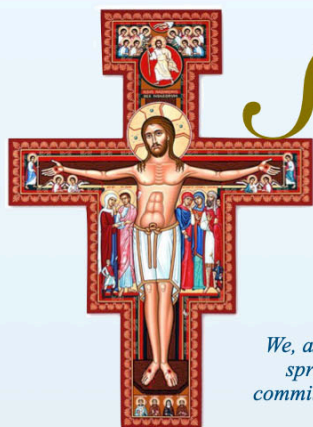


MAY 29TH, 2022 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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

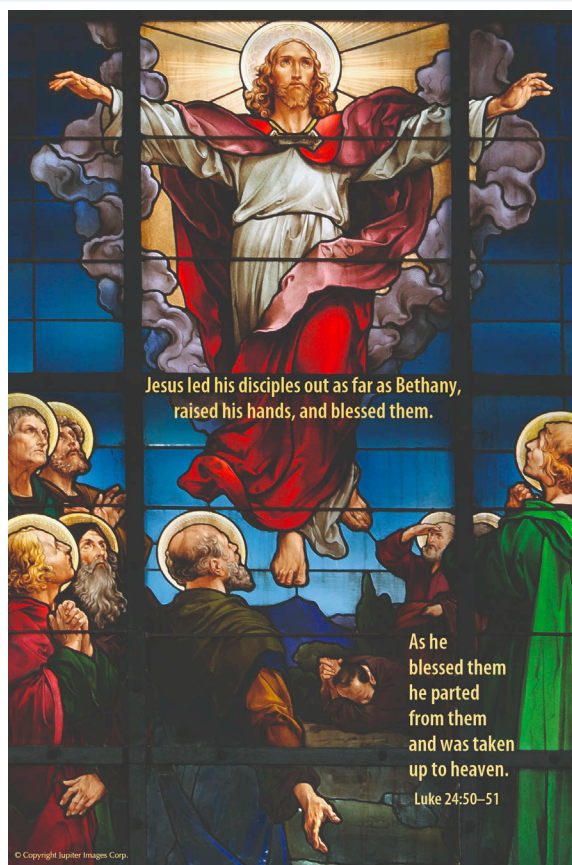
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CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 255-2870 *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 led his disciples out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Luke 24:50-51

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>June 1st</u>	Slade Richard Kelly Stuff Cuahutemoc Negrete Magdalena Gonzalez
<u>June 2nd</u>	Peter Serio
<u>June 3rd</u>	Luis Turrubiarres
<u>June 4th</u>	Dolly Hurtig Emily Corcia Robert Corcia
<u>June 8th</u>	Emily Becker Bill McCumber
<u>June 9th</u>	Jennifer Velazquez
<u>June 10th</u>	Patrick Gillum Juan Navarro Mary Lanning
<u>June 11th</u>	Stella White
<u>June 12th</u>	Herman Manuel
<u>June 14th</u>	Joshua Adams Kyle White Rodolfo Landaverde, Jr.
<u>June 15th</u>	Amelia Roger
<u>June 16th</u>	Josh Rabb Banion Conroy Wynn Rogers
<u>June 17th</u>	David Castillo
<u>June 18th</u>	Omar Ramirez, Jr.
<u>June 20th</u>	Amanda Berg Sandi Adams Lorelei Freling
<u>June 21st</u>	Courtney Reger Shay DeCerbo
<u>June 23rd</u>	Yolanda Medrano
<u>June 27th</u>	Nathaniel Freeman
<u>June 28th</u>	Greg Bimle
<u>June 29th</u>	Georgia Rogers Petra Salazar
<u>June 30th</u>	Pablo Tepole

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 29th**

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

Monday, May 30th

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

Tuesday, May 31st

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

Wednesday, June 1st

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

Thursday, June 2nd

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

Friday, June 3rd

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

Saturday, June 4th

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 14/ May 15
General Sunday Collection \$4,708.00
Catholic Life Center. \$420.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Ministry Schedule

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

June 4th, 2022

Lector: Bre Ausbon & Larry Mullens

June 5th, 2022

Lector: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Rogers & Rodney Manning

Lectores: Imelda Ramirez y Ana Ambrosio

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	Willie Tannerhill
Magnolia Johnson	Joanne Thompson
Jeffery Judice	Toni Troiano
Chris Letendre	Kathleen "Kathy"
Mary Manuel	Walter
Ken Martinez	Stephen Webre
Tobie McKown	Janice Williams
Rueben Moreno	

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday May 29th Mary Manuel +
(by Sandra Gass)

Tuesday May 31st Pat Smith +
(Maurice & Bonnie Tassin)

Jill Deny
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Wednesday June 1st Deirdre Oakley
(by Marina Bishop)

Friday June 2nd 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.

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us. In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 9 families, providing \$1,928.23 in food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You! When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor



Hoy, en celebración de la Fiesta de la Ascensión del Señor, debemos recordar que la obra salvífica de Jesús en la tierra continúa por medio de sus discípulos... y ahora por nosotros también. Cuando somos generosos con los pobres, Dios de verdad, derrama su amor, paz y júbilo al interior de nuestros corazones, dentro de nuestras vidas y dentro de los corazones de aquellos que viven en la pobreza. En el mes de Mayo, por medio de tus regalos, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl les llevó el cuidado y amor de Jesús a los pobres de nuestra parroquia, asistiendo 9 familias, proveyendo en alimentos, \$1928.23 para gastos de luz, agua, gas y renta. ¡Mil gracias por tu generosidad!



