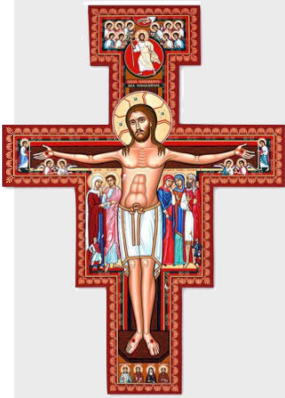


APRIL 23RD, 2023 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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



3rd Sunday of Easter

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

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 23rd

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

Monday, April 24th

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

Tuesday, April 25th

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 26th

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

Thursday, April 27th

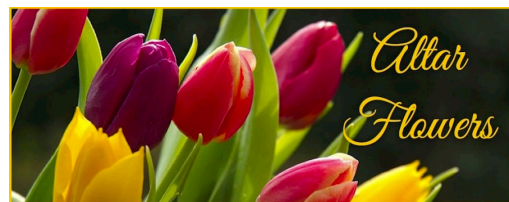
7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
9:00 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

Friday, April 28th

9:00 AM - 1:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass

Saturday, April 29th

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



*Altar flowers donated by Audrey Warren
in loving memory of my parents Charles &
Ruby Coleman*



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.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 22nd 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Slade Richard, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday April 23rd, 2023

Lectors: Carmen Bishop, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Emily Chartier, Larry Mullens, Thomas Rogers, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Josie and Ramona Bishop, Bailey Reger

Saturday April 29th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday April 23rd, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Bruce Hampton

EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Paul Jackson, Rodney Manning

Altar Servers:



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
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Diane Singletary
Jo Mary Smith
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Holly Hollis Star
Willie Tannerhill
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

April 8/9

General Sunday Collection \$9,475.00

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.



Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.



Tercer domingo de Pascua

En el Evangelio de este domingo, al escuchar la historia de los discípulos en el camino a Emaús, también llegamos a saber que nuestro acercamiento diario a nuestro prójimo es nuestro caminar diario con Cristo resucitado; Lo reconocemos en los demás.



Saturday April 22nd

Herman Manuel +
(by Mary Carol Vidrine)

Sunday April 23rd

Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

For the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday April 25th

Theresa Chatelain +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Wednesday April 26th

Christy Johnson +
(by Marina Bishop)

Thursday April 27th

Christy Johnson +
(by Marina Bishop)

Friday April 28th

Michael Holbron +
(by Janice Holbron)

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 Formation Schedule**April 23 Breakout Sunday**

SEEKERS and First Communion, Conf. A and B, Small Groups

FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND – APRIL 29th and 30th**First Reconciliation and First Communion Practices – April 29th**

9 am 2nd graders First Reconciliation and Mass Practice

11 am SEEKERS First Reconciliation and Mass Practice

Saturday, April 29 SEEKERS Mass @ 5 pm, cake reception to follow

Sunday, April 30 First Communion Mass @ 9:30 am, cake reception to follow

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

We will ask families to bring a breakfast/brunch dish to share.

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!

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

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

**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Check your email for the printable forms. Call the PSR office to volunteer or to request a child's registration form.

**Seniors Recognition Mass**

We will recognize all high school graduating seniors on Sunday, May 7 @ 9:30 am Mass. Please email Elise Reis at DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com

to request a senior biography form. All seniors are asked to complete the biography form to provide information about accomplishments and future goals. Bio forms will be due by April 23.



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!

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.



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.



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.

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. Ranev at rjohnson@stmaryshreveport.org for more information!

