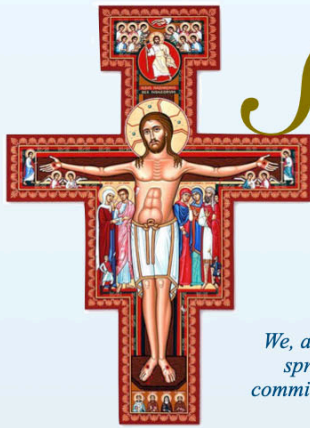


MAY 15TH, 2022 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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*

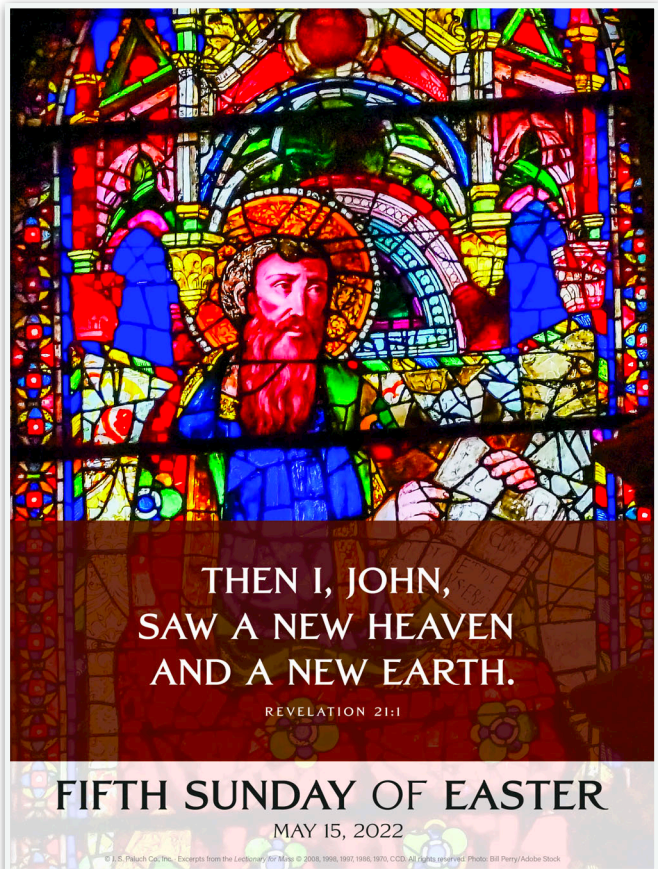
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*

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)



THEN I, JOHN,
SAW A NEW HEAVEN
AND A NEW EARTH.

REVELATION 21:1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

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 15th**

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

Monday, May 16th

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

Tuesday, May 17th

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

Wednesday, May 18th

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

Thursday, May 19th

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

Friday, May 20th

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

Saturday, May 21st

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.

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!

Ministry Schedule**May 14th, 2022****Lector:** Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio**May 15th, 2022****Lector:** Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny**Altar Servers:** Charlie & Maggie Rogers and Hannah Bryan**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jeremy Walkenford & Joan Mullens**Lectores:** Petra Salazar y Angel Ventura**May 22nd, 2022****Lector:** Jim Martin & John Allen**May 23rd, 2022****Lector:** Ryan & Lorelie Freling**Altar Servers:** Josie & Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gary Kennedy & Carol Mercer**Lectores:** Pablo Tepole & Marichuy Torres**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
Judy Darcey	Lometa Rorie
Jill Denys	Mary Russo
Layten Davis	Gloria Saldana
Adrien "Butch"	Laura Leigh Saleese
Doiron	Ginger Schanks
Sean Dwyer	Jo Mary Smith
Emmely Gay	Nicole Smith
Bernice Harrison	Holly Hollis Star
Harvey Hayes	Marguerite Swannon
Magnolia Johnson	Willie Tannerhill
Jeffery Judice	Joanne Thompson
Chris Letendre	Robin Thrasher
Mary Manuel	Toni Troiano
Ken Martinez	Kathleen "Kathy"
Tobie McKown	Walter
J. C. Meshell	Stephen Webre
Rueben Moreno	Janice Williams

MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday May 15th** Mary Manuel +
(by Mary Hannibal)**Tuesday May 17th** Jenifer Eldridge +
(by Linda Viator)**Wednesday May 18th** Pat Smith +
(by Maurice & Bonnie Tassin)**Thursday May 19th** Fr. Sebastian Meceslaus Bus +
(by Yen Hang Van)**Friday May 20th** Mary Manuel +
(by Teresa Buboltz)

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 30/ May 1*

General Sunday Collection	\$10,029.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$2,790.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!***Quinto Domingo de Pascua**

En el Evangelio de hoy, nuestro Señor dice: "Les doy un nuevo mandamiento: Amense uno a otro....Esto es como todos sabrán que son mis discípulos, si tienen amor uno para el otro." **Por medio de nuestros regalos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, demostramos el amor que tenemos, uno por el otro, especialmente amor hacia los que sufren de pobreza y que, de verdad, todos somos discípulos de Jesús.**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another.... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.**



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



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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 Weekend.

