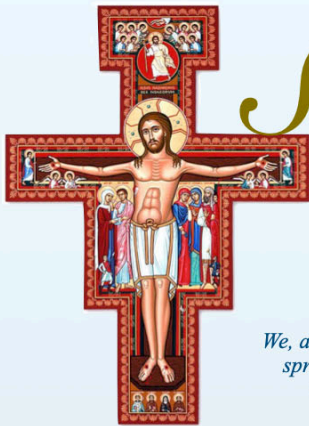


JUNE 26TH, 2022 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 9:30AM
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 8:15AM
Wednesday: 8:15AM
Thursday: 8:15AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

Please call Church Office **SIX MONTHS** in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECOCILIATION

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 *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*
John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



**Foxes have dens
and birds of the sky have nests,
but the Son of Man
has nowhere to rest his head.**

Luke 9:58

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.

813 Carey Ave. | Ruston, Louisiana 71270 | 318-255-2870 | stthomasaquinasruston.com

PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS

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| <u>June 1st</u> | Slade Richard Kelly Stuff Cuahutemoc Negrete Magdalena Gonzalez Audrey Warren |
| <u>June 2nd</u> | Peter Serio |
| <u>June 3rd</u> | Luis Turrubiarres |
| <u>June 4th</u> | Dolly Hurtig Emily Corcia Robert Corcia |
| <u>June 7th</u> | Allie Jo Martin |
| <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 Josh Rabb |
| <u>June 16th</u> | 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 Ashley Martin |
| <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 stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, June 26th**

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

Monday, June 27th

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

Tuesday, June 28th

7:30AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00AM - Lectio Divina

Wednesday, June 29th

7:30AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Thursday, June 30th

7:30AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open

Friday, July 1st

9:00AM - 1:00PM - Church Office Open
11:15AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
12:00PM - Daily Mass

Saturday, July 2nd

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
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.

Altar Flowers

Flowers donated by Francisco Morales

Flores del Altar

Flores donadas por Francisco Morales

Ministry Schedule

June 25th, 2022

Lectors: George Trevison & Ed Jacobs

June 26th, 2022

Lectors: Ryan Paul Jackson & Marina Bishop

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson, Kaejha Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy & Jim Martin

Lectores: Dulce Aviles y Angel Ventura

July 2nd, 2022

Lectors: George Trevison & Ed Jacobs

Altar Serves: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

July 3rd, 2022

Lectors: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Altar Servers: Maggie Rogers, Mary Adams & Hannah Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy, Joan Mullens, Larry Mullens & Jim Martin

ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST

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

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| Miriam Bishop | Kelly Morgan |
| Charles Bourgeois | Cynthia Murry |
| Bill Buske | Katherine Ned |
| Frankie Career | Don Olivier |
| Judy Darcey | Pearline Robey |
| Layten Davis | Lometa Rorie |
| Adrien "Butch" | Mary Russo |
| Doiron | Gloria Saldana |
| Sean Dwyer | Laura Leigh Saleese |
| Emmely Gay | Jo Mary Smith |
| Bernice Harrison | Nicole Smith |
| Harvey Hayes | Holly Hollis Star |
| Magnolia Johnson | Willie Tannerhill |
| Jeffery Judice | Joanne Thompson |
| Chris Letendre | Kathleen "Kathy" |
| Ken Martinez | Walter |
| Tobie McKown | Stephen Webre |
| Rueben Moreno | Janice Williams |

MASS INTENTIONS

Friday July 1st Maria Juana Vanegas
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Saturday July 2nd Mary Jane Trevison +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday July 3rd Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

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 June 11/ June 12

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| General Sunday Collection | \$14,432.00 |
| Catholic Life Center | \$625.00 |

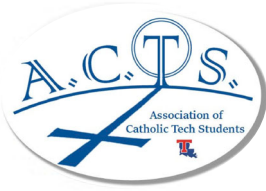
Thank you for continued and generous support!

WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of St. Thomas Aquinas Church are invited to the Women's Guild luncheon on Tuesday June 28th at noon in the youth room of the Luffey Building. Lunch will be ordered for those who RSVP before noon on Monday, or you can bring your own sack lunch. RSVP to Rhonda at 318-548-7127 or reed.rhonda@gmail.com

GRUPO DE MUJERES

Todas las mujeres de la Iglesia de Santo Tomás de Aquino están invitadas al almuerzo del Grupo de Mujeres el martes 28 de junio al mediodía en la sala juvenil del Edificio Luffey. El almuerzo se ordenará para aquellos que confirmen su asistencia antes del mediodía del lunes, o puede traer su propio almuerzo de saco. Confirme su asistencia a Rhonda al 318-548-7127 o reed.rhonda@gmail.com



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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.

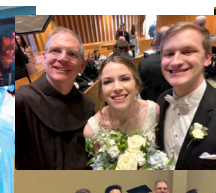
ACTS 25th ANNIVERSARY



We are celebrating the name "ACTS" that happened in 1997. Catholic campus ministry has been a part of our parish since its founding in 1941

THANK YOU

It has been said, that "A picture is worth a 1,000 words." and St. Francis is credited with saying, "Preach the Gospel, if necessary, use words." Well, over the last 11 years I hope that my actions have spoken louder than my words, and that I hope I have served as campus minister to the best of my ability. Yes, there were some "worts" in my ministry over the years, yet I hope the successes outweigh the losses. No matter how I say thank you to all those who have been part of my journey during my tenure here, the words seem to fall short. So I will simply say thank you to all of the ACTS members, all the resident parishioners, and all the others who have influenced my time here and leave you with pictures taken throughout the years. I am off to Chicago to minister with young men who have just made their "first vows" in becoming Franciscan friars. I will go from living in a community of 3 to one of 21 men. The biggest adjustment (besides the food!) will probably be the loss of garden space. In Chicago, my outdoor area will be reduced to a balcony outside my office and Lake Michigan a few blocks away. Yes, I could use your prayers. I will continue to keep you in mine. Peace and All Good, Br. Mike. My new address will be 5495 S. Hyde Park Blvd. Chicago, IL. 60615. If all goes as planned, I will be leaving Ruston June 30. Peace and All Good! Br. Mike



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.

