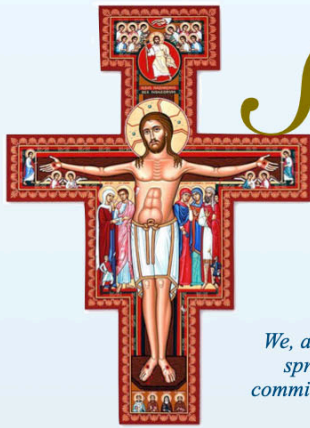


MAY 22ND, 2022 | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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*

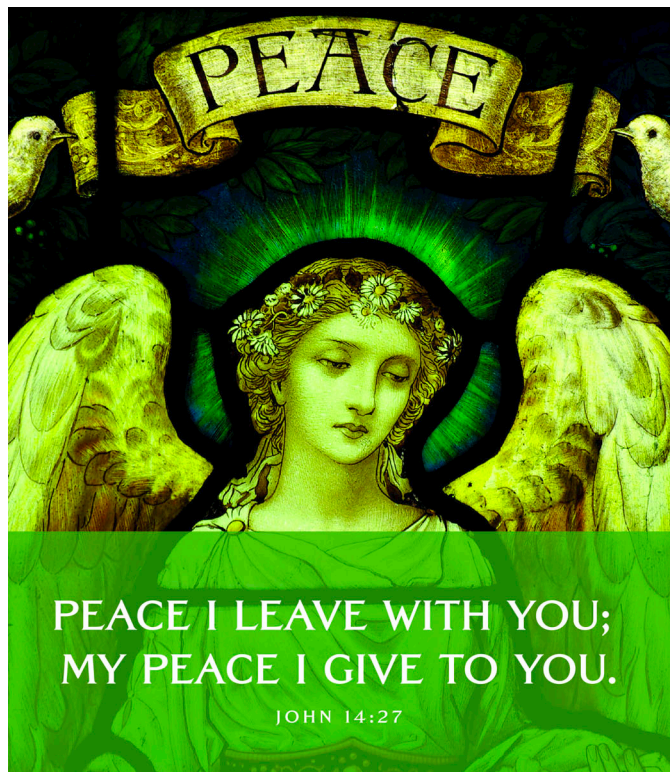
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*

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)



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.

JOHN 14:27

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 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 Erica White
<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 Morpheu 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.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of May 7/ May 8

General Sunday Collection	\$10,325.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$1,245.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Ministry Schedule**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**May 28th, 2022****Lector:** George Trevison & Ed Jacobs**May 29th, 2022****Lector:** Paul Jackson & Marina Bishop**Altar Servers:** Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emily Chartier & Larry Mullens**Lectores:** Rosa Ramirez y Ilda Solis**ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST**

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

Miriam Bishop	Kelly Morgan
Charles Bourgeois	Cynthia Murry
Bill Buske	Katherine Ned
Frankie Career	Don Olivier
Judy Darcey	Pearline Robey
Jill Denys	Lometa Rorie
Layten Davis	Mary Russo
Adrien "Butch"	Gloria Saldana
Doiron	Laura Leigh Saleese
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	Toni Troiano
Mary Manuel	Kathleen "Kathy"
Ken Martinez	Walter
Tobie McKown	Stephen Webre
Rueben Moreno	Janice Williams

MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Sunday May 22nd</u>	Mary Manuel + (by Rhonda Reed)
	Pat Smith + (Maurice & Bonnie Tassin)
<u>Thursday May 26th</u>	Mary Manuel + (by Teresa Buboltz)
<u>Friday May 20th</u>	Mary Manuel + (by Barbara Lewis)
<u>Saturday May 21st</u>	Mary Manuel's Family (by Mary Hannibal)
	Joseph & Roger Luffey + (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.



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7 PM MASS SCHEDULE



Mass Schedule

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

WELCOME FR. HERB JONES, OFM

Welcome to St. Thomas Aquinas Church and Student Center Fr. Herb Jones, OFM. Fr. Herb will be the sacramental minister here until Fr. Kevin Mues takes his residence here June 1. Fr. Herb is about as close as friars get to retiring. Before coming to Ruston, he was a "priest in residence" at Sacred Heart Church in Indianapolis. Ironically, he was the vocation director for Br. Mike! He has been a friar for 51 years



ACTS GOES SKATING

The last social of the school year was a skating party held in Monroe. It was a great opportunity to go off campus and relax just before finals. A key component of ACTS is that it sponsors a social event nearly every Saturday.



ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



One of the benefits that happened during the anniversary party is that ACTS alumni had the opportunity to meet the current ACTS students. One current member commented, "I didn't know ACTS was so big!" Our alumni are a key element to the success of ACTS — 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.



EXECUTIVE TEAM PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



For the past couple weeks, the ACTS executive team has been adding an hour to the weekly meetings to be sure ACTS is ready to minister with Fr. Kevin Mues when he arrives June 1. One of the things the team did was to plan out the year through the winter quarter '23 to help preserve our ACTS traditions.

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.

Confirmation Certificates are available in the PSR office.

