechos 13:47b



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.



## First Holy Communions

Children celebrated their First Holy Communions last weekend. Please continue to be in prayer for them.





## 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 Saint 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 Santo Francisco y Clara y en el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Resucitado, Jesucristo.

Amén

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