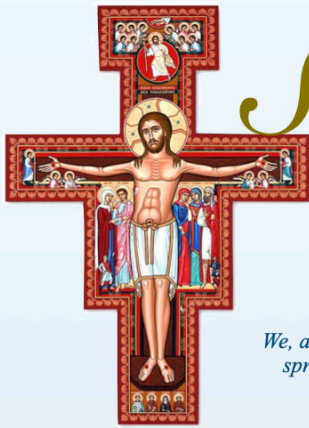


JULY 24TH, 2022 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

"AND I TELL YOU,
ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



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>	Brooklynn 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 24th**

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

Monday, July 25th

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

Tuesday, July 26th

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 27th

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

Thursday, July 28th

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

Friday, July 29th

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

Saturday, July 30th

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 the Villa Family.
Flores del altar donadas por la familia
Villa por celebración del cumpleaños de
Jose y Luz

Ministry Schedule**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, Brennan & Matthew Jackson**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Jackson, Joan Mullens, Larry Mullens, Colby Piatt**Lectores:** Angel Ventura y Alfredo Morelos**July 30th 2022****Lectors:** Pam Allen & Samantha Groce**Eucharistic Ministers:** George Trevison & Slade Richard**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio**July 31st, 2022****Lectors:** Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero**Altar Servers:** Maggie Rogers and Mary Adams**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Rogers, Tom Bishop, Gary Kennedy and Elaine Johnson**Lectores:** Imelda Ramirez y Nicolas Cirilio**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
John 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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY*Weekend of July 9/ July 10*

General Sunday Collection	\$10,479.00
Catholic Life Center	\$685.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!***MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday July 24th**Bobby Ortego +
(by *Karen Ortego*)Souls in Purgatory
(by *Sandra Belaire*)**Tuesday July 26th**Juan Mora +
(by *Rhonda Reed*)

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.

**PRAYER TO
SAINT MICHAEL**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil.May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; and do thou, O
Prince of the heavenly host, by
the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits,
who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Altar Server Training: Current and new servers were trained this Saturday. Missed the training???? Please call Elise Reis at 318-310-4009 to be placed on the list for the fall training.

FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHISTS NEEDED

Will you be a catechist? Please prayerfully consider this important volunteer role. We will be using a family formation parallel model for all non-sacrament prep PSR levels. **Catechists are needed for PRE-K, K, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th.** Family of Faith catechists only need to commit to one meeting per month. Email Elise Reis at stthomaspsr430@gmail.com or call 318-310-4009 for more information. How will Family of Faith look? We will use this parallel model which is the suggested approach for parishes transitioning from a classroom model.

- Leader presents once per month to parents who then engage in small-group discussion and activities to deepen their understanding
- Children participate in lessons with catechists using activities from *A Family of Faith*
- Parents reinforce the learning at home through select, family-based lessons and activities, preparing them for a more independent experience next year

Year One: The Creed

- September: The Role of Parents in Education
- October: What is Faith, Who is God
- November: Created in God's Image
- December: Annunciation, Immaculate Conception
- January: Who is Jesus
- February: Paschal Mystery
- March: The Holy Spirit
- April: Marks of the Church, Communion of Saints

Family of Faith Calendar 2022 – 2023

Sept. 11 Adult Meeting, Family of Faith Introduction	Sept. 25 Community Meeting, Safety Training
Oct. 2 Adult Meeting	Oct. 23 Community Meeting, St. Francis of Assisi
Nov. 6 Adult Meeting	Nov. 13 Community Ideas, Advent Activities
Dec. 4 Adult Meeting	Dec. 11 Community Meeting, Christmas Play and Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 8 Adult Meeting	Jan. 29 Community Meeting, St. Thomas Aquinas Feast and Priest Appreciation Day
Feb. 5 Adult Meeting	Feb. 26 Service Project for Lent
Mar. 5 Adult Meeting	Mar. 26 Community Meeting, Living Stations of the Cross
Apr. 16 Adult Meeting	Apr. 30 Community Meeting, Storybook Show and Tell

PSR registration for Family of Faith and sacrament classes will open August 1, 2022. 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.



The 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal is now in full swing. For those of you who have made a gift or pledge...THANK YOU! I want to urge the others of you to make your gift or pledge as soon as you can. It's not enough to want to give or think you will. We must be people who act on what we believe and respond quickly when we are called. In this way, no matter what we give, we can say, together, "We did our best."

Remember, if you did not receive the annual appeal materials in the mail, there are copies of the appeal brochure with return envelopes in the vestibule for you to review the information and make your gift or pledge. In advance, thank you for your participation.

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**CONVERSATION WITH GOD**

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord's Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being.

Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalms — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

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You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

24 de julio de 2022

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**UNA CONVERSACIÓN CON DIOS**

Este fin de semana ponemos nuestra atención en la oración. En el Evangelio, Jesús da a sus discípulos, y a nosotros, la oración del Padre Nuestro, que durante siglos hemos apreciado. Las dos primeras palabras abarcan mucho de nuestra fe: la unidad entre todos los cristianos (Nuestro), y un sentido de que estamos en una relación profundamente vinculada con Dios (Padre).

En el libro de Génesis, vemos a Abraham en una oración de conversación, en su humildad de creatura ante su Creador, buscando misericordia y compasión por un inocente. El salmo es una oración poética de agradecimiento y alabanza al Dios que respondió a las oraciones sinceras de un pueblo que había pedido ayuda, mostrando su misericordia. En el Evangelio de Lucas, los discípulos quieren orar como Jesús, con la misma intimidad, para experimentar a Dios como Abba en lo más profundo de su ser.

¿Intentamos nosotros de hablar con Dios?

¿Escuchamos las respuestas? Esta relación siempre es un trabajo en progreso.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Por el bien de los diez no destruiré la ciudad (Génesis 18:20-32).

Salmo — Cuando te invoqué, Señor, me escuchaste (Salmo 138 [137]).

Segunda lectura — Enterrados con Cristo en el bautismo, también fuimos resucitados con él, todas nuestras transgresiones son perdonadas (Colosenses 2:12-14).

Evangelio — Pidan y recibirán, el Padre da el Espíritu Santo a los que se lo piden (Lucas 11:1-13).

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

Señor Dios, protector de los que en ti confían, sin ti, nada es fuerte, ni santo; multiplica sobre nosotros tu misericordia para que, bajo tu dirección, de tal modo nos sirvamos ahora de los bienes pasajeros, que nuestro corazón esté puesto en los bienes eternos. 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:

¿De qué maneras puedo usar los bienes de la tierra a fin de que no me impidan alcanzar los del cielo?

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del Tiempo Ordinario****24 de julio de 2022**

Por el bautismo fueron ustedes sepultados con Cristo y también resucitaron con él, mediante la fe en el poder de Dios, que lo resucitó de entre los muertos.

— *Colosenses 2:12*



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.



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 24, 2022

"Give us this day our daily bread." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 318-868-4441 or email: FatherMangum@yahoo.com.

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 24 de Julio de 2022

"Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día." ¿Estás llamado a ayudar a alimentar al pueblo de Dios 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.

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