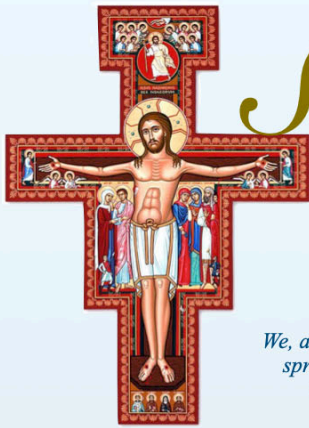


JULY 17TH, 2022 | 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

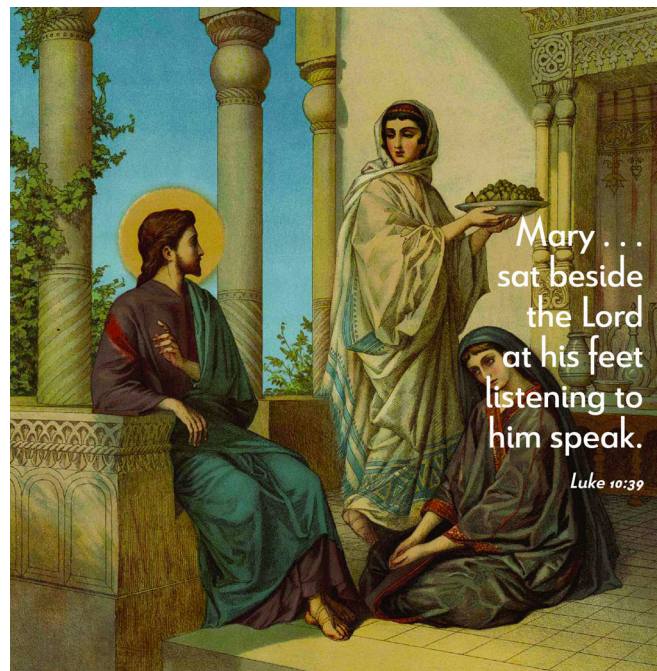
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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*
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 *Business Manager*
Elise Reis (318) 310-4009 *Religious Education Director*
Matthew Bryan *President of Pastoral Council*
Thurston Allen *Chairman of Finance Council*
St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



Mary . . .
sat beside
the Lord
at his feet
listening to
him speak.

Luke 10:39

**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

July 17, 2022

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 17th**

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

Monday, July 18th

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

Tuesday, July 19th

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 20th

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

Thursday, July 21st

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

Friday, July 22nd

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

Saturday, July 23rd

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 donadas por Francisco Morales.

Ministry Schedule

July 16th 2022

Lectors: Jim Martin & John Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: Slade Richard, George Trevison

July 17th, 2022

Lectors: Ryan and Lorelei Freling

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Ava & Olivia Good

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Thomas Rogers, Tom Bishop

Lectores: Juan Ramirez y Rosa Ramirez

July 23rd 2022

Lectors: George Trevison & Ed Jacobs

Eucharistic Ministers: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

July 24rd, 2022

Lectors: Paul Jackson & Marina Bishop

Altar Servers: Kaejha Stewart, Brrennan & Matthew Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Jackson, Joan Mullens, Larry Mullens, Colby Piatt

Lectores: Angel Ventura y Alfredo Morelos

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 17th Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Saturday July 23rd Arthur G Trevison +
(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 July 2/ July 3

General Sunday Collection \$10,629.00
Catholic Life Center.

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.



Décimo Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús afirma que para ser Sus discípulos debemos También sentarnos a Sus pies, como María, y escucharlo. San Vicente de Paul enseno que es solo en oración que Podemos ofrecer desinteresado y amoroso servicio a aquellos que son pobres.

Esta semana, favor de ofrecer una oración especial cada día por los más pobres y abandonados en nuestra parroquia.

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: 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 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 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**PRAYER AND SERVICE**

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors" seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham and Sarah show hospitality to messengers of the Lord (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. Mary has chosen the better part (Luke 10:38-42).

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

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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 has the Lord shown favor to me?

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching
everyone with all wisdom, that we may
present everyone perfect in Christ.

— *Colossians 1:28b*

17 de julio de 2022

Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**LA ORACIÓN Y EL SERVICIO**

¿Cómo podemos dar alegría y balance a nuestras vidas de oración y servicio a nuestro Dios amoroso?

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús le dice a Marta que su preocupación por hacer lo correcto, como lo ordena la tradición judía, podría no ser el mejor uso de sus energías. Su hermana María, que atraída se sienta a los pies de Jesús, no debe ser reprendida. ¿Está Jesús tratando de mostrar a Marta que debe dedicar más tiempo a su alimentación espiritual?

En la primera lectura, Abraham y Sara parecen ser como Marta. Y, sin embargo, la bienvenida entusiasta y atención alegre de Abraham a sus "visitantes" parecen casi espiritual. En la segunda lectura, Pablo se regocija en su servicio al Evangelio.

Escuchamos en el salmo que los que hacen justicia vivirán en la presencia del Señor. La oración y el servicio, ¿qué mayor alegría puede haber?

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abraham y Sara muestran hospitalidad a los mensajeros del Señor (Génesis 18:1-10a).

Salmo — Señor, ¿quién puede hospedarse en tu tienda? (Salmo 15 [14])

Segunda lectura — Pablo habla de la responsabilidad que se le ha encomendado de completar la Palabra de Dios (Colosenses 1:24-28).

Evangelio — Marta, te preocupas de muchas cosas. María ha escogido la mejor parte (Lucas 10:38-42).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Sé propicio, Señor, con tus siervos
y multiplica, bondadoso, sobre ellos los dones de tu gracia,
para que, fervorosos en la fe, la esperanza y la caridad,
perseveren siempre fieles en el cumplimiento
de tus mandatos.

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 me muestra el Señor los dones de su gracia?

Decimosexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

17 de julio de 2022

Ese mismo Cristo es el que nosotros
predicamos cuando corregimos
a los hombres y los instruimos con todos
los recursos de la sabiduría, a fin de que
todos sean cristianos perfectos.

— *Colosenses 1:28b*



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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 Donate & Receive A LifeShare T-Shirt, while supplies last.

200 for this week

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