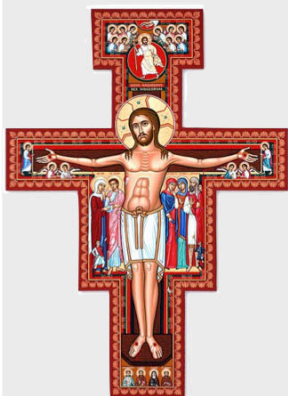


SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2022 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



**No
servant
can
serve
two
masters.**

Luke 16:13

TWENTY-FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
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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>September 1st</u>	Jessie Groce Julie Groce
<u>September 2nd</u>	Becky McConnell
<u>September 3rd</u>	Dawn Ransom Jack White Lizet Martinez
<u>September 4th</u>	Abraham Ajanel
<u>September 6th</u>	Tracy Oakley Sam Williams Connie Kozar
<u>September 7th</u>	Carter Lewis
<u>September 8th</u>	Karla Buenrostro Valle Rodney Manning Nora Morphew
<u>September 9th</u>	Alyssa Langiulli Anahi Melendez Laisha Mendez Tomas de la Rosa
<u>September 10th</u>	Gabi Burton
<u>September 11th</u>	Tonya Slusher Erskine Lindsey Angela Luffey Norberto Turrubiarres Allie DeLeo-Allen Gabriela Ramirez
<u>September 14th</u>	Margo Budds Gary Luffey
<u>September 17th</u>	Sergio Hernandez Flores Nicolle Mujica Juan Monjaras
<u>September 19th</u>	Deezy Williams Joan Mullens
<u>September 20th</u>	Laia Texcanua David Cannon
<u>September 21st</u>	Rosa Mujica Sonia Francisco Anna Langiulli Nathan DeCerbo
<u>September 23rd</u>	Haley Perot Luke White Rebecca Ferrell
<u>September 24th</u>	Tammy Schilling
<u>September 25th</u>	Mia Rabb Maria Candelaria Ramirez
<u>September 26th</u>	Jose Hernandez Cindy Hampton Olivia Bryan Dustin Frost Rhonda Reed
<u>September 27th</u>	Marc Kozar Hilda Perez
<u>September 28th</u>	Gabriel Mhire Liam Taylor
<u>September 30th</u>	Sergio Hernandez Flores Dayanny Langiulli

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, September 11th**

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

Monday, September 12th

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

Tuesday, September 13th

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, September 14th

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

Thursday, September 15th

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

Friday, September 16th

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

Saturday, September 17th

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.

Flores del Altar

*Donadas por la familia Zuniga
Torres*

Ministry Schedule

September 17th 2022

Lectors: Pam Allen & Dolly Hurtig

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Rorie & Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

September 18th, 2022

Lectors: Ryan & Lorelei Freling

Altar Servers: Brad & Paige Denny

Eucharistic Ministers: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Thomas Rogers and Paul Jackson

September 24th 2022

Lectors: George Trevison & Samantha Groce

Eucharistic Ministers: John Ryan Serio & Diane Singletary

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

September 25th, 2022

Lectors: Paul Jackson & Marina Bishop

Altar Servers: Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Johnson, Mary Ghongkedze, Tom Bishop & Colby Piatt

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday September 18th

Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Gary Luffey (birthday)
(by Barbara Lewis)

Gwen Hartman +
(by Teresa Buboltz)
Gwen Hartman
(by Pauline Phi)

Wednesday September 19th

Tuesday September 20th

Bernadette Bennett
by Tom & Becky Garza)

Thursday September 21st

Helen Batterton +
(by Clyde & Mary Carol Vidrine)

Friday September 23rd

Fr. Patrick Fitzgerald +
(by Yen Khang Van)

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
Sean Dwyer	Gloria Saldana
Becky Ferrell	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	Diane Theriot
Tobie McKown	Kathleen "Kathy"
Rueben Moreno	Walter Janice Williams
Kelly Morgan	

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of September 3/ September 4

General Sunday Collection	\$8,282.00
Catholic Life Center	\$390.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Women's Guild Update

1. Friday September 23rd-11:30 AM. Life Choices banquet and fundraiser. Please RSVP (318-548-7127) for tickets.
2. Tuesday October 4th, 7pm. Tinseltown Theater, West Monroe.
"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love"

Men's Club Meeting

Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:00 pm, Youth Room, Luffey Building. If you have any questions, contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686. All are welcome!

Reunión del Club de Hombres

La reunión del Club de Hombres está programada para el lunes 19 de septiembre de 2022 a las 6:00 pm, Sala Juvenil, Edificio Luffey. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Joshua Adams (318) 548-6686. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Sacrament Classes

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation Preparation is now closed. If you registered your child for one of these classes, please provide a copy of your child's baptism to the PSR office by September 30. If your child is enrolled in Confirmation A, be sure to provide a baptism certificate and proof of First Communion.

The Parish School of Religion office is 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

Instructions for the First Day of PSR – September 11th

Parents, please go to the Joe and Roger Luffey Catholic Life Center to sign in your child on the class roster and to meet your child's First Communion or Confirmation catechists. For pickup, you will need to go to the entrance of your child's designated building to sign out.

Classroom Locations

First Communion (2nd grade) to be at St. Thomas School Building(Room 105)

SEEKERS First Communion to St. Thomas School Building Room 101

Confirmation B to St. Thomas School Building AV room

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite (soon to be The Order) of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for those interested in discovering the Catholic faith. The discussions take place on Thursday evenings. The initial stage goes into many of the teachings of the faith. Later, we delve deeper into our faith and the Holy Sacraments. If baptized adult Catholics are wishing to be confirmed, they are welcome to join this discussion group also. If any parishioner seeks to refresh knowledge of the faith, he or she is welcome to attend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word!

