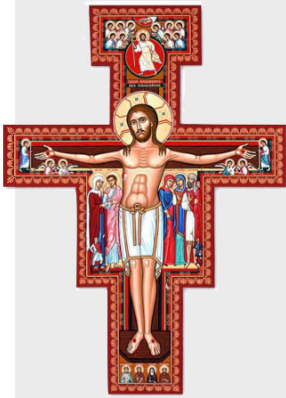


APRIL 2ND, 2023 | PALM SUNDAY



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

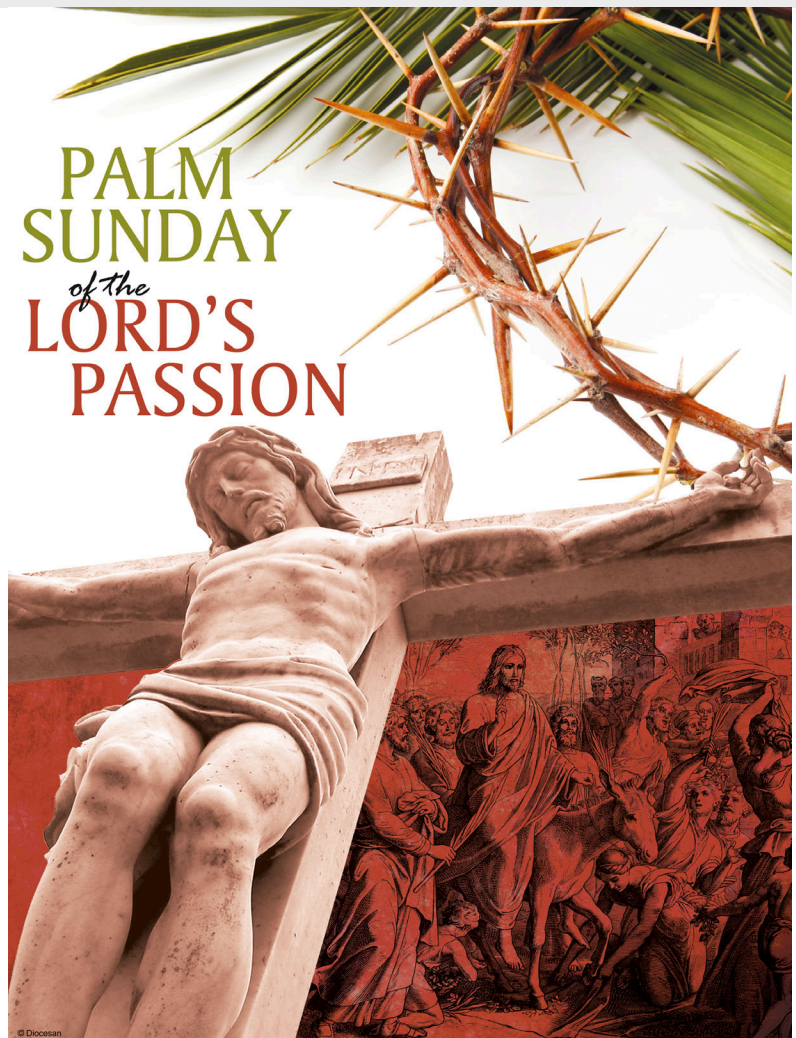
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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



PALM
SUNDAY
of the
LORD'S
PASSION

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>April 1st</u>	Robert Ransom Christopher Perez Trey Martin
<u>April 3rd</u>	Ilda Ajanel Solis Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio Camila Carranza
<u>April 4th</u>	Harris Perot Richard Hooper Bill Schodlatz
<u>April 5th</u>	Teresa Richard Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson Saul Salazar
<u>April 6th</u>	Marlene Nammour
<u>April 7th</u>	Brandon Parrie
<u>April 8th</u>	John Serio Emmanuel Gomez
<u>April 12th</u>	Bradyn Lopez
<u>April 14th</u>	Hannah-Claire Bryan
<u>April 15th</u>	Jimmy Stuff Allie Wilson
<u>April 16th</u>	Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman Julia Guerrero
<u>April 18th</u>	Patricia Plata Paige Denny Julie Richard
<u>April 19th</u>	Sofia Carranza
<u>April 21st</u>	Margie Skipper Taylor Coulter Hudson St. Clair
<u>April 22nd</u>	Jonathan Lopez
<u>April 23rd</u>	Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre
<u>April 25th</u>	Sharon Pettijohn Lee VanderSchaaf Taylor Fincher
<u>April 27th</u>	Carol Mercier
<u>April 28th</u>	Bailee Reger
<u>April 29th</u>	Mallory Taylor

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

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

Monday, April 3rd

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

Tuesday, April 4th

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, April 5th

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

Holy Thursday, April 6th

9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office CLOSED
7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Good Friday, April 7th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM -	Church Office CLOSED
3:00 PM	Via Crucis Viviente (Spanish)
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday, April 8th

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



If I've missed your birthday, please email me at starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master

Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 1st 2023

Lectors: John Allen, Tom Garza

EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie and Julie Groce

Sunday April 2nd, 2023

Lectors: Jim Martin, Larry Mullens

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Tom Bishop, Emily Chartier, Thomas Rogers

Altar Servers: Ava and Olivia Good

Holy Thursday April 6th 2023

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Paul Jackson

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

Good Friday Easter Vigil April 7th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Thomas Rogers

Holy Saturday April 8th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Jan Sibayan, Tom Garza

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Mary Carol Vidrine, Slade Richard, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Easter Sunday April 9th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Larry Mullens

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Brennan and Matthew Jackson, Brad Denny

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

Mar 18/19

General Sunday Collection \$5,585.00

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.



