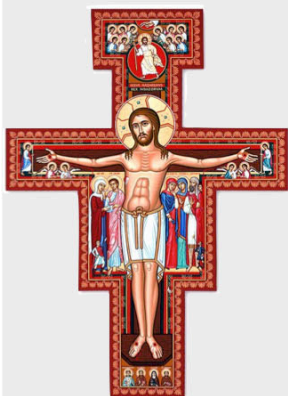


AUGUST 28TH, 2022 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

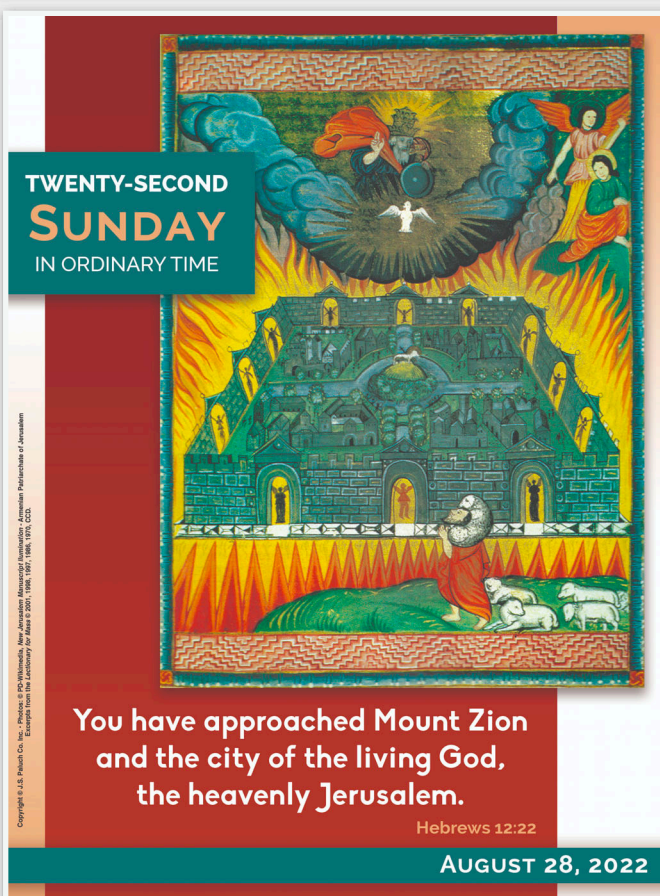
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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



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.

813 Carey Ave. | Ruston, Louisiana 71270 | 318-255-2870 | stthomasaquinasruston.com

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 Morphew
<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
	Stephanie Viator
<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 28th**

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

Monday, August 29th

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

Tuesday, August 30th

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 31st

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

Thursday, September 1st

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

Friday, September 2nd

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

Saturday, September 3rd

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 Trish & Kenneth Carter

Ministry Schedule

August 27th 2022

Lectors: George Trevison & Dolly Hurtig

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Singletary & Slade Richard

August 28th, 2022

Lectors: Paul Jackson & Marina Bishop

Altar Servers: Maggie Rogers & Marie Adams

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Manning, Tom Bishop, Mary Ghougkedze & Emily Chartier

Lectores: Pablo Tepole y Marichuy Torres

September 3rd 2022

Lectors: Jim Martin & Larry Mullens

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Singletary & George Trevison

September 4th, 2022

Lectors: Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero

Altar Servers: Josie, Ramona Bishop & Bailey Reger

Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Chartier, Elaine Johnson, Gary Kennedy & Thomas Rogers

Lectores: Rosa Ramirez y Sergio Ruiz

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday August 28th

Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Helen Batterton
(by Michael, Ronnie and Donnie)

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.

