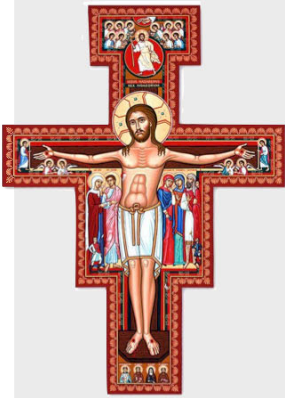


NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023 | CHRIST THE KING



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

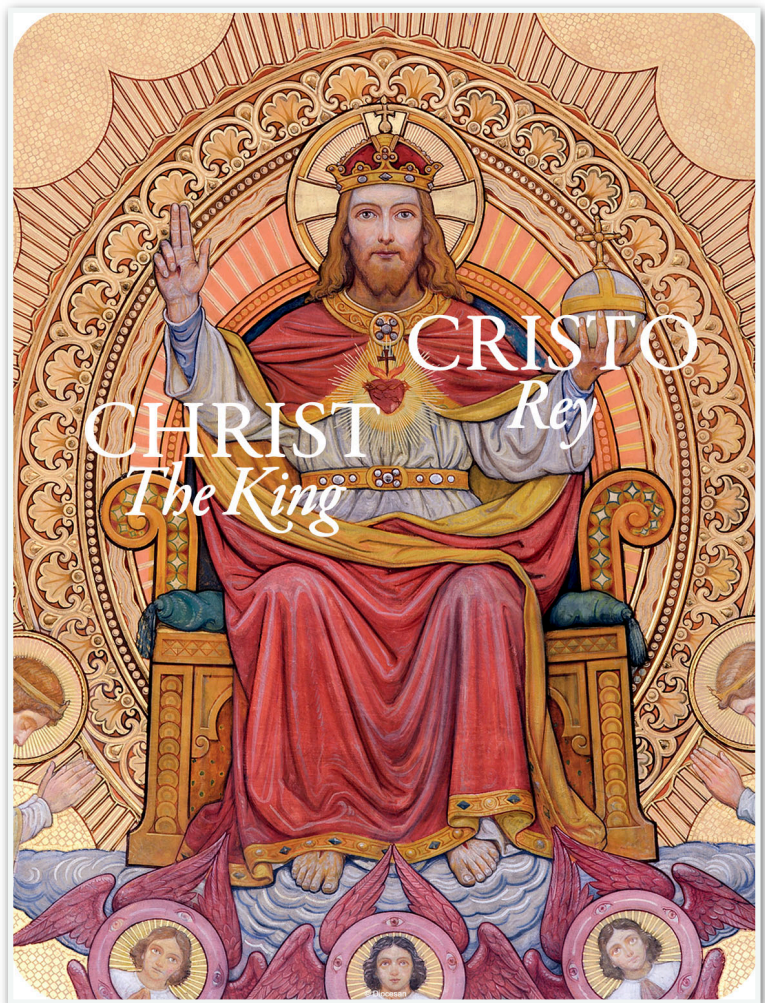
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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 Ssennyondo **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



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>November 1st</u>	Carl Johnson - Heidi Adams Diane Singletary - Collins Marie Frost Juan Kevin Garcia
<u>November 2nd</u>	Sheila Mariano - Araceli Rodriguez Sutton Parrie
<u>November 4th</u>	Eugene Pangilinan - Judith VanderSchaaf Eduardo Castan Medina
<u>November 5th</u>	Roland Allen - Juan Rodriguez Emery Morris - Dalyza Ajanel Glenna Jach - Eva Reis
<u>November 7th</u>	Emma Moore - Demarco Ben Nash Alexis Turrubiartes - Larry Mullens
<u>November 8th</u>	JoAnn Allen
<u>November 9th</u>	Diane Taylor
<u>November 10th</u>	Ted Morris Valeria Ruiz
<u>November 11th</u>	Joanna Ward
<u>November 12th</u>	Trish Carter - Sophia Mariano Joseph Mutebi
<u>November 13th</u>	Olimpia Lopez - John Atilano
<u>November 15th</u>	Craig Taylor Leopoldo Michel
<u>November 16th</u>	Tom Kelly - Ramiro Landaverde Yeni Juan
<u>November 17th</u>	Jeanne Van Benthuisen - Mark Van Benthuisen - Brady Berg - Yeni Juan
<u>November 18th</u>	Alexander Ulloa - Mia Tapia Melissa Castillo
<u>November 19th</u>	Juan Gonzalez - Claudia Michel
<u>November 20th</u>	George Trevison
<u>November 21st</u>	Judi Lalla
<u>November 24th</u>	Lee Smith - Owen Watson
<u>November 25th</u>	Tiago Garcia
<u>November 26th</u>	Mary Hannibal - Jacqueline Houston Christopher Corcia
<u>November 27th</u>	Isabella Tucker - Abraham Ajanel, Jr. Noe Lopez
<u>November 28th</u>	Angel Daniel Moya - Litzy Morales
<u>November 29th</u>	John Allen
<u>November 30th</u>	Edin Lopez

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 26th

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

Monday, November 27th

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

Tuesday, November 28th

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

Wednesday, November 29th

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

Thursday, November 30th

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

Friday, December 1st

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, December 2nd

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



Altar flowers donated by Khan & Rose Kitishian in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners



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 November 25th 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Trish Carter, John Ryan Serio

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday November 26th, 2023

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Brennan & Matthew Jackson

Saturday December 2nd 2023

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Trish Carter

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and Peter Serio

Sunday December 3rd, 2023

Lectors: Thomas Rogers, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson, Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Brad Denny



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

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

Rueben Moreno
Kelly Morgan
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

November 18/ November 19

General Sunday Collection TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Fiesta de Cristo, Rey del Universo

Hoy, mientras celebramos la Fiesta de Cristo, Nuestro Rey, escuchamos a Jesús decir: "En verdad les digo: Cuando lo hicieron con alguno de los más pequeños de estos mis hermanos, me lo hicieron a mí." Sabiendo que encontramos el rostro de Cristo en los pobres, este mes, por medio de los regalos de muchos en nuestra parroquia, la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl logró ayudar a servir, a familias, proveyendo comestibles, para gastos de agua, luz y gas, etc. ¡Muchísimas gracias!



