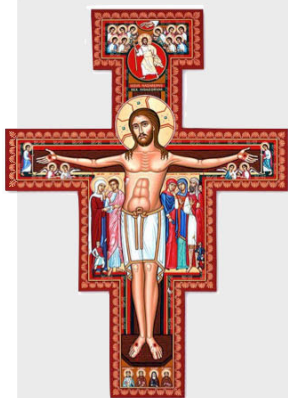


OCTOBER 8TH, 2023 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 & 8:00PM
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

Monday-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

Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

Parroquial Vicar

Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

Business Manager

Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Interim PSR Director

Matthew Bryan

President of Pastoral Council

Thurston Allen

Chairman of Finance Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22:14

28^o Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Sepan que muchos son llamados, pero pocos son elegidos.”

Mateo 22, 14

Parable of the Great Banquet by Brunswick Monogrammist, Circa 1525

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>October 1st</u>	Pat Gillum
<u>October 2nd</u>	Eric Sutherland Andres Mujica Mia Valley Jesus Castillo
<u>October 3rd</u>	Andre Ajanel
<u>October 5th</u>	Ileana Espinoza
<u>October 6th</u>	Selene Kennedy
<u>October 7th</u>	Maria Hernandez Fitzgerald Anderson Alexander Anderson
<u>October 8th</u>	Virginia Lewis
<u>October 9th</u>	John Buske Denise Ramirez Lolita Baudoin
<u>October 11th</u>	Silvana Freeman John Denny
<u>October 12th</u>	Brad Denny
<u>October 13th</u>	Delena Ashworth Ramona Adams Quincy Lewis
<u>October 15th</u>	Ricky Meier Victoria Velazquez
<u>October 17th</u>	Dylan Nash
<u>October 19th</u>	Jan Luffey
<u>October 20th</u>	Nina Cazenave Paula Martin
<u>October 21st</u>	Judi Lalla
<u>October 22nd</u>	Adolfo Garcia Norma Schodlatz
<u>October 23rd</u>	Sutton Taylor Thalia Aguirre Nadja Haynie
<u>October 24th</u>	Kathie Cordaro
<u>October 27th</u>	Lander Smith Flint Sibayan Sandra Cannon
<u>October 28th</u>	Michael Villa Jesus Castillo
<u>October 29th</u>	Barbara Lewis Kevin Serio
<u>October 31st</u>	McKenzie Oakley Morgan Prarrie Jaime Watson

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, October 8th

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

Monday, October 9th

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

Tuesday, October 10th

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

Wednesday, October 11th

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

Thursday, October 12th

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

Friday, October 13th

8:00 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Adoration

Saturday, October 14th

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



Altar Flowers donated by Gene Cosentino in honor of her 53rd wedding anniversary



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 September 7th 2023

Lectors: Christie Weeks, Mary Carol Vidrine

EMHC: Slade Richard, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday October 8th, 2023

Lectors: AJ Barbiero, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Thomas Rogers, Joan Mullens, Gary Kennedy, Larry Mullens

Altar Servers: Hannah 7 Brooklynn Bryan

Saturday October 14th 2023

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Mary Carol Vidrine

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday October 15th, 2023

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Todd Wasson, Mary Ghongkedze, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson



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

Patti Hooper Allen
Miriam Bishop
Jackie Bolden
Frankie Career
Judy Darcey
Laurie Duvall
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Mary Lou French
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Karl Johnson
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Chris Letendre
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel
Leopoldo Michel
Rueben Moreno

Kelly Morgan
Susan Morpew
Cynthia Murry
Katherine Ned
Don Olivier
Matthew Reichert
Tristen Roberts
Pearline Robey
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Diane Singletary
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Pam Turner
David & Kim St. John
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

September 23/24

General Sunday Collection \$7,732.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need to do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.



Vigésimo-Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice: "muchos son invitados, pero pocos son escogidos."

