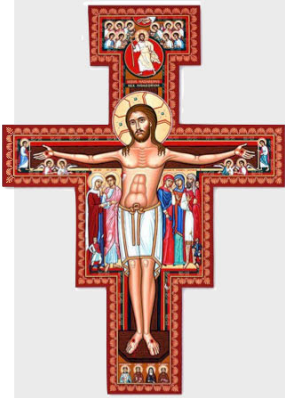


MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



# 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

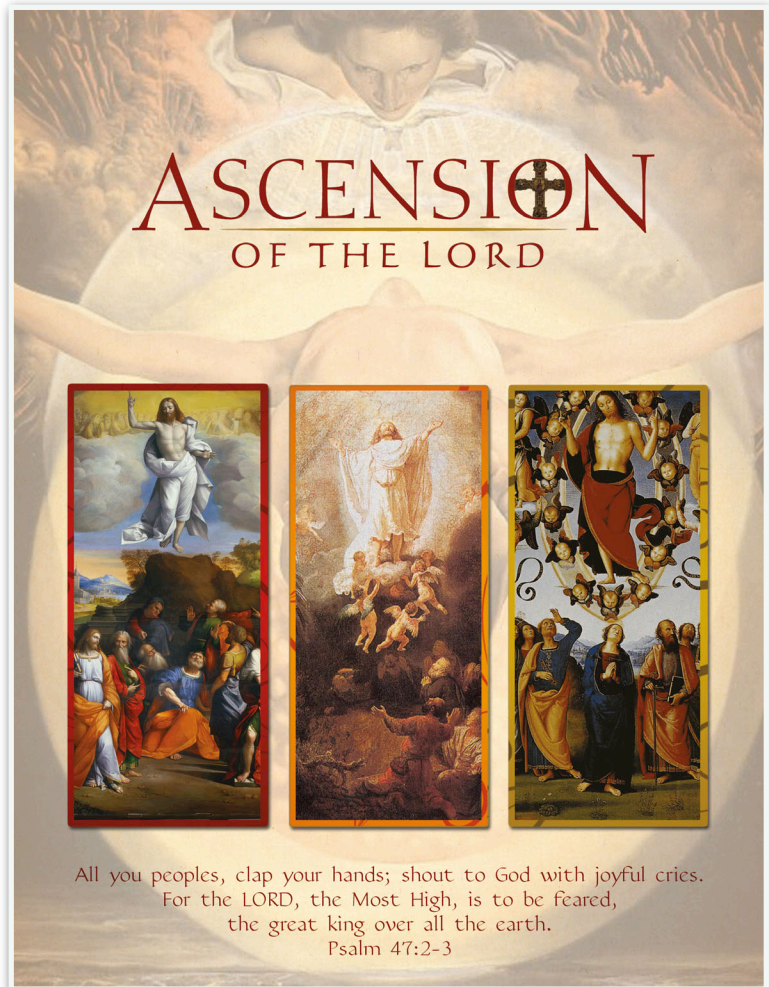
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

## 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



All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.  
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
the great king over all the earth.  
Psalm 47:2-3

## 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>May 1<sup>st</sup></u>	Karyn Lopez
<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Emelina Lopez Samantha Groce
<u>May 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Abraham Priego
<u>May 5<sup>th</sup></u>	Alexander Watson
<u>May 7<sup>th</sup></u>	Nancy Roger Amanda Serio Juana Turrubiarques
<u>May 9<sup>th</sup></u>	Sheila Gonzalez Ryan Colvin Erin Rabb Thurston Allen Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez Alex Lainez Virginia Danna
<u>May 10<sup>th</sup></u>	Leonor Garcia
<u>May 11<sup>th</sup></u>	Smith Gillum Daniela Derosa Jonah McCumber
<u>May 12<sup>th</sup></u>	Steven Schuff
<u>May 14<sup>th</sup></u>	Jack Groce Erica White
<u>May 15<sup>th</sup></u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 16<sup>th</sup></u>	Olivia Good
<u>May 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Elaine Johnson Diana Perez
<u>May 18<sup>th</sup></u>	George Gillum Cynthia Corcia
<u>May 19<sup>th</sup></u>	Charles Barron
<u>May 20<sup>th</sup></u>	Bala Ramachandran Virginia Rainwater
<u>May 21<sup>st</sup></u>	Marina Bishop Reece Morphew Katie McCumber
<u>May 22<sup>nd</sup></u>	Jason Strickler
<u>May 24<sup>th</sup></u>	Mindy Bryan
<u>May 25<sup>th</sup></u>	Gregorio Garcia
<u>May 26<sup>th</sup></u>	Lorena Lopez Whitney Rust
<u>May 27<sup>th</sup></u>	Todd Faulkner Jesus Salazar
<u>May 30<sup>th</sup></u>	Molly Rabb
<u>May 31<sup>st</sup></u>	Imelda Ramirez Ros Ramirez

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

[stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so that I can add you to the master

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

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, May 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

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



*Altar Flowers donated by Ken & Trish Carter in honor of their daughter Hannah Brassuel's birthday*



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 May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

**EMHC:** George Trevison, Bob Rorie

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

### Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

**EMHC:** Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers, Jim Martin, Elaine Johnson

**Altar Servers:** Maggie and Georgia Rogers

### Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

**EMHC:** Slade Richard, John Ryan Serio

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

### Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Lectors:** Jim Martin, Larry Mullems

**EMHC:** Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop, Gary Kennedy

**Altar Servers:** Brad & Paige Denny



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

Quintana Atkins  
Miriam Bishop  
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  
Delore Taylor  
Ken Taylor  
Diane Theriot  
Pam Turner  
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter  
Janice Williams

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

May 6/ 7

General Sunday Collection \$14,168.00

*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.



