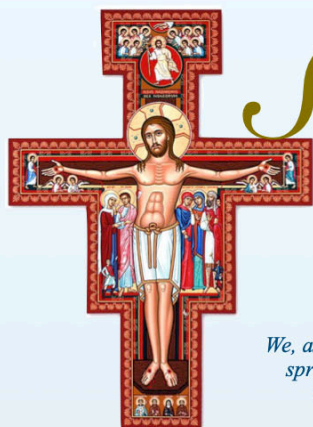


JULY 31ST, 2022 | 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

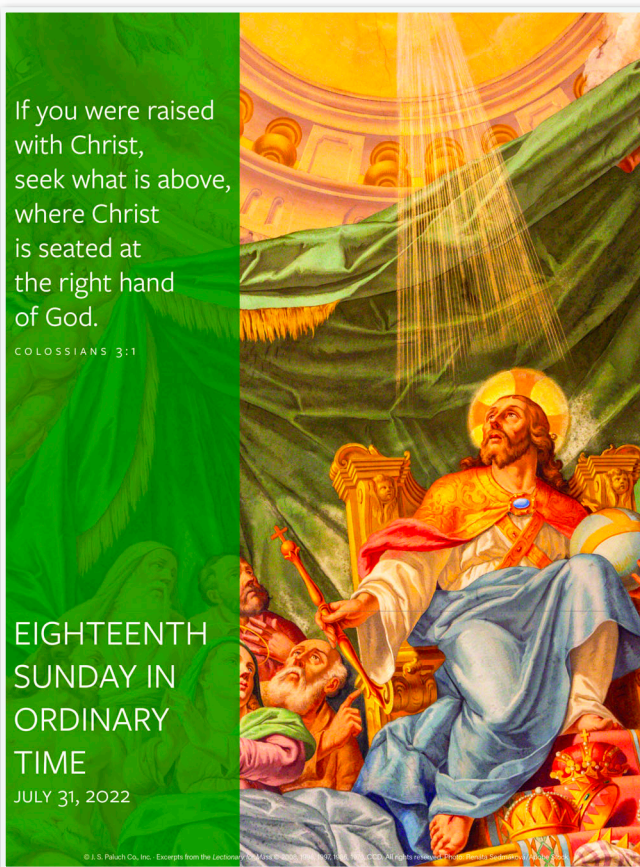
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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



If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 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>August 1st</u>	Nora Ramachandran
	Adolfo Leon
<u>August 2nd</u>	Paola Torres
<u>August 3rd</u>	Danny Nash
<u>August 4th</u>	Anna Kate Jackson
	Heidi Morphey
<u>August 7th</u>	Damian Nash
	Javier Ramirez
<u>August 8th</u>	Landry Tucker
	Gerardo Turrubiarres
<u>August 9th</u>	Eric David Alvarado Garro
<u>August 10th</u>	Maria Elena Mendez
<u>August 11th</u>	George Smith
<u>August 12th</u>	Beth Buske
	Nicolas Reyes
<u>August 13th</u>	Esma Smith
<u>August 15th</u>	Almario Manlutac
<u>August 16th</u>	Jonathan Roger
	Heather Jach
<u>August 17th</u>	Jerry Drewett
<u>August 18th</u>	Ginger Manuel
<u>August 19th</u>	Ed Jacobs
	Karen Jacobs
<u>August 20th</u>	Cristina Mariano
	Fredy Lopez
<u>August 21st</u>	Allie Jo Martin
<u>August 24th</u>	Trisha Pangilinan
<u>August 25th</u>	Trisha Pangilinan
	Jose Hernandez
<u>August 25th</u>	Traci Maier
	Frank Cordaro
<u>August 26th</u>	Bill Tubre
	Carmen Bishop
	Kadie Frost
	Donna Serio
<u>August 27th</u>	Gene Mariano
	Larry Gomez
	Adriana Avilez Vazquez
<u>August 28th</u>	Kelly DeCerbo
	Eliza Rust
<u>August 29th</u>	Camila Derosa
	Lizeth Ramirez
	Thomas Hanna
<u>August 31st</u>	Ronald Barron
	Diana May

