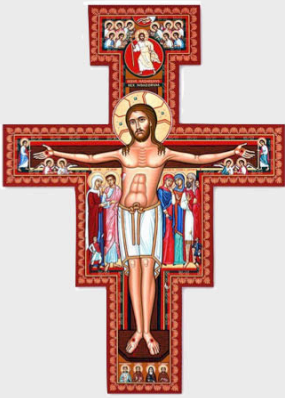


OCTOBER 9TH, 2022 | 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

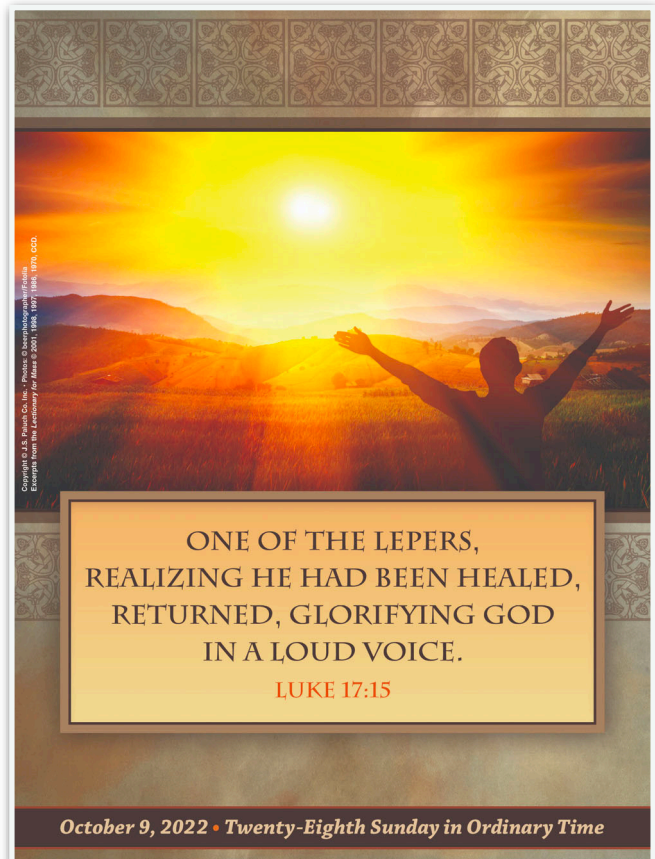
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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.

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PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS

<u>October 2nd</u>	Eric Sutherland Andres Mujica Mia Vallez Jesus Castillo
<u>October 3rd</u>	Andre Ajanel
<u>October 5th</u>	Ileana Espinoza
<u>October 6th</u>	Selene Kennedy
<u>October 7th</u>	Maria Hernandez
<u>October 8th</u>	Virginia Lewis
<u>October 9th</u>	John Buske Sandra Gass Denise Ramirez Lolita Baudoin
<u>October 11th</u>	Silvana Freeman John Denny
<u>October 12th</u>	Brad Denny
<u>October 13th</u>	Delena Ashworth Ramona Adams Quincy Lewis
<u>October 15th</u>	Ricky Maier Victoria Velazquez
<u>October 17th</u>	Dylan Nash
<u>October 19th</u>	Jan Luffey
<u>October 20th</u>	Nina Cazenave Paula Martin
<u>October 21st</u>	Judy Lalla
<u>October 22nd</u>	Adolfo Garcia Norma Schodlatz
<u>October 23rd</u>	Sutton Taylor Thalia Aguirre Nadha Haynie
<u>October 24th</u>	Katie Cordaro Lander Smith
<u>October 27th</u>	Flint Sibayan Sandra Cannon
<u>October 28th</u>	Michael Villa Jesus Castillo
<u>October 29th</u>	Barbara Lewis Kevin Serio
<u>October 30th</u>	McKenzie Oakley
<u>October 31st</u>	Jaime Watson

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, October 9th**

9:30AM - Sunday Mass
1:30PM - Misa en Español
7:00PM - Sunday Mass

Monday, October 10th

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

Tuesday, October 11th

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, October 12th

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

Thursday, October 13th

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

Friday, October 14th

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

Saturday, October 15th

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.

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.



**Altar flowers donated by
Ohan & Rose Kitishian**

Ministry Schedule

October 8th 2022

Lectors: Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks

Eucharistic Ministers: Slade Richard & Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

October 9th, 2022

Lectors: Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny

Eucharistic Ministers: Rodney Manning, Gary Kennedy & Mary Ghongkedze & Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Brennan and Matthew Jackson, Kaejha Stewart

Lectores: Nicolas Cirilo y Abel Laines

October 15th 2022

Lectors: Jim Martin & John Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: John Ryan Serio & Diane Singletary

October 16th, 2022

Lectors: Ryan Freling & Lorelei Freling

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Martin, Colby Piatt, Joan Mullens & Larry Mullens

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers

Lectores: Bridney Perez y Rosa Ramirez



Sunday October 9th

Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Javier Rodriguez +
(por Juana Melendez)

Tuesday October 11th

Walter Bubotz +
(by Teresa Buboltz)

Wednesday October 12th

Romualdo Garcia +
(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)

Thursday October 13th

Stephen Webre +
(by Erica & Brian Etheridge)

Friday October 14th

Dominador Viray +
(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)

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.