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

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| Quintana Atkins | Leopoldo Michel |
| Miriam Bishop | Rueben Moreno |
| Charles Bourgeois | Cynthia Murry |
| Judy Bower | Katherine Ned |
| Frankie Career | Don Olivier |
| Judy Darcey | Tristen Roberts |
| Sean Dwyer | Pearline Robey |
| Becky Ferrell | Lometa Rorie |
| Mary Lou French | Laura Leigh Saleese |
| Emmely Gay | Jennie Schutte-Patrick |
| Bernice Harrison | Jo Mary Smith |
| Harvey Hayes | Nicole Smith |
| Maureen Hinton | Polly Smith |
| Johnnie Hogan | Tyler Sorrels |
| Magnolia Johnson | Holly Hollis Star |
| Jeffery Judice | Willie Tannerhill |
| Roserita Lefevre | Diane Theriot |
| Chris Letendre | Pam Turner |
| Ken Martinez | Kathleen "Kathy" Walter |
| Tobie McKown | Janice Williams |
| Claudia Michel | |



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| <u>Saturday April 1st</u> | For the Parishioners of St. Thomas |
| <u>Sunday April 2nd</u> | Bobby Ortego +
<i>(by Karen Ortego)</i> |
| | Maria & Ignacio Melendez +
<i>(by Juana Melendez)</i> |
| | Janice Holbron
<i>(by Janice Holbron)</i> |
| <u>Tuesday April 4th</u> | Billy Taylor +
<i>(by Diane Taylor)</i> |
| <u>Wednesday April 5th</u> | Walter Buboltz +
<i>(by Terry Buboltz)</i> |

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 – April Faith Formation Schedule

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 2nd 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 2nd grade and below, No Classes**

April 16 Breakout Sunday

SEEKERS and First Communion
Conf. A and B
Small Groups

April 23 Breakout Sunday

SEEKERS and First Communion
Conf. A and B
Small Groups
Saturday, April 29 SEEKERS Mass @ 5 pm

Sunday, April 30 First Communion Mass @ 9:30 am

We will not have a Breakout Sunday on April 30 since it will be First Communion 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.

The first planning meeting was Wednesday, March 22 @ 6 pm. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, April 19 @ 6 pm. Please call the PSR office at 318-310-4009 to volunteer for VBS!

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VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:

Drama Team/Skits - Games leader - Games assistant - Faith/Bible assistant

Music assistant - Art assistants - Decorations Team - Group Rotation Leaders

Registration Leaders



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

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HOLY WEEK



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.



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.



Help!

All are welcome to help clean the church on Saturday April 1st at 10:00. The decorating of the church for Easter will take place at 10:00 on Saturday the 8th. The next Women's Guild Meeting is noon, Tuesday April 11th in the Luffey Center.



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.

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/As5weSqt9Jw> Spanish Video <https://www.youtube.com/embed/-ELCTmNKsw4>

Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.



Domingo de Ramos

Hoy es Domingo de Ramos y el inicio del comienzo de la más bendita de todas las semanas Cristianas. Oremos por la gracia de tomar nuestra propia cruz y seguir al Señor mediante Su Muerte a Vida Nueva. Favor de apoyar a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de nuestra parroquia para que juntos podamos ayudar a los pobres a cargar sus cruces de sufrimiento y dolor.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 2, 2023

“Truly, this was the Son of God!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión del Señor – 2 de abril de 2023

“¡Verdaderamente, este era el Hijo de Dios!” ¿Se siente llamado a proclamar a Jesús como un sacerdote, diácono, hermano, religioso o hermana? Si cree que es así, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: 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.

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!

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS WALK FOR JUSTICE

Presented by: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the traditional Good Friday Way of the Cross in downtown Shreveport. As we prepare for Easter, this is a meaningful way to experience and contemplate the Passion of Christ. The stations are represented by agencies within our community that follow Christ's example of outreach to our neighbors in need. Invite others to join you.

WHEN: Good Friday, April 7, 2023

WHERE: Begins and ends behind First United Methodist Church of Shreveport at the Head of Texas Street. Parking is available.

In the event of rain, it will be held at Holy Trinity, 315 Marshall Street

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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@stmmaryshreveport.org for more information!



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

ACTS Spring Retreat



ACTS members spent the weekend reflecting on Romans 5 3:5, on joy throughout suffering

This past weekend, ACTS members travelled to Gosepl Inc. for the annual spring retreat. Here they spent time reflecting on scripture and growing closer to one another through games and talks. Former ACTS presidents, Ben Meleton and current senior Avereigh Barras, gave talks on their takes on finding joy amidst suffering.

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday

- * General Body Meeting

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch

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

YOUTH RETREAT