Para dar gracias por todo que lo Dios te ha dado, ¿haz considerado responder al llamado de servir al pobre uniéndote a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 7th

Harvey C Walker Jr +
(by Phyllis Lampo)

Sunday October 8st

Lolita Baudoin
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Diana Singletary
(by Charles & Cathy Barron)

Bernadette Bennett +
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

Monday October 9th

Gustavo Denys
(by George & Carmen Trevison)

Tuesday October 10th

Walter Buboltz +
(by Terry Buboltz)

Wednesday October 11th

Mary Placidie
(by Mary Placidie)

Deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul
(by Tom & Becky Garza)

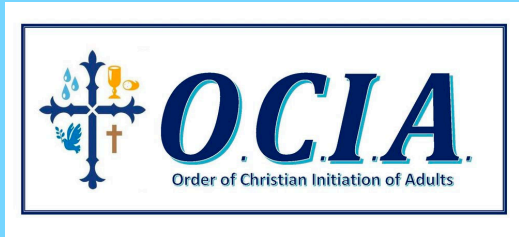
Thursday October 12th

Diane Singletary
(by Eddie & Carol Mercer)

Friday September 13th

Dennis C Kennedy +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

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://stthomasaguinasruston.com/calendar/>



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - OCIA

OCIA meets Thursdays 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or learning more about the faith please gather with us. It is also for Catholic adults who are may need other sacramental formation. If you have any questions you may contact Dc. John Serio, email: jdser@bellsouth.net

THE ANGELS GATHERED
A FREE CONCERT
 October 8, 2023 @ 5PM
 Music commissioned by the **Shreveport Summer Music Festival**, composed and conducted by **Maestro Kermit Poling**, performed by the **Cathedral Choir of St. John Berchmans, St. Cecilia Society, Prisma, Shreveport Opera Express** and the **Shreveport Festival Orchestra**, and dedicated to the memory of the **Five Priests** who gave their lives during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1873.
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 315 Marshall Street • Shreveport, Louisiana

Please Help your Neighbors in Lincoln Parish through SVDP



Requests for food, utility, and housing assistance is high this summer due to record high temperatures, children at home, and inflation.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering.

Please help us in this mission of charity by making a donation today. You can either place your donation in the poor box at the back of the church or by mail: Saint Vincent de Paul, P.O. Box 2462, Ruston LA 71273-2462. Checks payable to Saint Vincent de Paul.



The Women's Guild will meet at noon on Tuesday October 10th in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship!



Burgers and Bingo Fundraiser
 sponsored by the Women's Guild and the Men's Club Saturday October 21st following the 5:00pm Mass.

\$5 for a hamburger with chips, dessert, drink and a bingo card.



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.

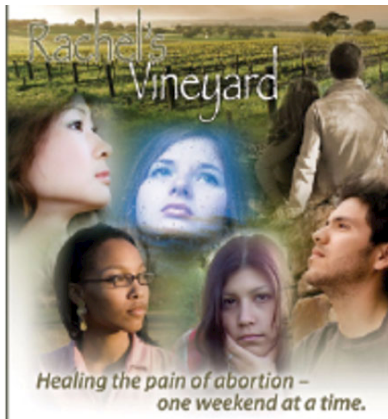
Ahora hay una estación de computadora disponible en la Sala de Jóvenes Joe & Roger Luffey que está designada para completar los boletines de Virtus y la capacitación en línea de Proteger a los niños de Dios. Si necesita acceso a Internet para completar sus boletines mensuales de Virtus, le recomendamos 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.



The Dollar Lunch Program will be offered once again for the 2023-2024 academic year! This program is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. We offer all LA Tech students a hot lunch & dessert throughout the year for a donation of \$1.00. This ministry has been in place for over 20 years and gives the students a place to come and enjoy a meal and meet with friends. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and provide desserts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christi Faulkner 318-278-4904 (chair) or Diana May 318-573-0388 (dessert chair). We are looking forward to another year of meeting and serving our LA Tech students!



