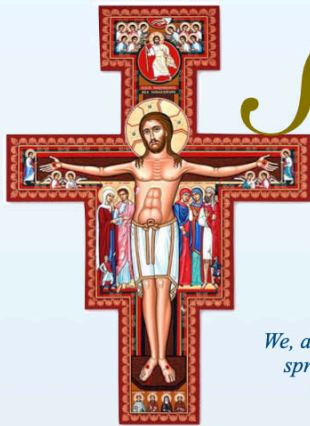


AUGUST 7TH, 2022 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

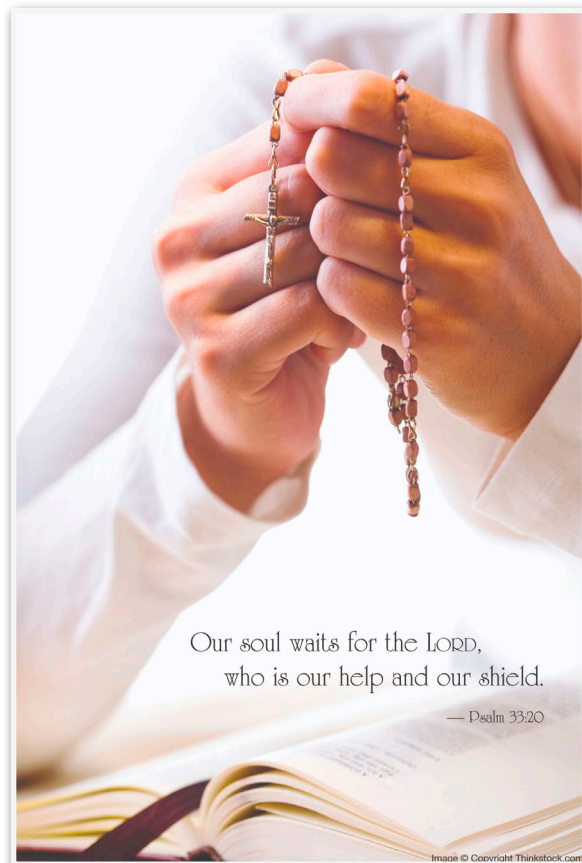
Please call Church Office **SIX MONTHS** in advance to schedule

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



Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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>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, August 7th**

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

Monday, August 8th

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

Tuesday, August 9th

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 10th

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

Thursday, August 11th

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

Friday, August 12th

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

Saturday, August 13th

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

Donated by Selene and Gary Kennedy
in honor of their 29th wedding
anniversary.

Ministry Schedule

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

August 13th 2022

Lectors: Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Eucharistic Ministers: Slade Richard & Diane Singletary

August 14th, 2022

Lectors: Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny

Altar Servers: Rosie and Ramona Bishop

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Martin, Rodney Manning, Emily Chartier and Gary Kennedy

Lectores: Ana Ambrosio y Dulce Aviles

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	Tyler Sorrels
Magnolia Johnson	Holly Hollis Star
Jeffery Judice	Willie Tannerhill
Chris Letendre	Kathleen "Kathy"
Ken Martinez	Walter
Tobie McKown	Stephen Webre
Rueben Moreno	Janice Williams
Kelly Morgan	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of July 23/ July 24

General Sunday Collection	\$8,516.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$440.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday August 7th Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Wednesday August 10th 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.

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

Who is this for? What if we don't have children or our kids are grown? The at-home lessons are geared for kids in grades K-6...but all parishioners are most welcome to get involved. Teen siblings and all other adults can come and benefit from the teaching during the parent sessions, and those without their own children might consider volunteering to accompany and mentor another family that could use a helping hand.

Intergenerational Connections

Adults who no longer have children in the home are also encouraged to come to the adult meetings and community meetings. Your presence will help mentor parents who are actively forming their children. You will enjoy the adult formation lectures and small group discussions, too!

What if I have small children with me?

Parents with babies and small children are encouraged to bring them to the adult meetings. During adult meetings, children in PreK- 6th grades will be with catechists during the session. During community meetings, families will stay together in one location to share and build community. Think of community meetings as more creative and social; but these meetings will

What will be learning the first year of Family of Faith?

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



Sign my family up for Family of Faith!



Family of Faith Registration QR Code

If you are a parent with children who have already passed 6th grade or an adult parishioner with no children in the home, please select **PAY LATER** on the registration form. You will not be required to pay the \$30 fee for parent resource books. Essay materials for the church meetings will be provided to you. Everyone should register using the same Family of Faith QR code above. Thank you!

Sacrament Preparation – First Communion

If your child is in 2nd grade, please register for sacrament preparation classes. These classes will be on Sundays at 10:45 am weekly. The first day of classes will be September 11, 2022. You must be registered by August 31st. Full payment for books will be due on September 30th.



First Holy Communion Registration QR Code

Sacrament Preparation – First Communion for older children and youth

If your child or teen has already passed 2nd grade but still needs preparation for First Holy Communion, please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 for more information about our SEEKERS class.

