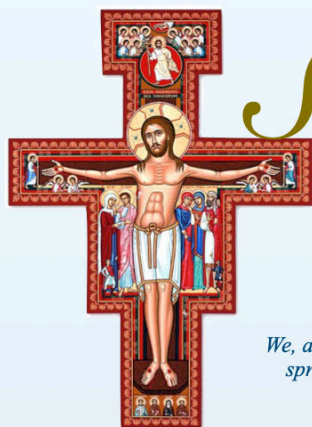


JULY 3RD, 2022 | 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

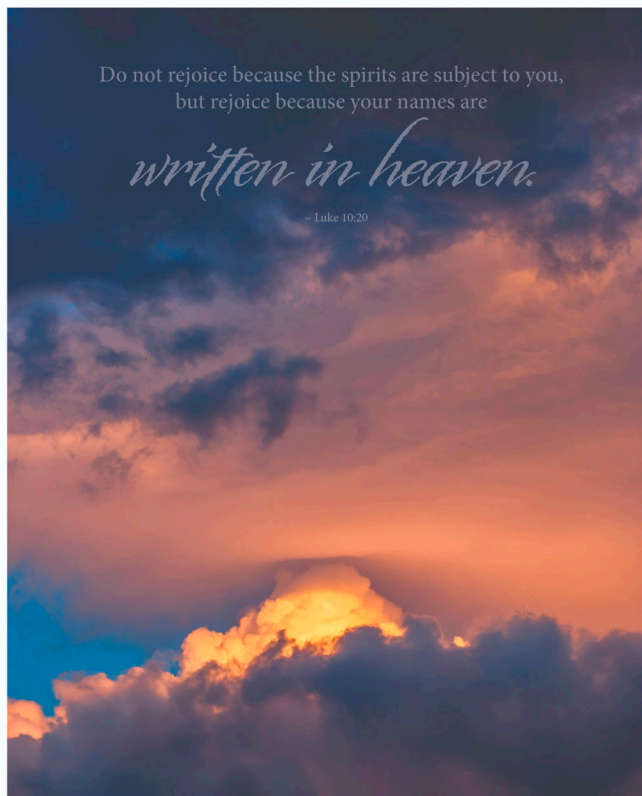
Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 *Pastor*
Br. Mike Ward, OFM (318) 251-0793 *Campus Minister*
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*
John Denny *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090

July 3, 2022 | Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are

written in heaven.

~ Luke 10:20



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>July 1st</u>	Isabella Cortez Abel Lainez Camille Mhire
<u>July 2nd</u>	Freddy Mujica
<u>July 3rd</u>	Marilyn Priego
<u>July 4th</u>	America Hernandez Dulce Aviles-Vazquez Jose Villa
<u>July 5th</u>	Ava Good Joshua Ramachandran
<u>July 7th</u>	Roseanne Skapura Sophia Reis Juana Tomas
<u>July 9th</u>	Cecil Crawford Amalia Lopez
<u>July 10th</u>	Mallary Adams
<u>July 12th</u>	Michael Nammour Victor Velazquez
<u>July 13th</u>	Brooklyn Bryan Dennis Lopez
<u>July 14th</u>	Samantha McCumber
<u>July 16th</u>	Pat Crawford John Gass
<u>July 17th</u>	Tom Bishop Axel Garcia
<u>July 18th</u>	Steven Groce Mary Virginia Adams Emily Lainez Arnulfo Perez Luka Lopez
<u>July 19th</u>	Joseph Luffey
<u>July 20th</u>	Deborah Abraham Mia Morphey
<u>July 21st</u>	Matthew Jackson Yasmin Torres Lometa Rorie Kathleen Brucia Charlotte Rust
<u>July 22nd</u>	Marissa Gonzalez Cruz Morales
<u>July 23rd</u>	James Cregut Margaret Rogers Juan Ramirez
<u>July 26th</u>	Sharon Kelly
<u>July 27th</u>	Hector Medrano Kim Traina
<u>July 28th</u>	David Manuel
<u>July 29th</u>	Stacey Denny Lonnie Fauchoux
<u>July 31st</u>	Justin Szymanski

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, July 3rd**

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

Monday, July 4th

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

Tuesday, July 5th

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

Wednesday, July 6th

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

Thursday, July 7th

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

Friday, July 8th

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

Saturday, July 9th

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 Bruce & Tyrette Cowan. In honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

Ministry Schedule

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

July 9th 2022

Lectors: Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks

Eucharistic Ministers: John Ryan Serio & Slade Richard

Altar Serves: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

July 10th, 2022

Lectors: Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Bailey Reger, Josie and Ramona Bishop

Eucharistic Ministers:

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
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

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 18/ June 19

General Sunday Collection	\$7,268.00
Catholic Life Center	\$90.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Décimo Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, vemos como Jesús envió a sus Apóstoles "**dos por dos.**" En este mismo espíritu, los miembros de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl en nuestra parroquia "**salen dos por dos**" a visitar en sus hogares a aquellos que sufren de pobreza y están en necesidad. Es allí, en escena de familia, que Vicentinos los escuchan, ofrecen consejos humildes y rinden asistencia. **Todos nos podemos mantener seguros que los miembros de esta Sociedad Vicentina les entregan sus regalos directamente a los pobres y a los que sufren en nuestra parroquia.**



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Confirmation Certificates are available in the PSR office ready for pick up.