Are you looking for something to do where you make a difference in people's lives? Volunteer at Mary's House – Friday mornings 8:30 – 12:30 as our receptionist. You'll be the first smiling face our patients meet, and you'll work with a great team of ladies on the same mission – to make a difference for moms and babies. Call L'Anne at Mary's House to find out more – 318-220-8009.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call the dedicated line: 318-588-1064 for information, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to, during, and following the Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be October 20-22, 2023.

If you have any questions, or to register, please contact the Rachel's Vineyard confidential line at 318-588-1064.



Our year of youth ministry has begun!

<https://www.dioshpt.org/youth-ministry-forms>

If your child would like to participate in the youth group this year, please see the attached link. It also explains about the forms. A is required for youth and C for adults.

Also find attached a link to a google form which has sign-up volunteer opportunities and donations. There is host/hostess, main, drinks, dessert, small group helper, and games.....please consider filling in some spots if your child will be participating this year. Please use the "comment" to sign up and I will put it in. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aYvlxHS8PPAt8Z4UzUduLX40K3haXYm94dE6Sh7B48Y/edit?usp=sharing>

Your youth team,
Marina Bishop
Karen Rogers
Paula Martin



Parish School of Religion Schedule 2023 -2024

All Sunday classes will meet on Sundays at 10:45 am – 11:45 am according to this calendar.

PSR Reminders

–**Pick-Up Procedures:** We continue to have to turn people on foot away from picking up their children in the front of the St. Thomas School building. Even if the parent is on foot/on campus during PSR, **ALL** children should be picked up using the **carline** on the west side of the St. Thomas School building. **Please have the car tag visible when picking up children.**

–**Update on Books:** Family of Faith books should be distributed on Sunday, October 1st.

–**October Adult Family of Faith Meeting:** The adult Family of Faith meeting will be held in the Luffey Center on Sunday, October 22 at 10:45am. If your children are attending PSR and/or you are interested in this week's talk on the Importance of the Sacraments, please plan to attend.

–**High School PSR:** High school students in PSR, please meet in the ACTS library in the Student Center. If you enter through the back doors of the Student Center, the library is just to the right.

–October Schedule:

--Oct 1st: PSR Meeting – Grades pre-k – 12th

--Oct 8th: **NO PSR due to Fall Break**

--Oct 15th: PSR Meeting – Grades pre-k – 12th

--Oct 22nd: **Adult Meeting in the Luffey Center** / PSR Meeting – Grades pre-k – 12th

--Oct 29th: PSR Meeting – Grades pre-k – 12th

–**Questions:** Please reach out to Mindy Bryan at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906

Confirmation (1st year) – Paula Martin, Jan Sibayan - AV room in the St. Thomas School Building

Confirmation (2nd year) – Deacon Robert Ransom, Courtney Reger - *Joe and Roger Luffey/STAY room*

First Communion (2nd graders)-Mallory Taylor, Erica White, Madison Stelly *Room 105 (St. Thomas School)*

Pre-K - Cindy Bimle & Nadja Haynie - *Room 102 (St. Thomas School)*

Kinder/1st Grade – Bridget Skinner & Jessica Johnson - *Room 104 (St. Thomas School)*

3rd/4th - Heidi Adams & Elise Reis -*Room 106 (St. Thomas School)*

5th – Marina Bishop & Niki St. Clair - *Room 107 (St. Thomas School)*

6th – Josh Adams & Melissa Jackson - *Room 101 (St. Thomas School)*

High School Small Group - *ACTS Library*



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

ACTS Festivities



ACTS Intramurals volleyball team posing after a victory!

The ACTS fall retreat will be hosted on October 14th for all interested members. It will be a great chance to get to know one another!

Our Intramurals volleyball team has been having a blast getting together for practice and games! Check out the GroupMe for any info on joining intramurals!