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 was May 15. The next one will be the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend.

ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



The kick-off for the 25th anniversary celebration was March 26th. ACTS will celebrate this event throughout 2022.

SENIOR BLESSING

A tradition at the end of each quarter is that graduating seniors receive a replica of the San Damiano Crucifix. This is the icon that spoke to St. Francis, telling him to "Rebuild my church." Our college students are not the future of the Church — they are the Church. As the Church, as baptized Catholics, all are called to serve and to sacrifice for the greatER good, with Christ as our example. This year, 25 seniors received the cross at the "last" student Mass for the



PANCAKE DINNER

During finals week of each quarter, ACTS hosts a Pancake Dinner complete with eggs, bacon, and all sorts of toppings for the pancakes.



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.

PUPPIES!



There is nothing like puppies to ease the stress of finals. ACTS held a fundraising for "FourPaws" during finals week. Thanks to Jacob Stein, the committee chair for ImpACTS, the social justice and integrity of creation committee for ACTS.

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. Several adult and teen volunteers are still needed to make VBS a success! Call 318-310-4009 with any questions about being a volunteer. Thank you!



Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children as young as toddlers to rising 2nd graders are welcome to come to Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:30 am Masses. CLW will not be held on May 29 but will resume in June.

ADULT FORMATION: There will be opportunities for adult formation all summer at St. Thomas Aquinas!

The Sunday morning group will be studying the book *Our One Great Act of Fidelity* by Ronald Rolheiser. Copies of the book are available for purchase for \$15, cash or check only. Please contact Elise Reis at 318-310-4009 to purchase a book.

Sunday Adult Formation Summer Schedule: **May 22** Part 1 Chapters 1-3 - **May 29 No Class, Memorial Day Weekend** - **June 5** Part 2 Chapters 4 – 6 - **June 12** Part 2 Chapters 7 – 9 **June 19** Part 2 Chapters 10 – 12 - **June 26** Part 2 Chapters 13 – 15 - **July 10** Part 3 - **July 17** Part 4 - **July 24** Part 5

Tuesday Adult Formation Summer Schedule: An adult small group will continue to reflect with Lectio Divina on Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Joe and Roger Luffey Youth Room.

STAY: Thank you to Mr. Martin Aviles for coordinating our STAY activities this past school year.

Youth Parent Planning Meeting – STAY Summer Socials: Parents of 6th-12th graders (included parents of kids who just finished 5th grade) are invited to meet and plan for summer socials for the youth. Please come to the Joe and Roger Luffey Youth room on Wednesday, June 1 to share your ideas of fun and how you may can help make this summer a success for STAY! The meeting time will be 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

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. Slade Richard, Mary Barrilleaux, and Joshua Perot will be leading this small group. Location: Joe and Roger Luffey Youth room. High School **Youth Small Group Summer Schedule:** June 5 and June 12, July 10, 17, 24, 31

May 29, 2022**The Ascension of the Lord****SENT FORTH**

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**The Ascension of the Lord**

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.
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:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

— *Psalm 47:6*

29 de mayo de 2022**La Ascensión del Señor****ENVIADO**

Hoy celebramos el regreso de Jesús al cielo. Si nos esforzamos por saber cómo sentirnos ante este evento, tomemos el ejemplo de los discípulos de Jesús. Estos discípulos son testigos de primera mano de la Ascensión, quienes después regresan a Jerusalén, donde "en el templo estaban continuamente alabando a Dios". Compañeros del Señor por largo tiempo, ellos seguramente sienten el dolor de la separación física de Jesús. Sin embargo, alaban a Dios continuamente. Aceptan el plan de Dios, esperando el día en que Cristo vuelva. Como lo manifiesta nuestra lectura de la carta a los hebreos, Cristo regresará para "traer la salvación a quienes la esperan con ansia". Esta Buena Nueva casi es demasiada para asimilarla; los Hechos de los Apóstoles explican que un ángel tiene que despertar a los discípulos de su letargo, recordándoles que deben comenzar la obra del Señor. Las lecturas de hoy son nuestro ángel, el cual nos envía con esperanza alegre.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Jesús les dice a los discípulos que recibirán el poder del Espíritu Santo (Hch 1:1-11).

Salmo — Dios asciende entre aclamaciones, el Señor, al son de trompetas (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Padre de la gloria del Espíritu de sabiduría y revelación (Efesios 1:17-23) *o Hebreos 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.

Evangelio — Los discípulos fueron testigos de todos los sucesos de la vida de Cristo. (Lucas 24:46-53).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**La Ascensión del Señor**

Misa del día

Concédenos, Dios todopoderoso, rebosar de santa alegría y, gozosos, elevar a ti fervorosas gracias ya que la Ascensión de Cristo, tu Hijo, es también nuestra victoria,
pues a donde llegó él, que es nuestra cabeza, esperamos llegar también nosotros, que somos su cuerpo. 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:

¿Por qué es la Ascensión una causa de alegría?

La Ascensión del Señor

29 de mayo de 2022

Dios asciende entre aclamaciones,
el Señor, al son de trompetas.

— *Salmo 47 (46):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!

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.



Séptimo Domingo de Pascua

29 de Mayo de 2022

"Seréis mis testigos hasta los confines de la tierra." Si cree que el Señor puede estar invitándolo a llevar a cabo Su misión como sacerdote, diácono o en la vida consagrada, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 868-4441 o envíe un correo electrónico a: FatherMangum@yahoo.com

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

"You will be My witnesses to the ends of the earth." If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com

200 for this week

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