PRESIDENT'S PARTY

Every year, the outgoing president hosts a party for present and past leadership team members. The event is always named for that particular president. This year it was the "BENJAMIN"—Bombastic Emphyrean Night of Jovial and Magnificent Interactions in Nature. Ben held an outdoor event that included Shepherd's Pie and a non alcoholic "bar". The team had fun while discussing hopes and dreams for the future of ACTS. Thanks, Ben!



CONGRATS EMMA



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A SIMPLE

Missionaries from A Simple House in Kansas City came to Ruston for Tristan and Ian's wedding. As an added bonus, the group took time to speak with ACTS members about what it means to be a missionary in poor neighborhoods in Kansas City. ACTS has been going to A Simple



ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



A big thank you goes out to Dr. Guice, the president of Louisiana Tech for coming to our anniversary party and giving a "State of the University" address to the attendees.

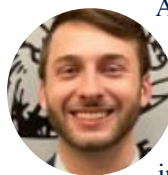


TECH GRADUATIONS

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.

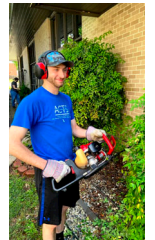


THANKS, MATTHEW



has been invaluable. You will be missed. Good luck in your future endeavors.

A big thank you goes out to Matthew Aguillard who will be graduating with a degree in Constructive Engineering Technology. Matthew has been a student worker with the Student Center for 3 years! His work in the office and all over the property



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



Confirmation was held on Saturday, May 7th. Forty young people were confirmed in the Faith by Bishop Francis Malone. Thank you to all the catechists, parents, sponsors, choir members, and all who helped with the liturgy. Please continue to pray for these young people that the Holy Spirit will guide them and strengthen them to live as a disciple of Christ.

Thalia Aguirre • Angel Moya • Bailey Keys • Beatriz Hernandez • Brynn Reger • Carter Lewis
 Cedric Serio • Charlie Rogers • Cruz Medrano • Cuahutemoc Negrete • Damian Nash • Dolly Garcia •
 Emelina Lopez • Emmanuel Gomez • Esperanza Negrete • Francisco Negrete •
 Hector Medrano • Isabella Tucker • Jesus Torres • Joseph Luffey • Joshua Ramachandran •
 Juan Alvarez • Juan Gonzalez • Karyn Lopez • Kimberly Landaverde • Liliana Salazar • Macklin Conroy •
 Margot Budds • McKenzie Oakley • Molly Rabb • Norberto Turrubiarres • Paola Torres • Ramiro Landaverde
 • Saul Salazar • Sofia Hernandez • Thomas Rex Freling • Trisha Pangilinan • Wade Watson • Yasmin Torres •
 Yolanda Medrano

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Although we are five full weeks into the celebration of Easter, today's readings focus on newness. Our Easter food leftovers may be long gone, but the readings insist on every moment's freshness in the risen Jesus. The Acts of the Apostles depicts Paul and Barnabas reflecting on all the innovative work that God has done with them. They have traveled hundreds of miles, introducing faith in Jesus Christ to all who listen, even Gentiles. For the dutiful Jewish scholar Paul, preaching to Gentiles is a completely unique development. Jesus calls Paul, and us, not to be afraid of new challenges: as John the Evangelist reports in Revelation, Jesus promises to "make all things new." In the Gospel reading, Jesus even gives us a new commandment. The Hebrew Scriptures overflow with commandments, but Jesus knows we need one more, perfect mission: "love one another."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — John's vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy
Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 for me to bear fruit for the reign of God?

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

"Behold,

God's dwelling is with the human race."