Third Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2023

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Peter in the Office of Vocations: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Tercer Domingo de Pascua – 23 de abril de 2023

¿Reconoce a Cristo en su vida y espera poder darlo a conocer a otros? Quizás se le está llamando al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. Si consideras esta posibilidad, comuníquese con la Oficina de Vocaciones: fathermangum@yahoo.com

Enseñanos, Señor,
el camino de la vida
Salmo 15, 11



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2023 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2023 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2023 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2023 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2023
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	145	17	12%	\$ -	\$3,994		\$1,744
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	20	16%	\$ 19,439	\$9,855	19.8%	\$2,505
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	59	20%	\$ 49,683	\$36,806	74.1%	\$31,356
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	59	14%	\$ 53,360	\$15,116	28.3%	\$12,356
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	163	14%	\$ 150,336	\$61,050	40.6%	\$44,775
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	32	38%	\$ 17,498	\$8,755	50.0%	\$4,815
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	4	15%	\$ 4,300	\$525	12.0%	\$525
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	15	33%	\$ 21,822	\$7,500	34.4%	\$6,775
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	15	63%	\$ 8,325	\$6,707	80.8%	\$4,257
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	12	24%	\$ 16,777	\$5,700	34.0%	\$5,700
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	40	35%	\$ 36,237	\$25,905	71.5%	\$13,435
St. John the Baptist - Mary	44	173	22	13%	\$ 35,854	\$10,475	29.2%	\$7,475
St. Terence	45	62	10	16%	\$ 9,704	\$4,200	43.3%	\$3,705
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	8	38%	\$ 5,393	\$1,857	34.4%	\$1,857
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	20	17%	\$ 21,349	\$7,977	37.4%	\$6,442
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	98	13%	\$ 127,530	\$41,725	32.7%	\$36,945
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	26	17%	\$ 30,852	\$2,840	9.2%	\$2,425
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	39	21%	\$ 26,152	\$18,045	69.0%	\$14,845
St. Matthew	52	341	54	16%	\$ 76,913	\$20,055	26.1%	\$17,620
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	47	5	11%	\$ 9,920	\$850	8.6%	\$850
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	22	2	9%	\$ 6,534	\$300	4.6%	\$300
St. George, Coushatta	62	32	13	41%	\$ 6,825	\$8,595	125.9%	\$6,705
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	12	31%	\$ 15,520	\$3,015	19.7%	\$3,015
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	38	13%	\$ 68,415	\$14,431	20.8%	\$13,331
Holy Trinity	68	562	67	12%	\$ 64,340	\$50,020	77.9%	\$42,980
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	18	12%	\$ 28,511	\$6,040	21.3%	\$3,305
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	34	15%	\$ 25,934	\$7,275	28.1%	\$5,405
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	121	12%	\$ 153,207	\$13,445	74.0%	\$100,247
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	149	17%	\$ 225,045	\$135,534	60.2%	\$115,869
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	95	12%	\$ 72,534	\$31,150	42.9%	\$21,765
St. Plus X	75	175	66	38%	\$ 44,035	\$20,335	46.2%	\$15,970
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	22	38%	\$ 9,710	\$7,055	72.7%	\$3,425
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	100	27%	\$ 79,994	\$36,232	45.3%	\$30,367
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	90	15%	\$ 86,060	\$34,227	39.8%	\$16,600
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	11	15%	\$ 11,082	\$1,380	14.0%	\$1,425
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	159	18	11%	\$ 6,573	\$3,320	50.5%	\$2,620
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	186	25%	\$ 147,857	\$129,939	88.0%	\$113,750
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	37	31%	\$ 26,010	\$9,290	35.7%	\$7,970
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	1,797	17%	\$ 1,800,000	\$895,690	49.8%	\$724,915

PILGRIMAGE TO AMSTERDAM, BRUGES, LUCERNE, SALZBURG AND VIENNA
 With Bettie Nolin and Fr. Karl Daigle

September 25-October 6, 2023

\$6,354 Per Person from Shreveport (SHV)
All Pricing Based On Double Occupancy
 Leave from Any Airport: www.206tours.com/addon

