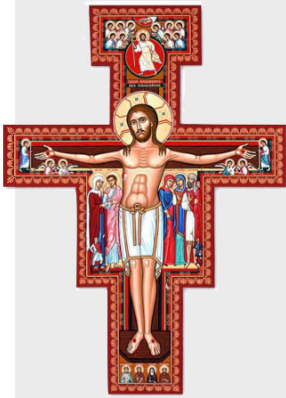


MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 | 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



# 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

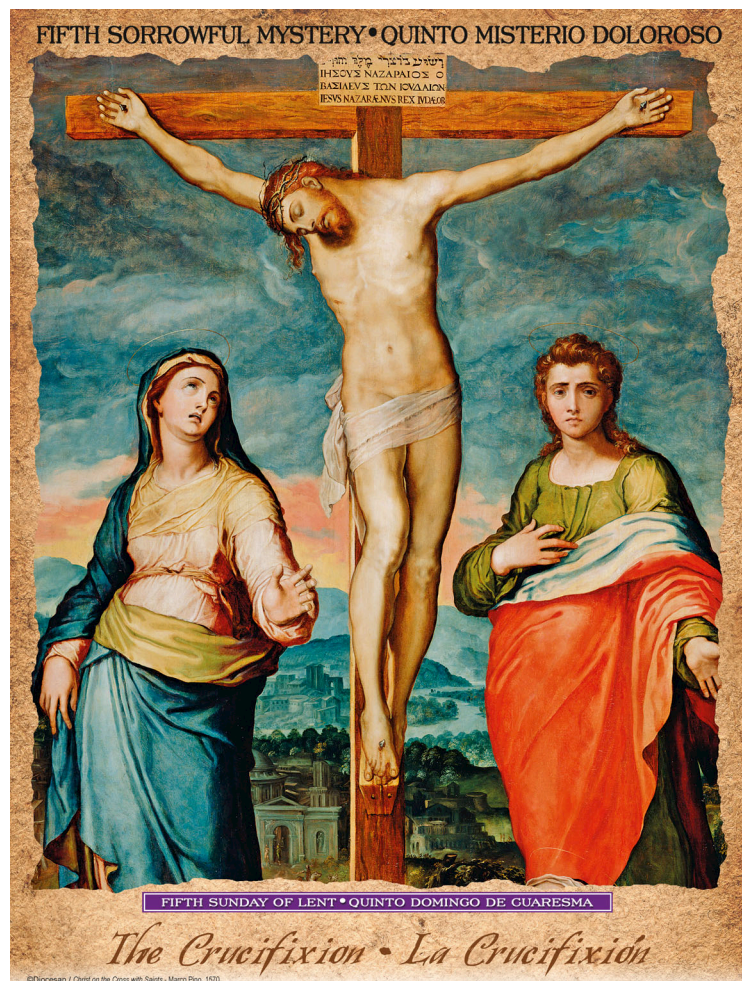
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

## 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



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

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM - 4:00PM - 5:30 PM	Church Office Open Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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### Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM 5:00 PM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation

### Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

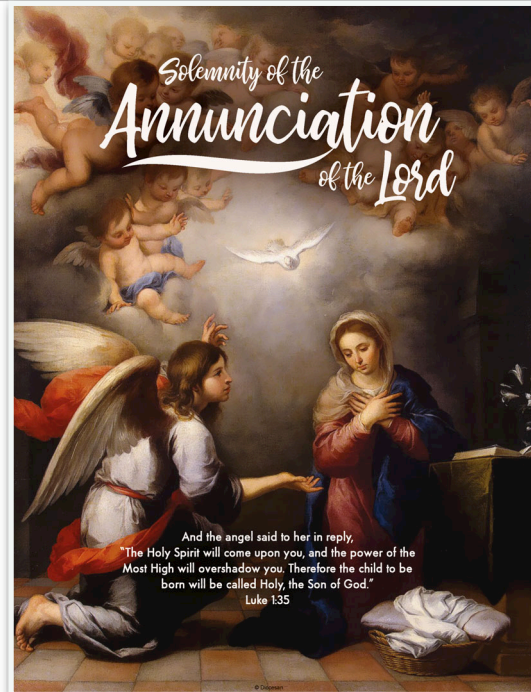
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

### Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

9:00 AM - 1:00PM - 7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM	Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass
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# THE SEASON OF LENT

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** George Trevison & Dolly Hurtig

**EMHC:** John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

**Altar Servers:** Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

### Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** AJ Barbiero and Bruce Hampton

**EMHC:** Rodney Manning, Thomas Rogers, Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy

**Altar Servers:** Hannah & Brooklynn Bryan

### Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** John Allen, Tom Garza

**EMHC:** John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

**Altar Servers:** Jack, Jessie and Julie Groce

### Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Jim Martin, Larry Mullens

**EMHC:** Rodney Manning, Thomas Rogers, Mary Chongkedze, Gary Kennedy

**Altar Servers:** Ava and Olivia Good

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection \$10,226.00 Mar 11/12

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

*I am the*  
**RESURRECTION  
 & THE LIFE**  
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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  
 Pearlina Robey  
 Lometa Rorie  
 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 25<sup>th</sup>

Leigh A Stephens +  
*(by Phyllis Lampo)*

### Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Herman Manuel +  
*(by Terry Buboltz)*

For the Parishioners of  
 St. Thomas

Herman Manuel +  
*(by Diane Taylor)*

### Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Mary Richard +  
*(by Tom & Becky Garza)*

### Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Carol Desmont +  
*(by Phyllis Lampo)*

### Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Herman Manuel  
*(by John & Beth Buske)*

### Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>

Doris Cramer  
*(by Tom & Becky Garza)*

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 – March Faith Formation Schedule****March 26 Breakout Week**

All classes and adult groups will resume normal meetings.