Please call or pick up. Office Line: 318-310-4009. Office Hours: 8:15 AM - 1:45 PM.

Church Directory Update: The church directory should be available to us in 4 weeks. The delay in print has been caused by a toner manufacturer supply issue. Thank you for your patience!

VBS Registration;; June 20 - 24 from 8:00 am - 11:30 am daily.

Scan the QR code to register your child as a participant or to register as a volunteer.

Confirmation is over...So WHAT? All high school students are invited to connect with their FAITH in this new group that will be held on Sundays from 10:45 am - 11:45 am weekly. This group has begun and will continue throughout the summer and beyond. Please plan to meet in the Joe and Roger Luffey Youth room. Slade Richard will be the head facilitator. A second person with PGC is needed each week to co-facilitate. Please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 or email stthomaspsr430@gmail.com to sign up to facilitate.

Adult Formation: There will be opportunities for adult formation all summer at St. Thomas Aquinas! This Sunday, May 22, will be for fellowship and planning for any adult formation groups. Please plan to come to the AV Room in the St. Thomas School building from 10:45 am - 11:45 am to preview samples of adult formation resources. We will conclude with a specific plan for the summer quarter. Meeting times, days, and locations will be decided.

Some current options for faith formation are the following: Book Study on Our One Great Act of Fidelity. The church has purchased several copies of this book and they are available for purchase for \$15. Please contact Elise Reis at 318-310-4009 to purchase a book for group or private study. Cash or check only.

RCIA (now OCIA) style topics of the Faith from Liguori Press. The bulletins are called Catholic Updates and provide a customizable, rich survey experience of many topics of the Catholic Faith.

Franciscan at Home (FREE) trainings. The Diocese of Shreveport has provided a subscription for all churches. Any parishioner in our diocese has free access to all the content. Parishioners may use this resource at home or in a group study format. Please see the attached flyer to register for your free account to Franciscan at Home. Some recommended topics/tracks would be Praying With Scripture: Lectio Divina, Eucharistic Renewal Track, Eucharistic Discipleship, Confirmation, Forming Faith at Home track, and Foundational RCIA track.

Lectio Divina weekly meetings to reflect on the daily readings.

Marian DVD Studies: Women's and Men's Bible Studies: General Scripture Studies

In addition, we have a video inventory from Word of Fire. These DVD sets are always available to groups. The titles include: Catholicism, The New Evangelization, Pivotal Players, Conversion: Following the Call of Christ, Eucharist, and The Mystery of God.

All are welcome!

May 22, 2022**Sixth Sunday of Easter****RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE**

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalms — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or* Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or* John 17:20-26.

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

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

Sixth Sunday of Easter**May 22, 2022**

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— *Psalm 67:6*

22 de mayo de 2022**Domingo de Pascua****VOLVER A LA VIDA ORDINARIA**

Seis semanas después de la celebración de la Pascua, la Iglesia nos da las lecturas de hoy que empiezan a prepararnos para regresar a la vida ordinaria. Tanto las del libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles como el Evangelio se fijan en el comportamiento cotidiano de los seguidores de Jesús, mientras que la lectura del Apocalipsis nos recuerda por qué nos agobiamos por las leyes. En los Hechos, los líderes de la Iglesia se reúnen para comentar qué elementos esenciales de la Ley de Moisés deben obedecer los conversos si desean ser discípulos de Jesucristo. El Evangelio de Juan se remota al discurso de la Última Cena, cuando el propio Jesús subraya la importancia de obedecer los mandamientos de Dios. Observar la ley de Dios, dice Jesús, muestra el deseo de intimar con el Señor. Seguimos las normas no por sí mismas, sino para amar mejor a Dios y al prójimo. Este amor más excelente nos acerca a la visión del paraíso del libro del Apocalipsis, resplandeciente con "el esplendor de Dios".

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — La cuestión de si los gentiles necesitaban ser circuncidados para salvarse (Hch 15:1-2, 22-29).

Salmo — Oh Dios, que todos los pueblos te alaben (Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda lectura — Juan tiene una visión de la ciudad santa, la nueva Jerusalén (Apocalipsis 21:10-14, 22-23) *o* Apocalipsis 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Evangelio — El Espíritu Santo, enviado por el Padre en nombre de Jesús, nos enseñará todo (Juan 14:23-29) *o* Juan 17:20-26.

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

Dios todopoderoso,
concédenos continuar celebrando con incansable amor
estos días de tanta alegría en honor del Señor resucitado,
y que los misterios que hemos venido conmemorando
se manifiesten siempre en nuestras obras.
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:

¿Cómo puedo participar más plenamente en la Misa?

Sexto Domingo de Pascua**22 de mayo de 2022**

Oh Dios, que te alaben los pueblos,
que todos los pueblos te alaben.

— *Salmo 67 (66):6*



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.



Special thanks to Paula Martin for donating our Mother's Day flowers and to The Cannons for last's weeks flowers

Blessing of the Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Bendición de la Estatua de la Virgen de Guadalupe



200 for this week

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