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
John Buske	Pearline Robey
Frankie Career	Lometa Rorie
Judy Darcey	Mary Russo
Layten Davis	Gloria Saldana
Sean Dwyer	Laura Leigh Saleese
Emmely Gay	Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Bernice Harrison	Jo Mary Smith
Harvey Hayes	Nicole Smith
Magnolia Johnson	Tyler Sorrels
Jeffery Judice	Holly Hollis Star
Chris Letendre	Willie Tannerhill
Ken Martinez	Kathleen "Kathy"
Tobie McKown	Walter
Rueben Moreno	Stephen Webre
Kelly Morgan	Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of August 13/ August 14

General Sunday Collection	\$7,515.00
Catholic Life Center.	\$1,000.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Women's Guild Update

1. Tuesday September 13th-noon. Lunch meeting at the Luffey Center.
2. Friday September 23rd-11:30 AM. Life Choices banquet and fundraiser. Please RSVP (318-548-7127) for tickets.

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.

Our Parish Progress With the 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

As we approach the end of the first month of this year's Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal: To Know, Love and Serve, our parish has received 28 pledges in the amount of \$16,604.00.

While our parish doesn't have a financial goal for the appeal this year, we do have a goal to improve the percentage of family participation. Last year, 13.2% of our families participated in the appeal. As of this last week, we have 8.6% of our families participating in this year's appeal. No matter the size of your pledge or one-time gift, let's make it the goal of the parish that each and every family pledge to the appeal. We'll let the total amount we raise -as a parish - take care of itself. We're confident that with everyone's participation we will be blessed as a parish and surprised to see how well we have done financially.

Please, do not delay. Respond as generously as you can as God has been generous toward you and your family. Thank you.

The Diocese has created an electronic newsletter for news and events around the diocese, as well as educational content about our Catholic faith. Please subscribe to it by scanning the QR code in the bulletin or by visiting the diocesan website.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clothing Room Volunteer Opportunity

- Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday 9 am - 12 pm
- Intake, sorting, and client assistance

Kitchen Volunteer Opportunity

- Wednesday or Thursday 9 am - 12 pm
- intake, shelving, moving inventory from storage, and packing bags for clients

Food Bank Driver

- Will work around volunteer's schedule
- Requires truck and ability to lift 50 lbs

Client Phone Interviewer

- Will work around volunteer's schedule
- Interview clients over the phone for utility assistance



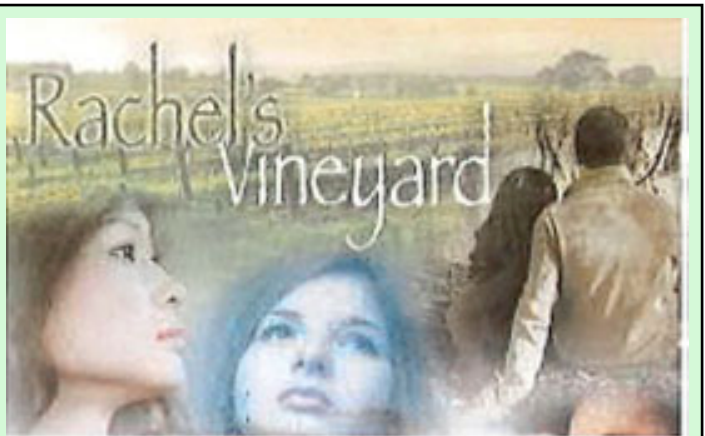
Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:
Hoy, escuchamos a Jesús decirnos, "...cuando des un banquete, invita a los pobres, a los inválidos, a los cojos y a los ciegos. ¡Que suerte para ti si ellos no pueden compensarte! Pues tu recompensa la recibirás en la resurrección de los justos."

Por medio del amor que tienes tú para los pobres, cojos, inválidos o ciegos, busca dentro de tu casa a ver si hay muebles, otros artículos de hogar, y vestuario que ya no usas...para dárselos a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl para que ellos en turno los regalen a los que de veras los necesitan, utilities and rent. Thank You!

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

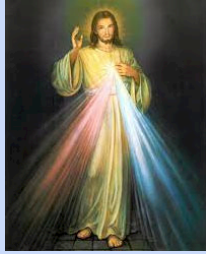
With love for your neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call 318-588-1064 for information, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be September 23-25, 2022.



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.



RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored.

Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. 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

MAIL TO:
813 CAREY AVENUE
RUSTON, LA 71270