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 31st**

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

Monday, August 1st

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

Tuesday, August 2nd

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, August 3rd

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

Thursday, August 4th

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

Friday, August 5th

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

Saturday, August 6th

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 Nicolas Cirilo.
Flores donadas por Nicolas Cirilo

Ministry Schedule**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**August 6th 2022****Lectors:** Pam Allen & John Allen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Rorie & John Ryan Serio**August 7th, 2022****Lectors:** Bruce Hampton & Carmen Bishop**Altar Servers:** Rosie and Ramona Bishop**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tom Bishop, Carol Mercier, Mary Ghougkedze and Thomas Rogers**Lectores:** Luz Martinez y Rosy Jaramillo**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
John 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	Jennie Schutte-Patrick
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
Kelly Morgan	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY*Weekend of July 16/ July 17*

General Sunday Collection \$5,288.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!***MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday July 31stBobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)Tuesday August 2ndSouls in Purgatory
(by Sandra Belaire)

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 31, 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE CENTER OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Today's readings invite us to reflect upon some of life's deepest questions, and to explore the meaning of faith. We hear of the universal human search for meaning in our lives in the book of Ecclesiastes. In Luke's Gospel, we hear Jesus' parable about one who foolishly seeks ultimate security through the accumulation of wealth. In Colossians, faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ is proclaimed as the path to a richly purposeful and meaningful life. The path of Christian faith places our work, our sufferings, and our limitations within the larger picture of God's purposes for all of us. In Jesus, God is revealed as our companion in human suffering and limitation. God's love is at the center of a meaningful life. We place our trust in this loving God, who created us to share in this love, and to share this love with others.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
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 answered my prayers?

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2022

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
— *Psalm 90:12*

31 de julio de 2022 Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

EL CENTRO DE UNA VIDA CON SENTIDO

Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a reflexionar sobre algunas de las cuestiones más profundas de la vida y a explorar el significado de la fe. En el libro del Eclesiastés escuchamos acerca de la búsqueda humana universal del sentido de nuestras vidas. En el Evangelio de Lucas escuchamos la parábola de Jesús que habla de quien busca tontamente la seguridad definitiva mediante la acumulación de riquezas. En la carta a los colosenses, la fe en Cristo crucificado y resucitado, se proclama como el camino hacia una vida abundante en propósitos y con sentido. El camino de la fe cristiana pone nuestro trabajo, nuestros sufrimientos y nuestras limitaciones dentro de un panorama más amplio de los propósitos de Dios para todos nosotros. En Jesús, Dios se revela como nuestro compañero en el sufrimiento y las limitaciones humanas. El amor de Dios está en el centro de una vida con sentido. Ponemos nuestra confianza en este Dios amoroso, que nos creó para compartir este amor, y para compartir este amor con los demás.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No pases la vida luchando por las ventajas materiales (Eclesiastés 1:2; 2:21-23).

Salmo — Ojalá escuchen la voz del Señor: “No endurezcan el corazón” (Salmo 90 [89]).

Segunda lectura — Cristo te ha resucitado a una nueva vida (Colosenses 3:1-5, 9-11).

Evangelio — Esté alerta en contra de toda ambición, porque tu vida no consiste en las posesiones materiales, sino en las riquezas del Reino de Dios (Lucas 12:13-21).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Ayuda, Señor, a tus siervos,
que imploran tu continua benevolencia,
y ya que se glorían de tenerte como su creador y su guía,
renueva en ellos tu obra creadora
y consérvalos los dones de tu redención.
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 responde el Señor a mis oraciones?

Decimoctavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario 31 de julio de 2022

Enséñanos a calcular nuestros años
para que adquiramos un corazón sensato.
— *Salmo 90 (89):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.



Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (September 16-18,) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

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