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

Weekly ACTSivities

Monday:

- * Campus Rosary 12pm
- * Freshman Crossing 6pm

Wednesday:

- * Bible Study 6:30am
- * Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- * Guys & Girls Groups 6pm
- * Student Mass 8pm

Thursday:

- * Campus Rosary 12pm
- * Bible Study 6pm

Friday:

- * Adoration 6pm

Saturday:

- * Fall Retreat

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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	24	17%	\$ -	\$4,153		\$3,328
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	125	32	26%	\$ 19,439	\$5,925	30.5%	\$5,075
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	290	71	24%	\$ 49,683	\$56,943	114.6%	\$53,853
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	419	77	18%	\$ 53,960	\$20,719	38.8%	\$19,244
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,172	208	17%	\$ 150,336	\$78,354	52.1%	\$73,581
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	85	51	60%	\$ 17,498	\$11,170	63.8%	\$10,670
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	13	50%	\$ 4,390	\$2,225	50.7%	\$1,850
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	45	18	40%	\$ 21,822	\$7,910	36.2%	\$7,835
St. Margaret, Homer	34	24	18	75%	\$ 8,305	\$9,777	117.7%	\$8,717
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	15	30%	\$ 16,777	\$6,300	37.6%	\$6,150
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	115	52	45%	\$ 36,237	\$62,210	171.7%	\$58,095
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	173	33	19%	\$ 35,854	\$13,842	38.6%	\$12,692
St. Terence	45	62	12	19%	\$ 9,704	\$4,701	48.4%	\$4,601
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	21	10	48%	\$ 5,393	\$1,927	35.7%	\$1,927
St. Paul - Minden	47	121	28	23%	\$ 21,949	\$9,917	46.5%	\$9,092
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	748	127	17%	\$ 127,530	\$57,125	44.8%	\$54,768
Little Flower of Jesus	49	156	37	24%	\$ 30,852	\$4,030	13.1%	\$3,900
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	48	26%	\$ 26,152	\$21,955	84.0%	\$21,130
St. Matthew	52	341	63	18%	\$ 76,919	\$28,030	36.4%	\$23,805
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	47	9	19%	\$ 9,920	\$1,374	13.9%	\$1,374
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	22	5	23%	\$ 6,534	\$1,900	29.1%	\$1,900
St. George, Coushatta	62	32	13	41%	\$ 6,825	\$8,995	131.8%	\$8,795
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	39	14	36%	\$ 15,320	\$4,275	27.9%	\$4,215
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	300	48	16%	\$ 69,415	\$24,378	35.1%	\$23,983
Holy Trinity	68	562	94	17%	\$ 64,240	\$60,598	94.3%	\$57,478
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	150	22	15%	\$ 28,311	\$7,295	25.8%	\$6,110
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	230	43	19%	\$ 25,934	\$9,126	35.2%	\$7,341
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	980	167	17%	\$ 153,207	\$158,168	103.2%	\$145,540
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	852	213	25%	\$ 225,045	\$185,864	82.6%	\$170,399
St. Mary of the Pines	74	813	125	15%	\$ 72,534	\$40,310	55.6%	\$36,220
St. Pius X	75	175	70	40%	\$ 44,035	\$26,600	60.4%	\$23,995
St. Clement - Vivian	82	58	27	47%	\$ 9,710	\$9,100	93.7%	\$8,110
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	370	123	33%	\$ 79,994	\$43,660	54.6%	\$41,633
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	611	136	22%	\$ 86,060	\$65,737	76.4%	\$60,247
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	14	19%	\$ 11,082	\$1,995	18.0%	\$1,995
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	159	24	15%	\$ 6,573	\$5,041	76.7%	\$4,341
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	747	231	31%	\$ 147,657	\$153,550	104.0%	\$145,235
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	120	43	36%	\$ 26,010	\$12,170	46.8%	\$11,125
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,642	2,353	22%	\$ 1,800,000	\$1,227,348	68.2%	\$1,140,348

Respect Life

“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”
Pope Francis

“Toda **VIDA** tiene un valor inestimable, incluso los **más débiles y vulnerables**, los **enfermos**, los **ancianos**, los **no nacidos** y los **poobres**, son obras maestras de la creación de Dios.”
Papa Francisco

Respeto a la Vida

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