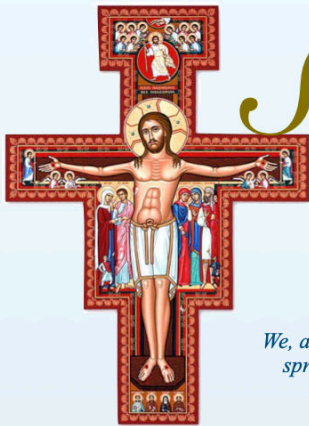


JULY 10TH, 2022 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

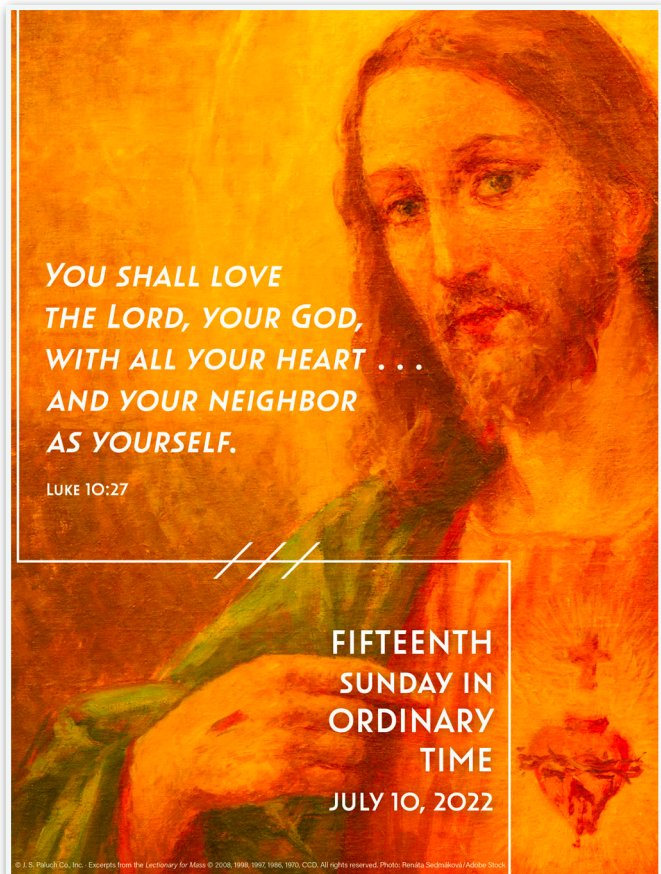
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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



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
<u>July 5th</u>	Jose Villa Ava Good
<u>July 7th</u>	Joshua Ramachandran 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 Morpheu
<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 Faucheux
<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 10th**

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

Monday, July 11th

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

Tuesday, July 12th

7:30AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15AM - Daily Mass
9:00AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00AM - Lectio Divina
6:30 PM. - El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, July 13th

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

Thursday, July 14th

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

Friday, July 15th

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

Saturday, July 16th

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 Mindy Bryan. In loving memory of Leslie Watson Jordan.

Ministry Schedule

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: Carol Mercier, Rodney Manning, Paul Jackson and Emily Chartier

July 16th 2022

Lectors: Jim Martin & John Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: Slade Richard & George Trevison

Altar Serves:

July 17th, 2022

Lectors: Ryan and Lorelei Freling

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Thomas Roger and Tom Bishop

ST. THOMAS' PRAYER LIST

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

Miriam Bishop	Cynthia Murry
Charles Bourgeois	Katherine Ned
Bill Buske	Don Olivier
Frankie Career	Pearline Robey
Judy Darcey	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	Kathleen "Kathy"
Chris Letendre	Walter
Ken Martinez	Stephen Webre
Tobie McKown	Janice Williams
Rueben Moreno	

Kelly Morgan

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday July 16th Carmen de Denys
Gustavo Denys
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

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 25/ June 26

General Sunday Collection	\$3,613.00
Catholic Life Center	\$150.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Fifteen Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise." **This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.**



Décimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús le pregunta al maestro de la ley, "*¿cuál de estos tres, en tu opinión, trató como su próximo a la víctima de los salteadores?*" Contestó "él que lo trató con compasión." Y Jesús le dijo, "*vete y haz lo mismo.*"

Esta semana ustedes también pueden "tratar al pobre con misericordia" poniendo un regalo en la Caja Pobre de San Vicente de Paúl.

Altar Server Training: Altar server training for new and current servers will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please register if you plan to attend. Families are encouraged to attend together. This will not be a drop-off training event.

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. The meetings take place in the Joe and Roger Luffey Youth Room.

Franciscan at Home is available for any parishioner. It is an online platform with various learning tracks available such as Lectio Divina, RCIA leadership, family formation, youth ministry, kerygma, Eucharistic discipleship, and more. Please see the flyer attached to sign up. If you need technical assistance with signing up for the free account, please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 or email stthomaspsr430@gmail.com.

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 facilitator 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.