Children ages 2-12 are invited to come explore the Sunday readings. Children's Liturgy of the Word is now being offered on BREAKOUT SUNDAYS from 10:45 am – 11:45 am. Parents, you are welcome to attend with your child if you do not have another class or small group that you are attending during the hour. For parents interested in learning more about how to implement the Family of Faith lessons at home, our Children's Liturgy team will also be sharing an activity from Family of Faith at the end of each of these Bible sessions. Contact Mindy Bryan melinda@latech.edu or Haley Perot haleyperot5@gmail.com for more information.

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas School Building Rooms 106 and 107

Dates: See Fall Catechesis Master Calendar for dates.

High School Small Group

High school teens interested in high school small group will have the chance to meet the small group facilitators. After signing in at the Luffey, high school participants will go to the E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Library for an introduction to small group sessions. Teens will hear about the Ignite topics and the current event topics for this year. No registration fee or application is needed. Teens, all are welcome!

Want to know more? Please contact the PSR office at 318-310-4009 or Slade Richard at 318-514-8060 for more information.

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 Gathering on September 25th. For more information for each group, please contact the listed leaders. All 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

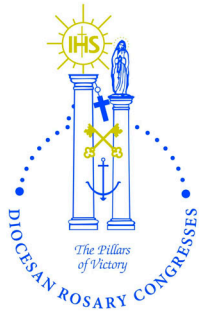
Lectio Divina – Luffey youth room, meets Tuesdays 10:00 am – 11:00 am

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

Interested in starting your own small group? Please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009.



**Diocese of Shreveport
Diocesan Rosary Congress
throughout the diocese
October 1-7, 2022**

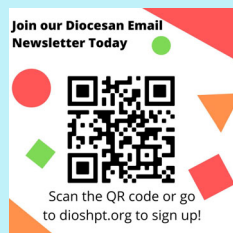
The Diocesan Rosary Congress is celebrated annually the first week in October (October 1-7, 2022), across the nation. It is eucharistic adoration coupled with the rosary prayed out loud every hour, day and night, for an entire week. The mission is to bring every soul to believe in and to love deeply Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through Mary and the rosary.



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 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.



Religious Emblems Workshop

A Religious Emblems Workshop sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting will be held for any Scout, boy or girl, interested in earning a religious scouting emblem on **Saturday, October 1, 2022**, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Bossier City from 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM. The cost of \$15 covers all materials and lunch. Please register in advance so that materials are available to all participants.

Contact Mr. Richard Buchanan at: 318-564-7865 or rbuchan5@bellsouth.net to register or ask questions.



Our Parish Progress With the 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

We have just completed week seven of the Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal: To Know, Love and Serve. As of this last week, 12.3% of our families have participated in this year's appeal. We are grateful for everyone who has pledged or made a one-time gift thus far. Thank you.

Our goal is to improve our family participation over last year which was 13.2%. I am asking everyone who hasn't made a pledge or gift to pick up a pledge card and return envelope and make your gift as soon as you can and send it in. The ministries the appeal supports need our help. 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.

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

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FALCON FEST 2022

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EVEN MORE RIDES
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YARD GAMES

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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.

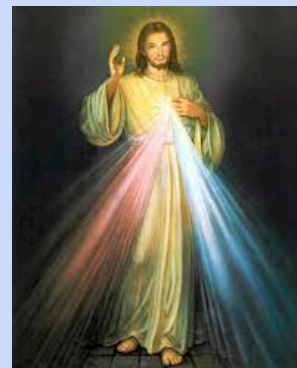


DOLLAR LUNCH

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).

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.



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!

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.

September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRIORITIES

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading — Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law

upon love of you and of our neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.

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 do I show love for my neighbor?

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2022

God . . . wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.

— *1 Timothy 2:4*

18 de septiembre de 2022

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

LAS PRIORIDADES

Elige una opción. Dios o el dinero, cosas materiales, placeres mundanos. Esto es lo que Jesús nos pide hacer en el Evangelio de hoy. Los fariseos y escribas, y muchas personas, quieren ambas cosas. Dios y la riqueza. Pero Jesús sabe que "nadie puede servir a dos amos". No es que la riqueza sea propiamente mala, sino el hecho de buscarla excluyendo lo que es bueno y justo. Nuestra fe debe guiar y dar forma a nuestra forma de vivir. Si somos seguidores de Jesucristo, trataremos a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y vulnerables, con justicia y equidad. Viviremos con devoción a Dios y dejaremos que nuestras vidas hablen de la verdad del amor de Dios por todos. Pondremos lo primero, o más exactamente, pondremos a Dios y sus caminos en primer lugar, con la seguridad de que cuando lo hacemos, todo lo demás tendrá sentido.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor nunca se olvida del pecado de los que hacen trampa a los pobres y abusan de ellos (Amós 8:4-7).

Salmo — Alaben al Señor, que alza al pobre (Salmo 113 [112]).

Segunda lectura — Reza al Señor, que quiere que todos se salven (1 Timoteo 2:1-8).

Evangelio — Sé responsable en todo. No pueden ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero (Lucas 16:1-13).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Señor Dios, que has hecho del amor a ti y a los hermanos

la plenitud de todo lo mandado en tu santa ley,
concédenos que, cumpliendo tus mandamientos,
merezamos llegar a la vida eterna.

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 nuestro amor a mis prójimos?

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario

18 de septiembre de 2022

Dios él quiere que todos los hombres
se salven y todos lleguen al conocimiento
de la verdad.

— *1 Timoteo 2:4*

200 for this week

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