Join our Diocesan Email Newsletter Today  
Scan the QR code or go to [diocshq.org](https://diocshq.org) to sign up!



### The Ascension of the Lord

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

### La Ascensión del Señor:

Hoy, en celebración de la Fiesta de la Ascensión de Jesús, recordamos que Su obra de salvación en la tierra continuó por medio de Sus discípulos... y ahora por medio de nosotros. ¿habrá alguna familia que tu conoces que necesite asistencia? Favor de llamar a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul para que juntos podamos traer paz a aquellos que tienen hambre.



### Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Joseph Hartman +  
(Mary Carol Vidrine)

### Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>

Mary Manuel +  
(Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Por los feligreses de la parroquia de Santo Tomas de Aquino

### Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Charles Bourgeois +  
(by Mary Bailey)

### Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Patricia Turner +  
(by Michael Langiulli)

### Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Gary & Jan Luffey  
(by Barbara Lewis)

### Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>

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/>



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
presents

*Holy Trinity's Own*



a tapestry & sing-a-long choir celebration!

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - 4:00 PM

Free admission

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Rev. Duane C. Trombetta, Pastor  
315 Marshall St. Shreveport, LA 71101

BLOOD DONATION

**DONATE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES**

**GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE**

Giving blood is crucial to save people's lives & make sure blood is available when it's needed

SUNDAY  
MAY 21  
9-1


LifeShare.org/Give 

813 Carey Ave. 



**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.



**Please register for VBS by May 21<sup>st</sup>!**

Drop off completed registration forms at the PSR office or email to [DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:DRE@StThomasAquinasCatholicC877.onmicrosoft.com)

**JOIN THE VBS TEAM**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS 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).

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ROLES:**

- Art assistants
- Decorations Team
- Group Rotation Leaders
- Registration Leaders
- Snack leaders and assistants

The next VBS planning meeting will be Wednesday, May 17 @ 6 pm in the Luffey youth room.

**FUNDRAISER**

CCA is selling a chance to win a play-set built by Monkey Business!! Please consider a \$50 donation for a chance to win a play-set!! Don't worry if you aren't in need of a play-set, we will find a family in need!! See Lometa Rorie (318.243.1266) or Samantha Groce(985.502.0856) for more 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!

**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.



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.

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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.

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**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](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!



**Weekly Adoration**  
**Friday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

*Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with exposition needs a great push. People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer. Mother Teresa*



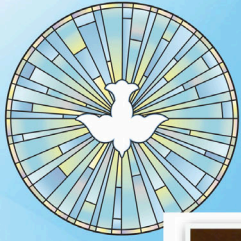
**St. Jude Child Development Center**

St. Jude Catholic Child Development Center is an institution dedicated to the formation of youth to the stature of Christ. Each child is accepted with his own inherent personality and potential for growth. We offer three and four year old preschool as well as an advanced five year old BRIDGE program. Please Scan QR code to register.



Come join us where learning is fun and great adventures await! Amanda Hudson, Director





# CONFIRMATION

## Confirmation Class 2023

Congratulations to these young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 13.

*Josie Bishop*

*Jose Garcia*

*Jack Groce*

*Sophia Mariano*

*Sergio Ruiz*

*Valeria Ruiz*

*Ximena Ruiz*

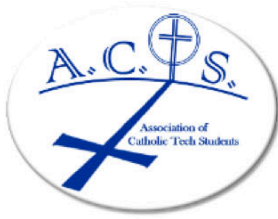
*Victoria Velazquez*



# May Crowning







# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

## Saying Goodbye to our Graduates



One final group picture of our ACTS members who are leaving after this quarter... best of luck to everyone!!

School is out for the summer! ACTS members will be going their own ways until we can meet up again in the fall. From Utah to Mississippi, we will have members working and living all over the U.S! We are sad to see our wonderful seniors leaving us this year but are hopeful for their futures and the chance to see them again soon!

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

## Summer ACTStivities

Everyday:

\* Summer Vacation

Orientation Sessions:

\* June 7-9

\* June 21-23

\* July 12-14

\* July 26-28

Back to School Events:

\* 9/3 – College Mass

\* 9/7 – Classes Begin

## 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](mailto:mstraub@dioshpt.org)

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

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**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](mailto:amiddlebrooks@dioshpt.org)

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### 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 programming. 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](mailto:mwatson@stmaryshreveport.org). Please call the St. Mary of the Pines Church office at (318) 687-5121 in order to schedule an interview.



Please join us for our parish picnic on Sunday, May 21st in the Luffey Center at 11:00 am. We are asking parishioners whose last name begin with A through H to bring a vegetable, J through Q to bring a dessert and R through Z to bring a salad. Hope to see you there!!!