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Miriam Bishop	Rueben Moreno
Charles Bourgeois	Cynthia Murry
Bill Buske	Katherine Ned
John Buske	Don Olivier
Frankie Career	Pearline Robey
Judy Darcey	Lometa Rorie
Sean Dwyer	Mary Russo
Becky Ferrell	Gloria Saldana
Bobby French	Laura Leigh Saleese
Mary Lou French	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	Diane Theriot
Ken Martinez	Kathleen "Kathy"
Tobie McKown	Walter Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Weekend of September 24/ September 25

General Sunday Collection \$7,116.00
Catholic Life Center \$20.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

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.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (Thursdays, Luffey Youth Room

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. Meeting Times: Thursdays, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm (September – May). Please call Deacon John Serio at 318-255-3788 or call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 for more information.

Empowering God's Children Safety Program – October 9 @ NOON (Luffey gym)

Our parish will be presenting a child abuse prevention program, the *Empowering God's Children* program, to all parishioners who are minors this fall. The creators of the *Protecting God's Children™* program developed the *Empowering God's Children* program. This program is provided to us by the Diocese of Shreveport and is a part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all children. As a parent, you have the right to choose whether your child participates.

If you have questions about the program or the lesson, please contact your Director of Religious Education at 318-310-4009. If you determine that you DO NOT want your child to participate, please complete the “opt-out” form that was emailed to you and return it to the PSR office no later than October 9. You will in turn receive a copy of *Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide – A Guide for Caring Adults, Parents and Guardians* so that you might take the opportunity to discuss with your child about what to do if they are touched and who to let know.

For more information on the Empowering God's Children program, visit the VIRTUS Online™ website at www.virtus.org.

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE – OCTOBER**October 2 Formation Week 10:45 am – 11:45 am**

Formation Sunday - Adults	Luffey gym
Formation Sunday – Adults Spanish	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center
Family of Faith Children Meeting Grades PreK – 6 th	St. Thomas Aquinas School Building
High School Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Student Center Library
First Communion Class (2 nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS First Communion Class	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School Building AV Room

October 9 Breakout Week Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am**NO SACRAMENT CLASSES TODAY! – FALL BREAK**

Adult Education Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Great Room
Men's Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Student Center Lounge
Women's Small Group	Luffey Gym
High School Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Student Center Library
Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. Thomas School Building
Family Confessions Hour	Church
Empowering God's Children Safety Program@ noon	Luffey Gym

October 16 Breakout Week Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am**NO SACRAMENT CLASSES TODAY! – FALL BREAK**

Adult Education Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Big Room
Men's Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Lounge

Women's Small Group	Luffey gym
High School Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Library
Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. Thomas School Building

October 23 Community Gathering 10:45 am – 12:30 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Celebration	Luffey gym
First Communion Class (2 nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS First Communion Class	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
Confirmation B	St. Thomas Aquinas School Building AV Room

October 30 Breakout Week Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Adult Education Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Big Room
High School Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Library
Men's Small Group	E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Lounge
Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 2 – 12)	St. Thomas Aquinas School Building Room 107
First Communion Class (2 nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School Building AV Room

SMALL GROUPS**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. Teens, all are welcome! Want to know more? Contact Slade Richard at 318-514-8060 for more information.

Small Groups and Prayer Groups

For more information for each group, please contact the listed leaders. All are welcome!

Adult Education Small Group – E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center, BREAKOUT SUNDAYS. 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

*This small group has a unique meeting schedule. Please request a schedule from your small group leader.

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

Men's Small Group – E. Donn Piatt Catholic Student Center Contact Joshua Perot 318-243-0361, josh.a.perot@gmail.com

Women's Small Group – SVDP Room, Luffey Building

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

- **Director of Marriage & Family Life**
- **Finance Office Administrative Assistant**
- **Information Technology Assistant**

Send resumes to:

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

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.



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.



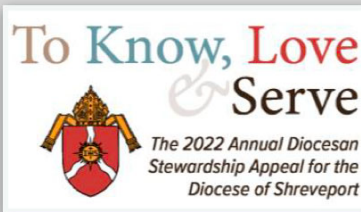
WEDNESDAY (\$) LUNCH SCHEDULE

LA TECH students

Please join us in the student center on the following dates for lunch & fellowship:

**October 12, 2022, October 19, 2022, October 26, 2022,
November 9, 2022 & December 7, 2022**

Lunch is served from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We look forward to seeing & serving you!

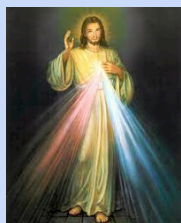


Our Parish Progress With the 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

We have just completed another week of the Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal: To Know, Love and Serve. As of this last week, 13.3 % 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.



