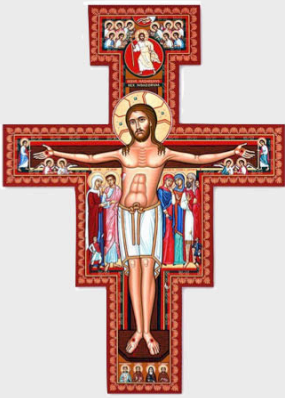


OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 | 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# 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

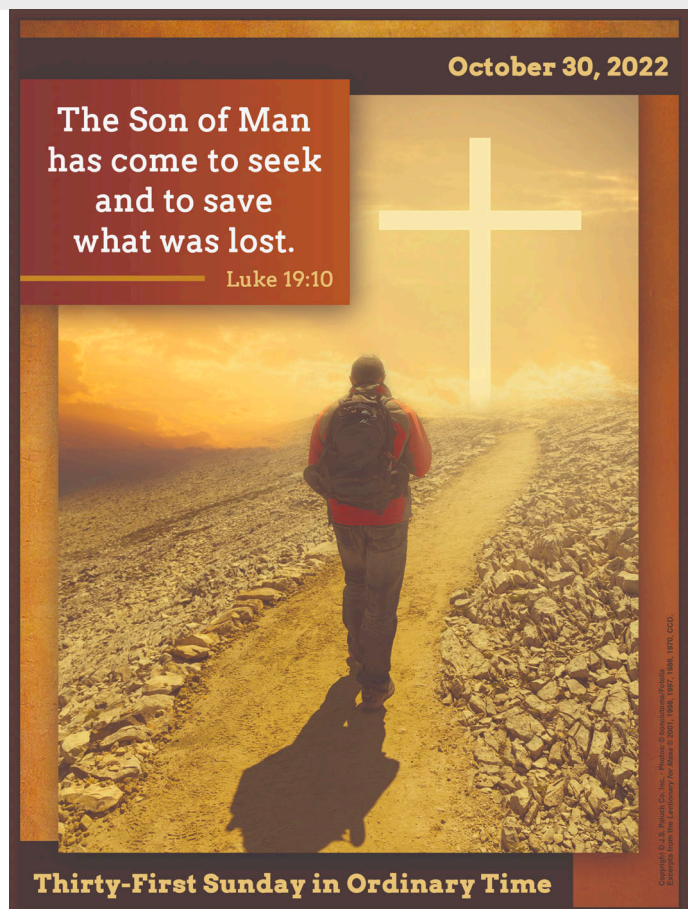
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

## 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.

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**PARISHIONERS BIRTHDAYS**

<u>November 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Carl Johnson Heidi Adams Diane Singletary Juan Kevin Garcia
<u>November 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Sheila Mariano Araceli Rodriguez
<u>November 4<sup>th</sup></u>	Eugene Pangilinan Judith VanderSchaaf Eduardo Medina
<u>November 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Roland Allen Juan Rodriguez Emery Morris Dalyza Ajanel Glenna Jach
<u>November 6<sup>th</sup></u>	Josh Perot
<u>November 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Emma Moore Demarco Nash Alexis Turrubiarres Larry Mullens
<u>November 8<sup>th</sup></u>	JoAnn Allen
<u>November 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Diane Taylor
<u>November 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Ted Morris Valeria Ruiz
<u>November 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Joanna Ward
<u>November 12<sup>th</sup></u>	Patricia Carter Sophia Mariano Joseph Mutebi
<u>November 13<sup>th</sup></u>	Olimpia Lopez John Atilano
<u>November 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Craig Taylor
<u>November 16<sup>th</sup></u>	Mary Russon Tom Kelly Ramiro Landaverde
<u>November 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Jeanne Van Benthuyssen Mark Van Benthuyssen Brady Berg Yeni Juan
<u>November 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Alexander Ulloa Mia Tapia Melissa Castillo Juan Gonzalez
<u>November 20<sup>th</sup></u>	George Trevison
<u>November 21<sup>st</sup></u>	William Abraham
<u>November 24<sup>th</sup></u>	Lee Smith Owen Watson
<u>November 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Tiago Garcia
<u>November 26<sup>th</sup></u>	Mary Hannibal Jacqueline Houston Christopher Corcia
<u>November 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Abraham Ajanel Jr. Noe Lopez Isabella Tucker
<u>November 28<sup>th</sup></u>	Angel Daniel Moya
<u>November 29<sup>th</sup></u>	John Allen Carson Perot
<u>November 30<sup>th</sup></u>	Edin Lopez

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at [stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master list.

**THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE****Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints**

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM - Daily Mass  
9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office CLOSED  
10:00 AM - Lectio Divina  
6:00 PM - All Saints Mass  
6:30 PM - El Manto de Maria  
7:30 PM - Misa de Todos los Santos

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day**

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation  
8:15 AM - Daily Mass  
9:00 AM - 3:00PM - Church Office Open  
9:00 PM - All Soul's Day BILINGUAL

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation  
5:00 PM - Vigil Mass



**October 23, 2022**

**Flowers were donated by Harold Cramer in  
loving memory of his wife Doris**

**October 30, 2022**

**Flowers donated by Joan and Larry Mullens  
in memory of deceased family members**

**Ministry Schedule****October 29<sup>th</sup> 2022****Lectors:** Pam Allen & Samantha Groce**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Rorie and Mary Carol Vidrine**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022****Lectors:** Bruce Hampton & AJ Barbiero**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas Rogers, Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson, Rodney Manning**Altar Servers:** Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan**Lectores:** Karen Lopez y Emelina Lopez**November 5<sup>th</sup> 2022****Lectors:** Pam Allen & John Allen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Slade Richard & Bob Rorie**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022****Lectors:** Bruce Hampton & Carmen Bishop**Eucharistic Ministers:** Larry Mullens, Joan Mullens, Tom Bishop & Emily Chartier**Altar Servers:** Ava & Olivia Good**Lectores:** Javier Ramirez y Rosy Jaramillo

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

Bernadette Bennett  
Miriam Bishop  
Charles Bourgeois  
Bill Buske  
John Buske  
Frankie Career  
Judy Darcey  
Sean Dwyer  
Becky Ferrell  
Bobby French  
Mary Lou French  
Emmely Gay  
Bernice Harrison  
Harvey Hayes  
Maureen Hinton  
Magnolia Johnson  
Jeffery Judice  
Chris Letendre  
Ken Martinez  
Tobie McKown

Rueben Moreno  
Cynthia Murry  
Katherine Ned  
Don Olivier  
Pearline Robey  
Lometa Rorie  
Mary Russo  
Gloria Saldana  
Laura Leigh Saleese  
Jennie Schutte-Patrick  
Jo Mary Smith  
Nicole Smith  
Tyler Sorrels  
Holly Hollis Star  
Willie Tannerhill  
Diane Theriot  
Kathleen "Kathy"  
Walter Janice Williams

**Mass Intentions****Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>**Joseph Ghongkedze +  
(by Mary Ghongkedze)**Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>**Joseph Ghongkedze +  
(by Mary Ghongkedze)Dominador Garcia +  
(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)**Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup>**Mary Manuel +  
(by Diane Taylor)**Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**Gwen Hartman+  
(by Diane Taylor)Bobby Ortego +  
(by Karen Ortego)**Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup>**Serafin Garcia  
(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)**Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>**Joseph Ghongkedze +  
(by Mary Ghongkedze)

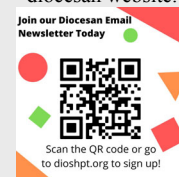
You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates.

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY***Weekend of October 15/ October 16*

General Sunday Collection    \$6,609.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

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.



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.



**NEW!** Family of Faith Meet and Share will begin on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be a time for families interested in completing some of the Family of Faith book material together at the church campus. Meet and Shares will be from 6:00 – 7:00 pm and will meet in the St. Thomas School Building. This will not be a drop-off format meeting. All are welcome!

### Meet and Share Dates

November 9	December 7
November 16	December 14
November 30	

Confirmation B Parent Meeting – November 6 @ 12 noon

Parents, we will have a meeting to discuss the Confirmation Mass date, retreat plan, and home activity resource packets. Please come to the Luffey Youth Room for the meeting at noon. Your children can attend with you.

### SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE – OCTOBER

#### 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 (2nd grade)	St. Thomas
School Building	
Confirmation A	Luffey
Catholic Life Center Youth Room	
Confirmation B	St. Thomas
School Building AV Room	

Every time families participate in the Community Gatherings, they help other Catholic families grow in faith by sharing with one another. Make plans to attend as we will introduce the Storybook project and celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. There will be ample time for coaching parents hands-on to learn how to use the Family of Faith books and make the most out of the home lesson portion of this program.

**PARENTS, please bring your parent guide and activity books. Donuts will be provided!**

### Family of Faith Liturgical Resources

#### Lower and Upper Elementary Level

#### How to Access the Liturgical Resources

Go to [sophiaforteachers.org](http://sophiaforteachers.org) - Click on the classroom then lesson - Click on Teaching the Liturgical Year.

You will be prompted to put in your email address to gain FREE access. When you sign up with Sophia Press using your email, you will receive the readings as a full monthly set (pdf) by email. Activities for both lower and upper elementary level are included with the weekly readings. Enjoy!

St. Thomas Aquinas is currently using these resources for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Breakout Sundays!

Parents, you can do these *at home* to discuss the Gospel after Mass.

### 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](mailto:delenaashworth@gmail.com)

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** – chapel, meets Mondays 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Contact Gerry Brucia [taedawood@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



#### WOMEN'S GUILD

All women of St Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild lunch meeting on Tuesday November 1st at noon in the Luffey Center. For more information call or text 318.548.7127

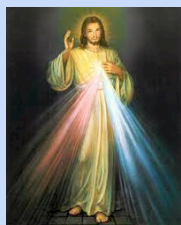
#### WEDNESDAY (\$) LUNCH SCHEDULE

##### LA TECH students

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

**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!



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 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.