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "... whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve families, providing food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



Mass Intentions

Saturday November 25th Patricia Harnett+
(by Ken & Trish Carter)

Sunday November 26th For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday November 28th Bernadette Bennett
(by Pamela Torres)

Thursday November 30th Charlene Gray
(by Barbara Lewis)

Friday December 1st Bernadette Bennett
(by Pamela Torres)

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/>

STAY HAPPENINGS

Thank you all who donated and volunteered. With your help and donations 26 shoe boxes will be sent to New Mexico as part of the Open Door Ministry!



Giving back, pickle ball games and dinner. Special thanks to Men's Club for the lasagna dinner and supporting STAY!



STAY Volunteers at Christian Community Action



STAY members helped CCA during the annual Scouting for Food event November 11, 2023






Save the Date
for
CONFIRMATION

MAY
SATURDAY **11** 5:00 PM

— ST. THOMAS AQUINAS —
CATHOLIC CHURCH
813 CAREY AVE, RUSTON LA, 71270
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

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.

First Holy Communion Mass

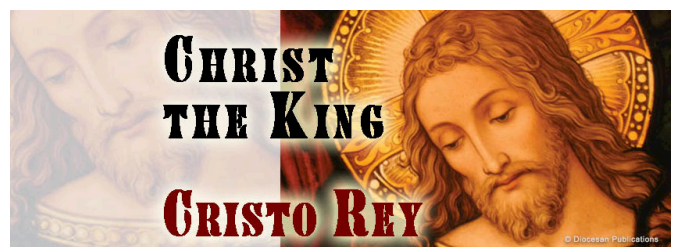
Save the Date

Sunday, May 12, 2024
during the 9:30 Mass*
*Reception to Follow

St. Thomas Catholic Church
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270

STAY
St. Thomas Youth
upcoming events

NOV 22	THANKSGIVING - NO MEETING
NOV 29	THE SACRAMENTS 6:00-7:30 Dinner and discussion
DEC 6	WHO IS ST. NICK? 6:00-7:30 Dinner and games



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CRISTO REY

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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.



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.

Parish School of Religion Schedule 2023 -2024

All Sunday classes will meet on Sundays at 10:45 am – 11:45 am

PSR Updates

Save the Date for Confirmation: Confirmation will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm. Reception to follow.

Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines

- **December 3, 2023:** Choose your Sponsor, & ask them to sponsor you.
- **December 10, 2023:** Saint paper completed, and turned into PSR teacher.
- **January 14, 2024:** All documents for sponsor turned into PSR teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- **February 4, 2024:** Letter to the Bishop due to PSR Teacher or Mindy Bryan.
- **Save the Date for First Holy Communion: First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Mass on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am.** Reception to follow.

Upcoming First Communion Deadlines

- **December 17, 2024:** Turn in First Communion registration form, and request original Baptismal certificate from Parish where child was baptized.

November/December PSR Schedule

- **Nov 26th:** NO PSR due to Thanksgiving Break
- **Dec 3rd:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- **Dec 10th:** Family of Faith Adult Meeting in the Luffey PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- **Dec 17th:** PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- **Dec 24th:** NO PSR due to Christmas Break
- **Dec 31st:** NO PSR due to Christmas Break

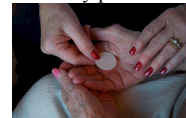
–Questions: Please reach out to Mindy Bryan at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906.



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.

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.





BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

School's out for Fall Break



Freshman Crossing took advantage of the cooler weather and has a s'mores night!

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

The fall quarter has officially ended! This quarter was full of fun events and good memories, and we can't wait to do it all again in the winter quarter!

We hope everyone has a good fall break and a happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Weekly ACTStivities

Sunday 11/26

* No Student mass

Wednesday 11/29

* Classes Begin


* Dollar Lunch 11:30 am

Friday 12/1

* Adoration 6pm

Saturday 12/2

* Lights Festival



Quo Vadis



VOCATIONS RETREAT
Diocese of Shreveport

DECEMBER 9TH AND 10TH, 2023
2PM SATURDAY TO 4PM SUNDAY
CATHOLIC CENTER, FAIRFIELD AVE, SHREVEPORT, LA

Open to all young men currently enrolled in high school in the Diocese of Shreveport. Space for this retreat will be limited to 15 attendees.

For more information please contact Vocations Director, Reverend Rane C. Johnson
rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org or
vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org

To register please scan the QR Code here:

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ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME

DECEMBER 16 | 10 AM - 12 PM
@ LOYOLA COLLEGE PREP GYM

ADMISSION IS \$5 FOR ADULTS AND FREE FOR CHILDREN 10 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER.
CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE. ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT THE DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS.

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