Group Leader:
Bettie Nolin
 Spiritual Director:
Fr. Karl Daigle

SCAN TO SITE

Your Trip Includes

- ↑ Round Trip Airfare from Shreveport (SHV)
- ↑ Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- ↑ 10 nights at centrally located Hotels as follows (or similar):
- ↑ 2 nights: Sep 26-28, Double Tree by Hilton, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- ↑ 2 nights: Sep 28 - Sep 30: Golden Tulip Hotel de 'Medici, Bruges, Belgium
- ↑ 2 nights: Sep 30 - Oct 02: Astoria, Lucerne, Switzerland
- ↑ 2 nights: Oct 02 - Oct 04: Wyndam Grand Conference Salzburg, Austria
- ↑ 2 nights: Oct 04 - Oct 06: Renaissance Wien, Vienna, Austria
- ↑ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ↑ Wine and mineral water with dinners
- ↑ Whippet headsets
- ↑ Transfers by air-conditioned private motor coach
- ↑ Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- ↑ Mass daily & Spiritual Activities
- ↑ Luggage handling (\$1 piece per person)
- ↑ Flight bag & Portfolio of all travel documents

Register Online: www.pilgrimages.com/frkarлдаigle/

Job Openings

Catholic Center

The Diocese of Shreveport is looking to fill the following positions:

- Director of Marriage & Family Life**
- Information Technology "IT" Technician**

For more information, follow the link:

<https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities>

Send resumes to:

Diocese of Shreveport

Attn: Human Resources

3500 Fairfield Ave

Shreveport, LA 71104

Or email Deacon Michael Straub at mstraub@dioshpt.org

St. Mary of the Pines is looking for a **Bookkeeper** - call (318)687-5121 for more information.

The Diocese of Shreveport Child Nutrition Program is accepting applications for school foodservice workers. If you interested in applying for a position as a full-time cafeteria worker at JGS, please pick up an application at Jesus the Good Shepherd School's office, 900 Good Shepherd Drive, Monroe, LA or contact Sr. Ann Middlebrooks, SEC, at (318) 219-7297 or email amiddlebrooks@dioshpt.org

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR

The Parish of St. Mary of the Pines is in the process of hiring a **Youth Director**. The Youth Group currently meets each Wednesday evening. In addition to these weekly youth group meetings I would also like the Youth Group to participate in fun trips away from the parish, Mission Trips and diocesan programing. Qualifications include experience and ability in working with High School students. The youth group leader will also form a parent support group to assist him/her in implementing the program. There will be a stipend paid every two weeks. Please send a resume to mwatson@stmaryshreveport.org. Please call the St. Mary of the Pines Church office at (318) 687-5121 in order to schedule an interview.



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University



ACTS students enjoying the center and the board games we have here!

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

Saturday the 22nd
ACTS students went out and helped the Ruston community during LA Tech's Big Event. Here, they have the chance to give back to the community and help make it an even better place to spend their college years.

Weekly ACTStivities

Monday:

- * Faith Formation 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch
- * Guy's & Girl's Group 6pm
- * College Mass 8pm

Thursday:

- * Bible Study 7pm

Friday:

- * Praise and Worship 6pm

Saturday:

- * Social 6 pm

HSA
Northeast Delta
Human Services Authority

Opioid Awareness

Town Hall Meeting

NEDHSA and Rolling Hills Ministries will host a Town Hall Meeting centered around opioid awareness and prevention at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston.
Lunch provided and vendor spots available!

Temple Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
1515 South Service Road West
Ruston, LA, 71270

Thursday, April 27 | 11:30 A.M. - 1 P.M.

nedhsarustonopioid.eventbrite.com

Kara Jackson Etienne, LMSW
318-362-4617 | kara.etienne@la.gov

Logos: 2-11, United Way, Adult & Teen Challenge, Division of Social Services, RHM Rolling Hills Ministries, and a star logo.

JOIN OUR ST. JUDE WOMEN'S
DAY RETREAT
MEDITATIONS WITH MARY

PRAY AND PAINT THE ROSARY
with Harleigh Leonards

"AND MARY SAID..." MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD

1ST SATURDAY - MAY 6TH

\$40 REGISTER NOW
STJUDEBOSSIER.ORG

Come and learn how to paint a Rosary on canvas by Harleigh Leonards. All materials and supplies provided.
Our Day will consist of 1st Saturday Mass, adoration, confession and activities to build or deepen our relationship with Mary!
LUNCH INCLUDED