#### 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, 13.7 % 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.



# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



Current ACTS members and ACTS alumni got the chance to hang out at the recent homecoming game tailgate.

The Association of Catholic Tech students have been ramping up on-campus efforts by participating in the recent Org Browse and having booths where they hand out miraculous medals and rosaries.

The upcoming Halloween dance has everyone particularly excited, as they get to dress up in costumes and get in the spooky spirit! Complete with a Halloween costume contest.

## Weekly ACTStivities

Wednesday:

- \* Bible Study 6:30am
- \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- \* Freshman Crossing 7pm

Thursday:

- \* Bible Study 7pm

Friday:

- \* Girls&Guys Groups 7pm

Saturday:

- \* Tailgate @ TAC

For more information, please visit: [stac-acts.com](http://stac-acts.com)

### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Zacchaeus accepts our Lord joyfully; and the sign of his acceptance is his open house and his resolution to give half of his goods to the poor. Through your gift to the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.



### Trigésimo-Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy, Zaqueo acepta a Jesús con júbilo; y el signo de su aceptación es su casa abierta y su compromiso de dar la mitad de sus bienes a los pobres. Por medio de tu regalo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl tú también enseñas tu aceptación de nuestro Señor compartiendo con júbilo tus bienes con tu vecino quien tiene hambre, desesperación y quien vive en temor.

Mail donations to: SVDP, PO Box 2462 Ruston, LA 71273

### “The Five Priests” Shreveport Martyrs of 1873

Please join us for a viewing of the documentary The Five Priests moderated by Dr. Cheryl White, one of the authors of the book, Shreveport Martyrs of 1873: The Surest Path to Heaven. The book from authors Father Peter Mangum, W. Ryan Smith, and Dr. White relates the account of five Roman Catholic priests who gave their lives caring for victims of the 1873 Yellow Fever epidemic in Shreveport, one of whom was Father Louis Gergaud, the first priest of St. Matthew Catholic Church. This event will take place Wednesday, November 2, at the St. Matthew Community Center at 6:30 p.m. A light supper will be provided. Dr. White will also be selling autographed copies of the book following the viewing. The costs of the books will be \$25.00 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Shreveport Martyrs cause.

**1 Hour Documentary Film**

**Wednesday | November 2, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Matthew Community Center**

*121 Jackson St | Monroe, LA*

*R.S.V.P. to 318/323-8878*

**October 30, 2022****Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time****A COMPASSIONATE GOD**

Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke[s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the Lord is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Lord, you love all things that exist (Wisdom 11:22 — 12:2).

**Psalms** — I will praise your name forever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — May the name of Christ be glorified in you and you in him (2 Thessalonians 1:11 — 2:2).

**Gospel** — Zacchaeus, a tax collector, considered to be a sinner, is converted to the Lord (Luke 19:1-10).

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK****Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things 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 offer God right and praiseworthy service?

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time****October 30, 2022**

The Lord lifts up all who are falling  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
— *Psalm 145:14*

**30 de octubre de 2022****Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****UN DIOS COMPASIVO**

La lectura de hoy del libro de la Sabiduría presenta la imagen de un Dios paciente que "reprende a los delincuentes poco a poco" (Sabiduría 12:2), una imagen apoyada por el salmista, cantando cómo el Señor es "lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar, a todas sus obras se extiende su ternura" (Salmo 145: 8, 9). Sin embargo, la multitud que acompaña se queja cuando ven la bondad y compasión de Jesús dirigida a Zaqueo, quien no sólo era un recaudador de impuestos, sino el "jefe de los recaudadores", un trabajo que seguramente enfatiza su condición de pecador que hay que despreciar. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo exhorta a los tesalonicenses a ser "dignos" de la llamada de Dios, para que "el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesús sea glorificado en ustedes" (2 Tesalonicenses 1:12); esas personas, a diferencia de la multitud del Evangelio, se alegrarían de que Zaqueo tomó la decisión de cambiar su vida después del encuentro con Jesús.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Señor, tú amas todo cuanto existe (Sabiduría 11:22 — 12:2).

**Salmo** — Bendeciré tu nombre por siempre, Dios mío, mi rey (Salmo 145 [144]).

**Segunda lectura** — Oramos siempre por ustedes para que el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo se glorifique en ustedes y ustedes en él (2 Tesalonicenses 1:11 — 2:2).

**Evangelio** — Zaqueo, cobrador de impuestos, considerado socialmente como pecador, se convierte al Señor (Lucas 19:1-10).

**ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA****Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Dios omnipotente y misericordioso,  
a cuya gracia se debe el que tus fieles puedan  
servirte digna y laudablemente,  
concédenos caminar sin tropiezos  
hacia los bienes que nos tienes prometidos.  
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 ofrecer a Dios un servicio digna y laudablemente?

**Trigésimo Primer Domingo****del Tiempo Ordinario****30 de octubre de 2022**

El Señor sostiene a los que van a caer,  
endereza a los que ya se doblan.

— *Salmo 145 (144):14*

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**RUSTON, LA 71270**