Sacrament Preparation – Confirmation

If your youth is entering 7th grade, please register for Confirmation preparation.

If your youth has completed the first year of classes for Confirmation, please re-register for year two using the same form/QR code.



Confirmation Registration QR Code

If registering for First Holy Communion classes or for the first year of Confirmation preparation, please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the Parish School of Religion office now located in the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center. **Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8 - 2**

If sending a copy by mail, please send to:

ATTN: Elise Reis, DRE

813 Carey Avenue

Ruston, LA 71270

Small Groups and Prayer Groups

This is a listing of the current small groups and prayer groups in our parish. You will be able to meet and greet with the leaders and members of these group at the September Family of Faith Community meeting. For more information, please contact the listed leaders. You are welcome!

Adult Education Small Group – Luffey gym, Sundays 10:45 am bi-monthly. Contact Delena Ashworth delenaashworth@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Chaplet – chapel, meets Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Contact Gerry Brucia taedawood@yahoo.com

El Manto de Maria – Luffey gym, meets Tuesdays, 7:00 pm. Contact Luz Martinez 318-224-0980

High School Small Group – ACTS library, E. Donn Piatt Student Center. Contact Slade Richard 318-514-8060, slade@slacoindustrial.com

Lectio Divina – Luffey youth room, meets Tuesdays 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Contact Lee Smith 318-243-8307

Men`s Small Group – St. Vincent de Paul room, homes; Sundays, alt. dates. Contact Joshua Perot 318-243-0361, josh.a.perot@gmail.com

Please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 or, call Deacon John Serio at 318-255-3788 for more information.

August 7, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**FAITH**

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalms — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Because of his faithful obedience to God's call, Abraham's descendants number as the stars (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel — Keep watch and be prepared, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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

Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
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:

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

Our soul waits for the Lord,
who is our help and our shield.
— *Psalm 33:20*

7 de agosto de 2022

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**LA FE**

Nuestras lecturas de hoy exploran cómo la fe comienza y cómo obra la fe. La fe comienza con la iniciativa de amor de Dios, junto con la promesa de Dios sobre el futuro. El pasaje de la carta a los hebreos recomienda a los lectores a tener una confianza segura en Dios, que prometió y entregó un legado duradero a Abraham. El libro de la Sabiduría recuerda a los lectores del Dios que prometió y liberó de la esclavitud durante el Éxodo. En el pasaje del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús comenzó con la promesa que "su Padre se alegra en darles el Reino", antes de describir cómo vivir con fidelidad en momentos cuando Dios parece ausente. Las promesas de Dios significan que Dios está plenamente implicado en nuestro futuro. Viviendo en estas promesas, podemos confiadamente dejar de lado el miedo y la inseguridad. Podemos anticipar que cuando Dios interviene en nuestras vidas, será para nuestro beneficio. Y podemos convertirnos en colaboradores de Dios en el cumplimiento de estas promesas divinas.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Tus antepasados esperaron con fe y valor el cumplimiento de las promesas de Dios (Sabiduría 18:6-9).

Salmo — Dichoso el pueblo que el Señor se escogió como heredad (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — A causa de la fidelidad al llamado de Dios, los descendientes de Abraham son tan numerosos como las estrellas (Hebreos 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Evangelio — Estén alerta y preparados porque no saben ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del hombre aparecerá (Lucas 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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

Dios todopoderoso y eterno,
a quien, enseñados por el Espíritu Santo,
invocamos con el nombre de Padre,
intensifica en nuestros corazones
el espíritu de hijos adoptivos tuyos,
para que merezcamos entrar en posesión
de la herencia que nos tienes prometida.
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.

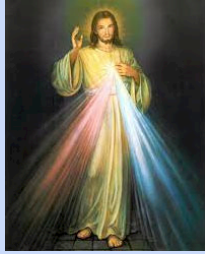
Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué significa ser hijos adoptivos del Padre?

Decimonoveno Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

7 de agosto de 2022

Nosotros aguardamos al Señor:
él es nuestro auxilio y escudo.
— *Salmo 33 (32):20*



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

DOLLAR LUNCH

The Wednesday (\$) Lunch program will be offered once again for the 2022-2023 LA Tech academic year. This is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish to bring Tech students together to eat, relax & enjoy friends while sharing a meal. We are excited to continue this wonderful ministry of feeding & getting to know all the new & returning college students! If you are interested in helping and would like to volunteer to cook, serve or provide a dessert, please contact Christi Faulkner at 318-278-4904 or Diana May 318-573-0388(desserts).

The Diocese of Shreveport is looking to fill the following positions:

- Director of Development
- Director of Marriage & Family Life
- Information Technology "IT" support

Send resumes to:

Diocese of Shreveport
Attn: Human Resources
3500 Fairfield Ave
Shreveport, LA 71104

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is looking for a parish secretary. Please send resumes to Fr. Rothell Price at St. Elizabeth's.

200 for this week

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813 CAREY AVENUE
RUSTON, LA 71270