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!

Vigésimo-Octavo domingo del tiempo ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy nos damos cuenta de que solamente uno de los sanados regreso a glorificar a Dios, y a darle las gracias. Es cierto que cuando tenemos un corazón agradecido sabemos que todo lo que recibimos es un regalo de Dios. Para dar gracias por todo lo que Dios de ha dado, ¿has considerado responder al llamado de servir a los pobres uniéndote a nuestra Conferencia Parroquial de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul?



Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God. It is true, that when we have a thankful heart we know that everything is from God. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church are invited to the Women's Guild meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at noon in the Luffey Center. Lunch will be provided for a \$7 donation. Hoping you can join us for friendship and fellowship! For more information call Rhonda at (318) 548-7127.

MEN'S CLUB

Come join together for Food and Fellowship Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

If you have any questions please call Joshua Adams (3185486686) or Gorden Reger (3185485681)



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
LifeShare Bus
810 Carey Ave. Ruston, LA 71270
Sunday, October 16 • 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM



Your blood donation will go to someone battling cancer, enduring sickle cell disease, undergoing surgery, or suffering through a traumatic accident.

WE LOVE OUR SUPER STARS
 Donate & Receive A LifeShare T-Shirt, while supplies last.

LifeShare.org • Text DONATE to 999-777 to receive texts from LifeShare Blood Center Mobile drive dates, times, and locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date mobile drive information, please visit: LifeShare.org/Give **LifeShare BLOOD CENTER**



Abortion is illegal in Louisiana. Now what?

Before Roe vs Wade was overturned, 3,000 women annually were having abortions in Shreveport. Now that abortion is banned in Louisiana, these 3,000 women are left feeling hopeless and alone.

More than ever, they need Mary's House Pregnancy Care Center. With your help, pregnant women find hope, early prenatal care, and guidance at Mary's House.

Donate today at maryshouse.net

October 9, 2022**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time****THE GIFT OF SALVATION**

Naaman and the leper who returned to Jesus saw God's hand in their healing. Only through God's intervention could they have been cured. Through this recognition of God's presence and action in their lives, they grew in faith. For what are you grateful? Pause for a moment to reflect on all of the blessings in your life. God is the source of these many blessings—life, love, gifts, and so much more. Of all the gifts for which we must be grateful, none is as great, or as astounding, as the gift of salvation offered to us through Jesus Christ. Let this sink in, not only in your mind but in your heart. Like Naaman and the leper who returned, allow yourself to be touched by the immense love of God for you.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Naaman, cleansed from his leprosy, returns to Elisha and pledges his belief in and allegiance to the Lord (2 Kings 5:14-17).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead. If we persevere, we shall reign with him (2 Timothy 2:8-13).

Gospel — After ten lepers are cleansed by Jesus, only one, a Samaritan, returns to give him thanks (Luke 17:11-19).

PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

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 good works do I intend to carry out this week?

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**October 9, 2022**

If we have died with Christ Jesus

we shall also live with him;

if we persevere

we shall also reign with him.

— 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

9 de octubre de 2022**Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****EL DON DE LA SALVACIÓN**

Tanto Naamán como el leproso que regresó a Jesús vieron la mano de Dios en su curación. Solo a través de la intervención de Dios podrían haber sido curados. A través de este reconocimiento de la presencia de Dios y acción en sus vidas, crecieron en la fe. ¿Por qué estás tú agradecido? Haz una pausa para reflexionar en todas las bendiciones en tu vida. Dios es el origen de estas muchas bendiciones, la vida, el amor, los dones y muchas otras cosas. De todos estos dones por los cuales debemos estar agradecidos, ninguno es tan grande, ni tan asombroso, como el don de la salvación que se nos ofrece por medio de Jesucristo. Deja que esto penetre, no sólo en tu mente sino en tu corazón. Como Naamán y el leproso que regresaron, déjate tocar por ese inmenso amor que Dios te tiene.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Naamán, purificado de su lepra, regresó a Eliseo y prometió obedecer al Señor (2 Reyes 5:14-17).

Salmo — El Señor revela a las naciones su salvación (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Acuérdate de Cristo Jesús que fue resucitado de entre los muertos. Si perseveramos con él, también reinaremos con él (2 Timoteo 2:8-13).

Evangelio — Después que diez leprosos se encontraron curados por Jesús, solamente uno, un samaritano, regresa para darle gracias (Lucas 17:11-19).

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**Vigésimo Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Te pedimos, Señor, que tu gracia
continuamente nos disponga y nos acompañe,
de manera que estemos siempre dispuestos a obrar el bien.
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 buenas obras voy a hacer esta semana?

Vigésimo Octavo Domingo**del Tiempo Ordinario****9 de octubre de 2022**

Si morimos con Cristo Jesús

viviremos con él;

si nos mantenemos firmes,

reinaremos con él.

— 2 Timoteo 2:11-12a

200 for this week

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