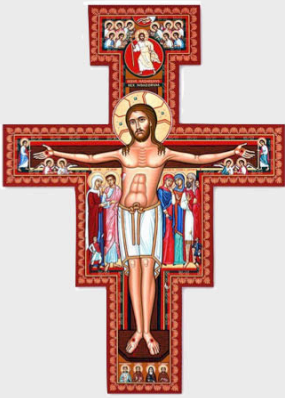


NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022 | 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

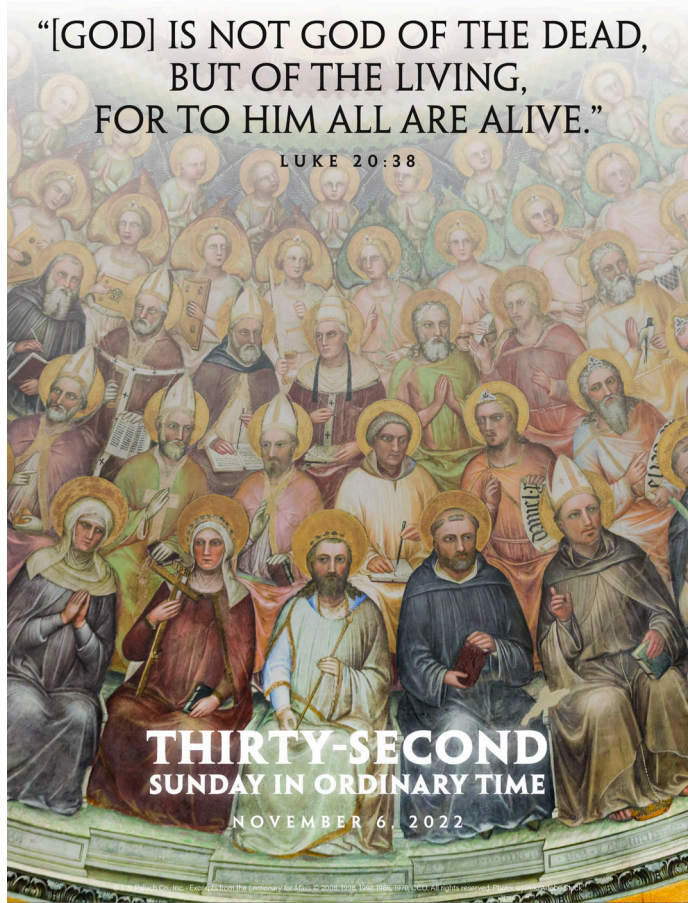
Tuesday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 **Pastor**
Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 **Business Manager**
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Elaine Johnson **President of Pastoral Council**
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“[GOD] IS NOT GOD OF THE DEAD,
BUT OF THE LIVING,
FOR TO HIM ALL ARE ALIVE.”

LUKE 20:38



THIRTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

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

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, November 6th**

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

Monday, November 7th

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

Tuesday, November 8th

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
6:30 PM - El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, November 9th

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

Thursday, November 10th

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

Friday, November 11th

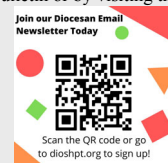
9:00 AM - 1:00PM - Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM - Daily Mass

Saturday, November 12th

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

**Altar flowers donated by The Kitishians**

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.



Ministry Schedule**November 5th 2022****Lectors:** Pam Allen & John Allen**Eucharistic Ministers:** Slade Richard & Bob Rorie**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio**November 6th, 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**November 12th 2022****Lectors:** Samantha Groce & Christie Weeks**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Ryan Serio & Mary Carol Vidrine**November 13th, 2022****Lectors:** Thomas Rogers & Stacey Denny**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Jackson, Mary Ghongkedze, Lily Skylar and Gary Kennedy**Altar Servers:** Brennan and Matthew Jackson, Kaejha Stewart**Lectores:** Ana Ambrosio y Dulce Aviles

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 November 5th For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday November 6th Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

Tuesday November 7th Gwen Hartman +
(by Diane Taylor)

Wednesday November 8th Remedios Garcia +
(by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Viray)

Thursday November 9th Mary Manuel +
(by Diane Taylor)

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 22/ October 23

General Sunday Collection \$5,598.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

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.

**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!

NEW! Family of Faith Meet and Share will begin on Wednesday, November 9th. 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 – NOVEMBER

November 6 Formation Sunday 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Family of Faith Adults (Spanish and English)	Luffey
Family of Faith PreK – 6 th	St. Thomas School Building
First Communion Class (2nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School Building AV Room

November 13 Community Gathering – Advent Activities 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Family of Faith Community Gathering	Luffey
First Communion Class (2nd grade)	St. Thomas School Building
SEEKERS	St. Thomas School Building
Confirmation A	Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room
Confirmation B	St. Thomas School Building AV Room

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE DATES

November 13
November 20
November 27
November 30 (Wednesday, 5:30 pm)
December 4
December 7 (Wednesday, 5:30 pm)

Parents and catechists are needed to assist with the Christmas Play rehearsals. The play will be during the Family of Faith December Community Gathering on December 11 @ 10:45 am. The children will have the Christmas play; and then the church will host a festive pancake breakfast! No sacrament classes will meet that day so families can all be together for the parish breakfast.

