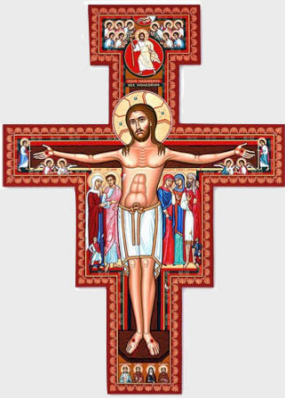


MARCH 12TH, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



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

THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY • TERGER MISTERIO DOLOROSO



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT • TERGER DOMINGO DE GUARESMA

The Crowning with Thorns • La Coronación de Espinas

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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.

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<u>March 2nd</u>	Lorraine Freeman
<u>March 4th</u>	Bailey Keys
<u>March 5th</u>	Juan Alvarez Melanie Hernandez Flores Christopher DeCerbo
<u>March 6th</u>	Ana Laura Gonzalez Rather
<u>March 7th</u>	Leah Sutherland Edward Mercier Pauline Phi
<u>March 8th</u>	Suzy Broussard Maria French
<u>March 9th</u>	Brenda Berg
<u>March 10th</u>	Yesi Francisco Josiah Atilano
<u>March 11th</u>	Gerardo Guerrero
<u>March 12th</u>	Anderson Lainez Adelyn Haynie
<u>March 13th</u>	Nancy Lainez Connie Stuckey
<u>March 15th</u>	Kevin Watson
<u>March 17th</u>	Patricia Rodriguez
<u>March 18th</u>	Gary Kennedy
<u>March 21st</u>	Cathy Barron
<u>March 22nd</u>	Gabriel Perez
<u>March 23rd</u>	Tyrette Cowan Amanda Sutherland
<u>March 26th</u>	Chris Kennedy Eli Watson
<u>March 27th</u>	Sofia Hernandez
<u>March 28th</u>	Alan Ulloa
<u>March 29th</u>	Benjamin Grafton Oscar Ramirez
<u>March 30th</u>	Jennifer Pangilinan
<u>March 31st</u>	Candy Gerace

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 12th

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

Monday, March 13th

9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office Open
5:30 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Tuesday, March 14th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM - Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office Open
10:00 AM - Lectio Divina
6:30 PM - El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, March 15th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM - Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office Open

Thursday, March 16th

8:15 AM - **NO Daily Mass**
9:00 AM - 4:00PM - Church Office Open

Friday, March 17th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM - Church Office Open
12:00 PM - **NO Daily Mass**
6:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18th

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.

— HAPPY —
St. Patrick's
— DAY —



THE SEASON OF LENT

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 11th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen and Samantha Groce

EMHC: Bob Rorie and John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday March 12th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan and Lorelei Freling

EMHC: Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Joseph and Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger

Saturday March 18th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks and Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Slade Richard and Diane Singletary

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie and Julie Groce

Saturday March 19th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny and Paul Jackson

EMHC: Larry Mullens, Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Brad and Paige Denny

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection \$7,071.00 Feb 18/19

General Sunday Collection \$8,555.00 Feb 25/26

Second Collection (Retired Priests) \$1,104.00 (Ash Wednesday)

Thank you for continued and generous support!

For God so loved the world
that he gave his **ONLY SON**,
so that everyone who believes
in him might not perish but
have **ETERNAL LIFE**

John 3:16



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

Quintana Atkins
Miriam Bishop
Charles Bourgeois
Judy Bower
Frankie Career
Judy Darcey
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Mary Lou French
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Johnnie Hogan
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Roserita Lefevre
Chris Letendre
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel

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



Saturday March 11th

Jean Brown +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday March 12th

Herman & Mary Manuel +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Por los feligreses de
Santo Tomas de Aquino

Thompson Family
(by Barbara Lewis)

Tuesday March 14th

Herman Manuel
(by John & Beth Buske)

Wednesday March 15th

Bernadette Bennett +
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

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 or you can now check our website <https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/>

SUNDAYS AT A GLANCE – February Faith Formation Schedule

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holy Pause Event on Friday, March 3. All volunteers who assisted in the kitchen were greatly appreciated!

March 12: No sacrament classes or youth small group. Please ask your adult small group leaders for more details about meeting schedules.

SPECIAL NOTE: CONFIRMATION A CLASS will meet briefly at 10:30 am to practice the Stations of the Cross prayer and music. Catechists and Ms. Julie Richard will be available to assist with this practice. This class will be leading the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 24 @ 6pm.

March 19: Modified Breakout Sunday, Spring Break

No sacrament classes or youth small group. Please ask your adult small group leaders for more details about meeting schedules.

March 26 Breakout Week: All classes and adult groups will resume normal meetings.

April 2 Palm Sunday, No Classes

A video lecture will be sent out for Family of Faith this month. No Formation Sunday due to Holy Week.

April 9 Easter Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt for children 2nd grade and below, No Classes

April 16 Breakout Sunday

April 23 Breakout Sunday

April 30 Breakout Sunday

May 7 Closing Lecture and Share for Family of Faith

MORE RESOURCES FOR YOU

FAMILY OF FAITH

Remember to check your email the Monday following Formation Sunday for a recap video of the monthly lecture and the parent pacing guide for the month.