Directories are all in the church vestibule. Please pick up your family's directory if you photographed. There are also extra directories in the church for anyone else who may desire to have a copy. They are FREE.

VBS Thank You! Thank you to all who donated time and resources to make VBS 2022 a success! The children were a joy to have at Vacation Bible School. They learned about taking care of God's creation and spreading the Good News to the world. The children concluded with a family night with pizza for dinner and a musical special led by Dr. Heidi Adams. Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers who make these events so special for the children.

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 26 Part 2 Chapters 10-12 - July 10 Part 2 Chap. 13-16 - July 17 Part 3 - July 24 Part 4

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.

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: July 10, 17, 24, 31

FALL PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED: Are you interested in being a catechist for the 2022-2023 school year? It is not too early to prayerfully consider this important volunteer role.

We will be using a family formation hybrid model for all non-sacrament prep PSR levels. Catechists are needed for the following grades: PreK lead and assistants, K assistant, 1st grade lead and assistants, 3rd grade lead and assistants, 4th grade and 5th grade assistants. Commitments would be on Sunday mornings from 10:45 am - 11:45 am, with only TWICE A MONTH meetings. Both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking catechists are encouraged and needed for the PSR program. Materials are available in bi-lingual formats.

If you would like to assist with sacrament preparation classes for 2nd grade or middle school, those classes will be meeting WEEKLY on Sundays at 10:45 am.

Email Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com or call 318-310-4009 for more information OR, please sign up online through the Catechist Sign Up Shelby Form. QR code attached.



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July 3, 2022**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY**

This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn't it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own "homecoming," returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the "advent" of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today's psalm reminds us, "Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!"

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice and be glad for I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of nations like an overflowing torrent (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends his disciples out in pairs to bring his peace and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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:

Do those around me see in me the joy of someone who has been rescued from sin?

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**July 3, 2022**

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

— *Galatians 6:14***3 de julio de 2022****Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****LA BUENA NUEVA ESTÁ EN CAMINO**

Esta semana, en pleno verano, las Escrituras nos dan la bienvenida con alegría, paz, misericordia y más paz. Suena un poco como a Adviento ¿cierto? Con frecuencia asociamos al profeta Isaías con ese tiempo de preparación, y nuestra primera lectura suena con palabras como regocijar, consolar y alegrarse. Los israelitas tenían motivos para alegrarse, pues habían regresado, vuelto a casa, a una Jerusalén reconstruida tras su exilio en Babilonia.

En el Evangelio, los setenta y dos discípulos que habían sido enviados tienen su propio "regreso a casa", volviendo a Jesús después de haber difundido la Buena Nueva del Reino y en haber preparado a la gente para el "advenimiento" de Jesús a sus ciudades y pueblos en su largo camino a Jerusalén. Como los exiliados que comenta Isaías, los discípulos regresan regocijados.

La Buena Nueva, el Reino de Dios, está llegando, incluso en el verano. Como nos recuerda el salmo de hoy: "¡Grite con alegría a Dios toda la tierra!"

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocijense y alégrese porque extenderé la prosperidad sobre Jerusalén como un río (Isaías 66:10-14c).

Salmos — Aclamamen al Señor, tierra entera (Salmo 66 [65]).

Segunda lectura — Que nunca me gloríe excepto en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo (Gálatas 6:14-18).

Evangelio — Jesús envía sus discípulos de dos en dos a llevar su paz a la gente (Lucas 10:1-12, 17-20) [1-9].

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Señor Dios, que por medio de la humillación de tu Hijo reconstruiste el mundo derrumbado, concede a tus fieles una santa alegría para que, a quienes rescataste de la esclavitud del pecado, nos hagas disfrutar del gozo que no tiene fin. 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:

¿Dirían los de mi alrededor que nuestro la alegría de estar redimido de la esclavitud del pecado?

Decimocuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**3 de julio de 2022**

No permita Dios que yo me gloríe en algo que no sea la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

— *Gálatas 6:14*



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. Some ideas are:

- meet people at the door,
- reach out to someone you don't know,
- pray for each other.



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

LifeShare Bus

810 Carey Ave. Ruston, LA 71270

Sunday, July 17 • 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Your blood donation will go to someone battling cancer, enduring sickle cell disease, undergoing surgery, or suffering through a traumatic accident.



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