Empowering God's Children Safety Program – November 20 @ 10:45 am – 11:45 am (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 by November 20. 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.

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.

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

Virtus Requirement for Adult Volunteers: Please stay up-to-date on your monthly Virtus bulletin requirements, even if you are not currently volunteering. Accounts will periodically get purged if lapsed or inactive. Volunteers who need help accessing the Virtus online accounts or help setting up an account should schedule an appointment with the PSR office. Laptops are available for parishioners to use to complete the online monthly bulletin requirements. Remember, Virtus is available in English and Spanish. Please call the PSR line to schedule a time to use the laptops or to ask for assistance: 318-310-4009.

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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future. When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

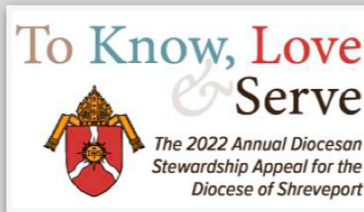


The Catholic faith, rich with traditions and devotions, will embark on a three year Eucharistic Revival in the United States. The Diocese of Shreveport will offer events throughout 2022-2023 that will encourage growth in understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented by online formation 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.



Camp Little Flower

The Diocese of Shreveport will hold an overnight summer camp next year for youth ages 8-13. The dates for the camp will be Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28, at Camp Bethany in Bethany, LA. Registration will start on Thursday, December 1. The camp is open to all parishes. Please join us for a week of faith and fun. Please see the diocese of Shreveport's website for more information or email Fr. Raney Johnson at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org.

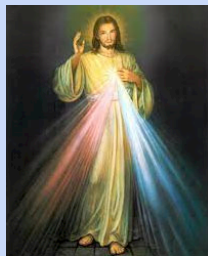


Our Parish Progress With the 2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

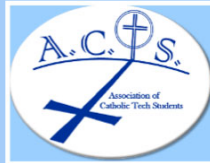
We have just completed another week of the Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal: To Know, Love and Serve. As of this last week, 13.7 % of our families have participated in this year's appeal. We are grateful for everyone who has pledged or made a one-time gift thus far. Thank you.

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.



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!



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



Students enjoying dollar lunch provided by parishioners.

This past week, ACTS members got together to nominate the leaders for the annual Spring Retreat. Those people who are discerned for the leadership team will work together throughout the year to plan and put together the retreat activities.

Starting this week on 11/9, the finals week Novena will begin. It will continue until the last day of classes on 11/17.

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday

- * GBM meeting 7pm

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

- * Bible Study 7pm

Friday:

- * Birthday Bash 7pm
- * Praise & Worship 8pm

Saturday:

- * Potluck Social 7pm

For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com

Word of Life – November 2022

November 6th

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”



[Download](#)

November 6, 2022**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time****ETERNAL LIFE**

What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).

Psalms — Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).

Second Reading — May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5).

Gospel — Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

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

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.

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 does adversity hinder me from pursuing the things of God?

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022
My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.

I call upon you, for you will answer me,
O God.

— *Psalm 17:5-6a*

6 de noviembre de 2022**Trigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario****LA VIDA ETERNA**

¿Qué pasa después de la muerte? La mayoría de las religiones y filosofías ofrecen algunas ideas al respecto, pero estamos confundidos por todo ese misterio. Las lecturas de hoy nos ofrecen un vistazo a través de la fe de los mártires y de las palabras de Jesús. En las lecturas del Antiguo Testamento los hermanos macabeos afirman con una confianza total que el Dios que les dio la vida también los resucitará a la vida eterna; y esto no era aceptado generalmente en el antiguo Israel. Los saduceos, que negaban toda resurrección de los muertos, intentaron poner una trampa a Jesús con un acertijo hipotético. Jesús quien era conocido por darle vuelta a las cosas, descarta su incredulidad, señalando que incluso Moisés sabía que todos están vivos en Dios. San Pablo dice a los tesalonicenses que vivimos en la esperanza y ánimo eternos, y el salmo 17 refleja esto con palabras de fe en que veremos el rostro de Dios, despertando en su presencia amorosa.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los siete hermanos se someten a la tortura y a la muerte más bien que violar la ley de Dios (2 Macabeos 7:1-2, 9-14).

Salmo — Al despertar me saciaré de tu semblante, Señor (Salmo 17 [16]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor y Dios nuestro Padre los anime y fortalezca en todas las obras y palabras buenas (2 Tesalonicenses 2:16 — 3:5).

Evangelio — Aquellos que son dignos de llegar a la edad futura y a la resurrección de los muertos son hijos del Dios de los vivos (Lucas 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

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

Dios omnipotente y misericordioso,
aparta de nosotros todos los males,
para que, con el alma y el cuerpo bien dispuestos,
podamos con libertad de espíritu
cumplir lo que es de tu agrado.
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 los males me impiden cumplir lo que es del agrado de Dios?

Trigésimo Segundo Domingo**del Tiempo Ordinario****6 de noviembre de 2022**

Mis pies estuvieron firmes en tus caminos,
y no vacilaron mis pasos.

Yo te invoco porque tú me respondes.

— *Salmo 17 (16):5-6a*

200 for this week

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