Want to add Liturgical Resources to you Family of Faith home experience?

Subscribe for free to receive full month of activities to go with the Sunday readings.

<https://sophiateachers.org/lesson-category/teaching-the-liturgical-year/> or, view weekly readings online at <https://sophiateachers.org/liturgical/>.

Family of Faith Volunteers Needed!

Catechists and security team members are needed weekly for the Family of Faith Sunday morning lessons. Please sign up on the

Google form if you would like to volunteer on a rotational basis. Thank you!



Youth Spring Retreat - March 25

9:00 am – 3:30 pm

OWL CENTER

All Confirmation B students, OCIA high school students, and High School Small Group students are invited to the Youth Spring Retreat. Bring your completed release forms and \$40 (cash or check) to the PSR office or to your catechist.

There are still 5 openings for any youth who want to attend this retreat. Please call the PSR office to get retreat registration forms and to pay for the event. \$40 reg. fee for ropes course. Lunch and activities provided FREE.

Stations of the Cross

Confirmation A (Deacon Ransom and Ms. Courtney Reger's class) will lead the Way of the Cross on **Friday, March 24 @ 6:00 pm** in the church. This class will discuss this devotion and practice during class on Sundays.

VBS Committee Needed

If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for VBS, please contact the PSR office. 318-310-4009 or DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com.





Adoration • Community • Theology • Service
Not just a retreat...a Way of Life!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our next Women's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for April 13-16, 2023 at the Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA. Registration is open! The registration form can be found at the link below.

https://mcusercontent.com/0a05be742765a263d354d169b/files/923ce9a3-e716-834c-60c7-f3302e7d7f37/Women_s_April_Registration_2023.pdf

Note: All registration forms must be mailed to the address listed on the form. The registration deadline is Sunday, March 5, 2023.

Grace and Peace in Christ,
CORE

ACTS of NELA



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.



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SÍ MISMO, TOME SU CRUZ
CADA DÍA, Y SÍGAME

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LA TEMPORADA DE CUARESMA

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.



There is now a desktop computer station available in the Joe & Roger Luffey Youth Room that is designated for completing Virtus bulletins and Protecting God's Children online training. If you need internet access to complete your monthly Virtus bulletins, you are encouraged to use this computer station. Directions on how to set up your online account will be in a binder. All adults are highly encouraged to complete a Protecting God's Children session one time and then to stay up to date with the safe environment guidelines by completing a monthly bulletin through the online Virtus personal account.

Ahora hay una estación de computadora disponible en la Sala de Jóvenes Joe & Roger Luffey que está designada para completar los boletines de Virtus y la capacitación en línea de Proteger a los niños de Dios. Si necesita acceso a Internet para completar sus boletines mensuales de Virtus, le recomendamos que utilice esta estación informática. Las instrucciones sobre cómo configurar su cuenta en línea estarán en una carpeta. Se recomienda encarecidamente a todos los adultos que completen una sesión de Protección de los Hijos de Dios una vez y luego se mantengan al día con las pautas de ambiente seguro completando un boletín mensual a través de la cuenta personal en línea de Virtus.



The Annual appeal has a new name - **The Catholic Service Appeal**. It also has a new look... a new logo. You can see it in the bulletin today and will see it over the course of the year. United as the Catholic community of Northern Louisiana we have so much to offer.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Through your almsgiving you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.



En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: "Mi alimento es hacer la voluntad de aquel que me ha enviado y llevar a cabo su obra."

Por medio de tus limosnas estamos haciendo la voluntad del Padre y cumpliendo la obra de Jesús. Quédense seguros que las monedas, de cualquier valor, que ustedes dejen son multiplicadas por las monedas de otros puestas en la Caja Pobre de San Vicente de Paúl.

Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma – 12 de marzo de 2023

"Pero el que beba del agua que yo le daré, nunca tendrá sed." ¿Está usted sediento de entender su vocación? Si usted piensa que Jesús puede estarle llamando al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Third Sunday of Lent – March 12, 2023

"But whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst." Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Women's
LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 18

🕒 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

✝️ **Theme: A Journey to the Foot of the Cross**

🍴 **Lunch provided**

📍 **Our Lady of Sorrows Convent**
9894 Norris Ferry Road
Shreveport LA 71106

📄 **Register for the retreat using the QR code**




This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Esta semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection para revelar el amor de Cristo a nuestras hermanas y hermanos más necesitados. Esta colecta ayuda a seis agencias católicas a proporcionar asistencia y apoyo a las comunidades que luchan por salir adelante y a trabajar por la paz y la reconciliación entre nuestras hermanas y hermanos marginados aquí y alrededor del mundo. Por favor, en oración, consideren la manera de apoyar a la colecta. Infórmense más acerca de la colecta en www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Diocese of Shreveport

CAMP LITTLE FLOWER

A full week of fun at Camp Bethany in Bethany, LA!

Register Now!

We invite all kids aged 8-13 years old to join the much-awaited NEW summer camp by the Catholic Diocese of Shreveport! FUN FILLED with swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, and more!

July 24-28 2023



Scan the QR code below to register!



Register for Camp online: www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower
Email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org OR
email Fr. Raney at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org 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.



Holy Pause