Catechists needed: Are you interested in being a catechist for the 2022-2023 school year? We are searching for several catechists for the following grades: PreK, K assistant, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade assistant. Email Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com or call 318-310-4009 for more information.

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: 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.

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Join the prayer chaplet at 5:30 pm each Monday evening in the chapel. Bring your Rosary. Chaplet pamphlets to pray along are available in the chapel.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on his way to Jerusalem, sent "messenger on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as he sends us out to bring his love to others.

In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist 15 families, providing \$4,657.19 in food, utilities and rent bills.



Décimo Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy vemos como Jesús, en camino a Jerusalén, "envió delante de Él, mensajeros." Para ser mensajero de Dios, sabemos bien que es lo que Dios quiere decir y hacer por medio de nosotros, cuando nos envía a llevar Su amor a Sus pobres.

En este mes de Junio, tu eres ese "mensajero de Dios" trayendo esperanza al pobre. Tus regalos permiten a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl traer asistencia a 15 familias, proporcionando \$4657.19 para sus gastos de hogar y pagos de renta. Muchas Gracias, y que Dios se los pague.

June 26, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

DISCIPLESHIP'S COSTS

In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord tells Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet to succeed him (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Use your freedom in Christ to serve one another through love (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel — While journeying to Jerusalem, Jesus speaks of the costs of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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:

Am I someone whom others see as standing in the bright light of truth?

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 26, 2022

"No one who sets a hand to the plow
and looks to what was left behind
is fit for the kingdom of God."

— *Luke 9:62*

26 de junio de 2022 Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

EL VALOR DEL DISCIPULADO

En la primera lectura de hoy, Dios le dice al profeta Elías que prepare a Eliseo para que sea su sucesor. Ser sucesor de Elías no será una tarea fácil, él ha pasado su vida enfrentado las amenazas de los reyes a los que ha confrontado por sus infidelidades al Dios de Israel. El salmo ilustra la angustia emocional y espiritual que la firme fidelidad de los profetas a Dios les produjo. La descripción de Pablo de la libertad del cristiano frente a la ley en contraposición al "deseo de la carne" pone esta lucha en el corazón mismo de la identidad cristiana. La lectura del Evangelio de Lucas relata la decisión de Jesús de viajar a Jerusalén, donde él sabe que encontrará su destino terrenal. Seguir a Jesús, así como suceder a Elías como profeta, será menos fácil. A diferencia de sus llamadas a los primeros discípulos, Jesús se encuentra con aquellos que no están preparados o no son lo suficientemente fuertes para viajar con él.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor le dice a Elías que unja a Eliseo como profeta para ser su sucesor (1 Reyes 19:16b, 19-21).

Salmo — Tú eres, Señor, mi lote y mi heredad (Salmo 16 [15]).

Segunda lectura — Usa tu libertad en Cristo para servirse unos a otros mediante el amor (Gálatas 5:1, 13-18).

Evangelio — Mientras viajaban a Jerusalén, Jesús reprocha a los discípulos que querían que bajara fuego del cielo sobre una aldea samaritana (Lucas 9:51-62).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor Dios, que mediante la gracia de la adopción filial quisiste que fuéramos hijos de la luz, concédenos que no nos dejemos envolver en las tinieblas del error, sino que permanezcamos siempre vigilantes en el esplendor de la verdad. 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:

¿Me consideran los demás una persona que vive en el esplendor de la verdad?

Decimotercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

26 de junio de 2022

"El que empuña el arado y mira hacia atrás,
no sirve para el Reino de Dios".

— *Lucas 9:62*



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. 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.



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 Sunday, July 17 • 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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 enduring sickle cell disease,
 undergoing surgery, or suffering
 through a traumatic accident.



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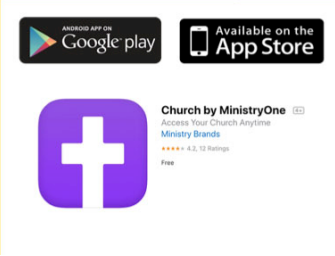
Church registration and App use

We encourage our parishioners to register online with ShelbyNext (the Church software we have been using for over a year). It is the best way to be informed on all things happening at St. Thomas. We are providing the QR code for you to register. Once your registration has been completed you can download the app and you will be able to contact us, review your donations, view the church calendar and much more!

Even if you have been a member of St. Thomas for 20 years, if we do not have your information in our new system, emails and text messages we send won't reach you.

1. Search for MinistryOne App

Go to the Apple App or Google Play Store. Search for MinistryOne and download the app to your mobile device



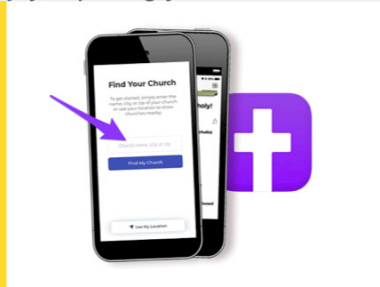
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