The Catholic faith, rich with traditions and devotions, will embark on a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. The Diocese of Shreveport will offer events throughout 2022-2023 that will encourage growth in understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented by online formation and resources that will raise up Eucharistic Missionaries at all levels of the Church. The first step is to increase our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It is through Eucharistic Adoration that we give thanksgiving to God for Christ's True Presence in our lives. Christ, in the Eucharist, is our very sustenance that we are reminded of in John 6:53 (NABRE): "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." To learn more about the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Revival, go to <https://www.dioshpt.org/eucharistic-revival> or scan the QR code below. Let's reenergize our faith and approach the throne of grace with clearer understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus, the Source and Summit of the faith, is calling each Catholic to come, adore, and experience his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.



Franciscan At Home Sign Up

FREE ONLINE FAITH ENRICHMENT COURSES

Go to the following link: <https://franciscanathome.com/raleigh>

On the right of this web page is a large blue button

By clicking on this button, you are taken to "Welcome to Franciscan at Home"

Click on "create a new account"

"User Account" page will appear to set up a personal account

Type in your name and e-mail, create a unique password, set your time zone, upload a profile picture, enter your phone number and mailing address

Under Diocese, scroll down and choose Diocese of Raleigh

Complete your Demographic Information, Parish Name and Location

Enter your ministry area as it applies to you. (Ministry experience is not required to take a course.)

Click on **Create an Account** box at the bottom

"Sign Up for Free Through Your Institution" page will appear

Choose Country—United States, Diocese—Diocese of Raleigh, and Institution—Your Parish Name and click **Sign Up** box at the bottom

You will be directed to your personal page...

where you can start your first workshop by searching by track or title.

Start A Workshop Today!

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Our God is about relationships. In the first reading, Moses reminds the Israelites that the laws, which are already in their hearts, keep them in right relationship with the God who loves them so much that they always find forgiveness. Centuries later, along comes Jesus, whom Paul describes to the Colossians as “the image of the invisible God,” the very embodiment of this God of love. In his parable about the good Samaritan, Jesus explains how the law of love overrules the letter of the law. Instead of answering the question “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus demonstrates that it is not about who is worthy of being loved, but rather loving as God loves—about *being* neighbor, about being the good Samaritan. Jesus wants us to continue his work as images of this God of love by loving *all* people, even those who seem to be our enemies.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Heed the voice of the Lord. It is something very near to you, already in your hearts; you only need to carry it out (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

Psalms — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

Second Reading — All things were created through and for Christ Jesus (Colossians 1:15-20).

Gospel — To be a neighbor, show love by treating others with mercy, as did the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray,

so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians

the grace to reject whatever is contrary
to the name of Christ

and to strive after all that does it honor.

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 do I live up to being called Christian? Are there ways that I can do better?

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body,
the church.

— *Colossians 1:15, 18*

10 de julio de 2022

Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

RELACIONES CORRECTAS

Nuestro Dios es acerca de relaciones. En la primera lectura, Moisés les recuerda a los israelitas que las leyes, que ya están en sus corazones, los mantiene en una relación correcta con el Dios que los ama tanto que siempre consiguen el perdón. Siglos después, llega Jesús, a quien Pablo describe a los colosenses como “la imagen del Dios invisible”, la encarnación misma de este Dios de amor. En su parábola acerca del buen samaritano, Jesús explica cómo la ley de amor anula la letra de la ley. En lugar de responder a la pregunta “¿quién es mi prójimo?” Jesús demuestra que no se trata de quien es digno de ser amado, sino de amar como Dios ama, de ser prójimo, de ser el buen samaritano. Jesús quiere que continuemos su obra como imágenes de este Dios de amor, amando a todas las personas, incluso a las que parecen ser nuestros enemigos.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Escuchen la voz del Señor. Es algo muy cerca de ti, y está en tu corazón; sólo necesitas observarla (Deuteronomio 30:10-14).

Salmo — Humildes, busquen al Señor, y revivirán sus corazones (Salmo 69 [68]) o *Salmo 19 (18)*.

Segunda lectura — Todas las cosas fueron creadas mediante y para Cristo Jesús (Colosenses 1:15-20).

Evangelio — Ser un buen vecino, mostrar amor tratando a otros con misericordia (Lucas 10:25-37).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor Dios, que muestras la luz de tu verdad
a los que andan extraviados

para que puedan volver al buen camino,
concede a cuantos se profesan como cristianos

rechazar lo que sea contrario al nombre que llevan
y cumplir lo que ese nombre significa.

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.

Preguntas de reflexión:

¿Cómo vivo en conformidad con ser cristiano?

¿Hay maneras en que puedo hacerlo mejor?

Decimoquinto Domingo

del Tiempo Ordinario

10 de julio de 2022

Cristo . . . es también la cabeza del cuerpo,
que es la Iglesia.

— *Colosenses 1:15, 18*



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.



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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200 for this week

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