— *Revelation 21:3*

15 de mayo de 2022

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

HACER NUEVAS TODAS LAS COSAS

Aunque ya llevamos cinco semanas completas de celebración de la Pascua, las lecturas de hoy se orientan en la novedad. Puede que lo que sobró de la comida de Pascua ya se haya terminado desde hace tiempo, pero las lecturas insisten en la frescura de cada momento de Jesús resucitado. El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles describen a Pablo y a Bernabé reflexionando sobre todo el trabajo innovador que Dios ha hecho con ellos. Ya han recorrido cientos de millas, presentado la fe en Jesucristo a todos los que los escuchan, incluso a los gentiles. Para el judío erudito y obediente de Pablo, la predicación a los gentiles es un hecho completamente único. Jesús llama a Pablo, y a nosotros, a no tener miedo de los nuevos retos: como informa el evangelista Juan en el libro del Apocalipsis, Jesús promete "hacer nuevas todas las cosas". En la lectura del Evangelio, Jesús nos da incluso un mandamiento nuevo. Las Escrituras hebreas tienen un exceso de mandamientos, pero Jesús sabe que necesitamos uno más, una misión perfecta "amarnos los unos a los otros".

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — Pablo y Bernabé continúan sus viajes para fortalecer el espíritu de los discípulos (Hch 14:21-27).

Salmo — Bendeciré tu nombre por siempre, Dios mío, mi rey (Salmo 145 [144]).

Segunda lectura — Juan tiene una visión de Dios morando con la raza humana (Apocalipsis 21:1-5a).

Evangelio — Al igual que Jesús nos ama, así también nosotros debemos amarnos mutuamente

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
lleva a su plenitud en nosotros el sacramento pascual,
para que, a quienes te dignaste renovar
por el santo Bautismo,
les hagas posible, con el auxilio de tu protección,
abundar en frutos buenos, y alcanzar los gozos
de la vida eterna.

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.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué significa para mí dar fruto para el reinado de Dios?

Quinto Domingo de Pascua

15 de mayo de 2022

"Esta es la morada de Dios con los hombres".

— *Apocalipsis 21:3*



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

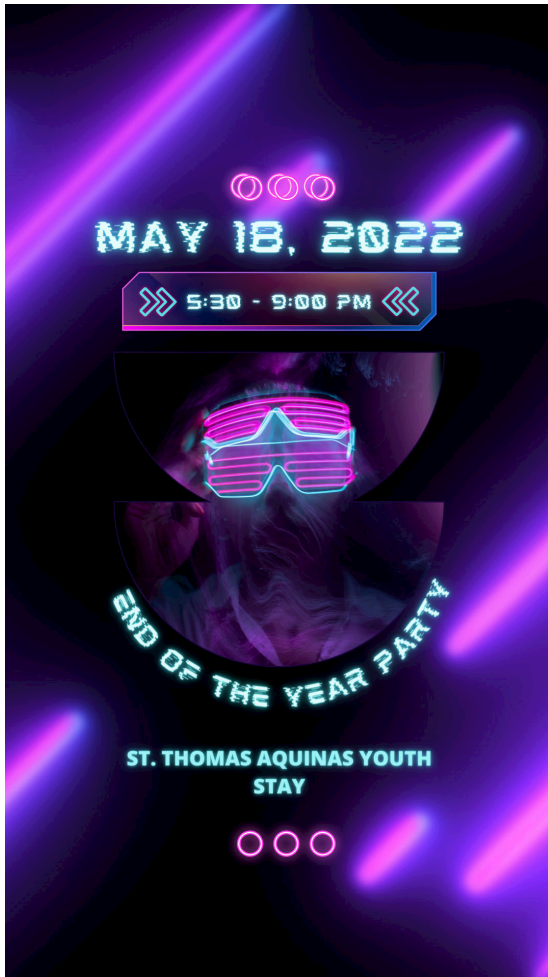
Miércoles, 18 de Mayo
6:00 PM

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.





Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows

LOS ACTOS DE AMOR SON ESPECÍFICOS Y CONCRETOS. VAMOS A NECESITAR MÁS TOALLAS

Quando Judas salió del cenáculo, Jesús dijo:
 “Un mandamiento nuevo os doy: que os améis los unos a los otros; que como yo os he amado, así también os améis los unos a los otros. En esto conocerán todos que sois mis discípulos”. Jn 13:34-35

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

ACTS OF LOVE ARE SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE. WE'LL NEED MORE TOWELS.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said,
 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Jn 13:33-35

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May Crowning and Mother's Day

On May 8th, children processed forward for the May Crowning at the 9:30 am Mass. They gathered in the Mary Garden to pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary after Mass. During 1:30 pm Spanish Mass, mothers were honored on this special day.



200 for this week

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