First Communion and SEEKERS banner kits due back!

Filled CRS rice bowls due back to the church vestibule.

**April 2 Palm Sunday**, No Classes, No Formation Sunday Adult Meeting

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

All Easter Egg pre-filled with candy are due. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger will be able to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt next week immediately after the Easter morning Mass.

Rice bowls also need to be returned *no later* than Palm Sunday.

**April 9 Easter Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt for children 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**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](mailto:DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com)



# ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH MEN'S CONFERENCE 2023

## FEATURING



**"Dynamic Deacon"**  
Dn. Harold Burk-Sivers



**Msgr. Matthew**  
Long



**Broken**  
Chains Band

April 15, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM Tickets-\$40 4700 Palmetto Rd. Benton LA.

318-746-2508

[STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG](http://STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG)



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking a few volunteers to serve at the 5 Loaves: 2 Fish food truck ministry community meal, Friday, March 31, from 4 - 6 pm. The location is Greenwood Park Recreation Center, 1306 Cornell Avenue in Ruston.

If you are looking to do some community service for Lent, this would be a great opportunity. Please email Marianne Hooper at: [mahooper90@gmail.com](mailto:mahooper90@gmail.com) if you can help or need additional information.



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.

**LA TEMPORADA DE CUARESMA****Ministry to the Homebound**

Please contact the church office or Dr. 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 Dr. 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.

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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.

**Empowering God's Children – Please Watch and Respond**

For children under age 18 in our parish, this annual training is mandatory. A report of all parishioners with minors in the home will be given to the Diocese of Shreveport Safe Environment office on April 1. That office will be audited in April and families who did not participate in attending the training or watching the Empowering God's Children video (unless they opted out) will be contacted. It is extremely important for all to watch and respond to these videos annually for the purpose of your child's safety and to meet the protocols for safe environment within our diocese. If you did not turn in an opt-out form in November, please watch the Empowering God's Children safety training video and email Elise Reis that you completed this task by March 31. English Video <https://www.youtube.com/embed/As5weSq9Jw> Spanish Video <https://www.youtube.com/embed/-ELCTmNKsw4>



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 8 families, providing \$1,830.08 in food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You**

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma**

El Evangelio de hoy nos desafía a todos a ver y creer en los signos de Gracia en nuestras vidas: alegría, paz, perdón y benevolencia. **Durante la Cuaresma, por medio de tus regalos, La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl logró asistir a 8 familias, proporcionando \$1,830.08 en comestibles, para gastos de hogar y pagos de renta. ¡Que Dios se los pague!**

***Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2023***

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: [fathermangum@yahoo.com](mailto:fathermangum@yahoo.com)

***Quinto Domingo de Tiempo Cuaresma – 26 de marzo de 2023***

“No le aseguré que si creías verías la gloria de Dios?” ¿Cree que Cristo puede llamarlo a ver la gloria de la Santísima Trinidad a través de su vocación al sacerdocio o la vida consagrada?

Comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: [fathermangum@yahoo.com](mailto:fathermangum@yahoo.com)



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.

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](http://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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)



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](http://www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower)  
Email us at [camplittleflower@dioshpt.org](mailto:camplittleflower@dioshpt.org) OR  
email Fr. Raney at [rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org](mailto:rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org) for more information!

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

A Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will take place on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, 939 Jordan St. in Shreveport. The Holy Hour will begin at 2:30 PM and will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image. The faithful are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation either the week preceding or the week following the Holy Hour in order to meet the requirements of the Plenary Indulgence attached to this devotion. However, limited opportunity to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during and after the Holy Hour. The Reverend Peter B. Mangum, Rector of the Cathedral, will preside. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to experience God's unfathomable mercy!

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.







# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

## Mary Garden Cleanup!



ACTS students helped clean up the Mary Garden on Wednesday, March 15th.

The students have just come back from their annual Spring Retreat, filled with renewed spirit!

They will be getting into the spirit of Spring with Spring Cleanup on Saturday to clean up the EDP Catholic Student Center.

### Weekly ACTStivities

- Monday
  - \* Faith Formation 7p
- Wednesday:
  - \* Bible Study 6:30am
  - \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
  - \* Mass 8p
- Thursday:
  - \* Bible Study 7pm
- Friday:
  - \* Guys' & Girls' Groups 6p
- Saturday:
  - \* Spring Cleaning 9a

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

*Lenten Parish Mission 2023*  
 An opportunity to a deeper, intimate and powerful relationship with Jesus, the Face of Love, Mercy and Forgiveness  
**March 27-29**  
**Mission Schedule**

**Day 1 - Monday, March 27, 2023**  
 5 pm Rosary and 5:30 pm Holy Mass followed by talk: *"Jesus' Face of Love"*

**Day 2 - Tuesday, March 28, 2023**  
 5 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and 5:30 pm Holy Mass followed by talk: *"Jesus' Face of Mercy"*

**Day 3 - Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
 5 pm Rosary and 5:30 pm Holy Mass followed by talk: *"Jesus' Face of Forgiveness"*

+ Confession will be available +

Mission led by:  
**Father Andrew Gronotte, LC**



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 Well Lit Parking Available  
 Uniformed Security  
 315 Marshall St, Shreveport, LA.



**April 1, 2023**  
**5 miles • 10 miles • 20 miles**