# MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



# 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

Monday:	8:15AM
Tuesday:	8:15AM
Wednesday:	8:15AM & 8:00PM
Thursday:	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**

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 Fr. Charles Ssennyondo Deacon John Serio

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**Deacon Robert Ransom** 

Matthew Bryan

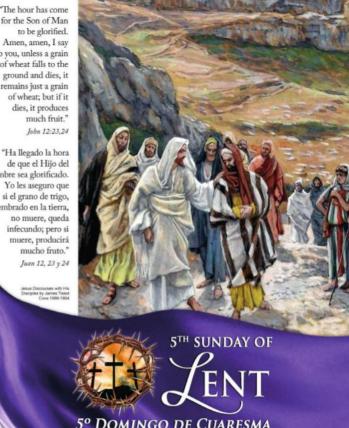
Thurston Allen

Pastor Parroquial Vicar

Business Manager Interim PSR Director President of Pastoral Council Chairman of Finance Council St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat: but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12:23,24

de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto." Juan 12, 23 y 24



#### **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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# 5th Sunday of Lent



March 2nd	Lorraine Freeman				
March 4th	Bailey Keys				
March 5th	Juan Alvarez				
	Melanie Hernandez Flores				
	Christopher Decerbo				
March 5th	Juan Alvarez				
March 6th	Ana Laura Gonzalez Raythar				
March 7th	Leah Sutherland				
	Edward Mercier				
	Pauline Phi				
	Maria Vazquez de Avilez				
	Margarita Castillo				
March 8th	Suzy Broussard				
	Maria French				
March 9th	Brenda Berg				
March 10th	Yesi Francisco				
	Josiah Atilano				
March 11th	Gerardo Guerrero				
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Anderson Lainez				
	Adelyn Haynie				
March 13th	Nancy Lainez				
	Connie Stuckey				
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jodie Morphew				
March 15th	Kevin Watson				
March 17th	Patricia Rodriguez				
March 18th	Gary Kennedy				
March 21st	Cathey Barron				
March 22nd	Gabriel Perez				
	Tyrette Cowan				
	Amanda Sutherland				
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Kennedy				
	Eli Watson				
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sofia Hernandez				
March 28th	Allan Ulloa				
March 29th	Benjamin Grafton				
	Omar Ramirez				
March 30th	Jennifer Pangilinan				
March 31st	Candy Gerace				

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, March 17<sup>th</sup>

9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM

#### Monday, March 18th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

#### Tuesday, March 19th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

#### Wednesday, March 20th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 8:00 PM

#### Thursday, March 21st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

#### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, March 23rd

3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM Sunday Mass Misa en Español Sunday Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open

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Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Stations of the Cross

Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent:

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.



#### Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús dice, "El que quiera seguirme, que me siga para que donde Yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me siga, será honrado por mi Padre." Cuando ayudamos al pobre, somos verdaderos seguidores de Cristo, el sirviente de los pobres. Cuando pongas tu regalo en la Caja Pobre de La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, consta que eres un signo del amor de Dios a aquellos que sufren pobreza, y les das la esperanza y jubilo Pascual.

## **Ministry Schedule**

#### Saturday March 16th 2024

#### **Deacon Robert Ransom**

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and , Peter Serio

Sunday March 17th, 2024

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Thomas Rogers, Mary Ghongkedze, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers

Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024

#### Deacon John Serio

Lectors: Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

#### Sunday March 24th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Thomas Rogers, Carol Mercier, Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

### **STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY**

March 9/10 General Sunday Collection TBA Grounds Beautification TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

#### 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.





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.



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

Patti Hooper Allen Quintana Atkins 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 Charles Jacobs Karl Johnson Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Chris Letendre Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Claudia Michel

Leopoldo Michel Larry Miller Rueben Moreno 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



# Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup></u>	For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas
<u>Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup></u>	Gary Kennedy (by Selene Kennedy)
	Alfredo Morales + (by Barbara Lewis)
<u>Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup></u>	David Rodriguez (by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)
Wednesday March 20th	Garza Family (by Barbara Lewis)
Friday March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rose Sronce (by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)

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 <u>https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/</u>

### **Parish School of Religion**

#### **March-May PSR Schedule**

- March 17th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- March 24th: NO PSR / Palm Sunday
- March 31st: NO PSR / Easter Sunday
- April 7th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- April 14th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- April 21st: Adult Family of Faith Meeting in the Luffey
- Center on Holy Matrimony & Holy Orders / Blood Drive / PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade
- April 28th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 5th: PSR Meeting grades pre-K-12th grade / Last Day
  of PSR for 2023-2024 Academic Year.

• May 12th: NO PSR – Please come celebrate with the Confirmation (Saturday, May 11th after 5pm Mass) & First Communion (Sunday, May 12th after 9:30am Mass) students at their receptions.

• May 19th: NO PSR - Parish Picnic

#### **Upcoming Confirmation Deadlines**

• Mark Your Calendars - Sunday, April 14th from 2:30-8pm in the Luffey Center - Confirmation Retreat for all Confirmation, Year 2/B students. More information to come.

**Parish Picnic:** Mark your calendars for an upcoming Parish picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2024 (Time: TBA but likely around 11am).



#### ST THOMAS YOUTH NIGHT

# FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAITH

Join us for dinner, conversation, topics and games on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 PM.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 504-940-8997, MARINA BISHOP

### **6TH-12TH GRADES**



TO Register scan the QR Code

For more information contact camplittleflower@dioshpt.org



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# **Spring Break!**



A throwback picture from our White Elephant party this past St. Nicholas's Feast Day.

The students are enjoying their break and are making use of this time for further reflection during Lent.

The ACTS students wish everyone a good week!

Weekly ACTS tivities

No Events this week!

For more information, please visit:  $\underline{stac-acts.com}$ 

Date	*This schedule is in addition to the regula Time	r weekly Liturgical Schedule. Event	Place
Wed., Feb. 14th	8:15 am, 6pm (Bilingual) & 8:00pm	Ash Wednesday	Church
Fri., Feb. 16th	6pm	Stations of the Cross (ACTS)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Feb. 23rd	6pm	Stations of the Cross (STAY)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 1st	6pm	Stations of the Cross (PSR)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Stations of the Cross (OCIA)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
ri., Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Stations of the Cross (Confirmation)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	
Fri., Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Stations of the Cross (Women's Guild)	Church
	6:30pm	Holy Hour and Confession	

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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.



#### 2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

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Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to dete)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal		Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0			\$	100	\$2,710		\$2,260
St. Joseph, Bastrop		83		45	\$	9,900	\$720	8.1%	\$220
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	323	33	10%	\$	69,000	\$18,480	26.8%	\$30,580
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	425	12	3%	\$	28,000	\$4,655	16.6%	\$1,185
St. Jude Church - Bansier City	12	1,094	85	85	\$.	144,000	\$27,309	19.0%	\$14,200
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	104	7	85	\$	17,900	\$3,290	29.4%	\$1,000
St. Remedict the Black	- 31	26	2	8%	\$	3,000	\$275	0.2%	\$50
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	48	2	4%	\$	12,000	\$200	1.7%	\$200
St. Margaret, Homer	- 34	21	1	5%	5	12,000	\$250	2,2%	\$250
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50		on	\$	9,000		0.0%	
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	12	12%	5	70,000	\$16,340	23.1%	\$2,940
St. John the Baptist - Many	-44	160	12	8%	\$	23,000	\$5,055	22.0%	\$3,155
St. Terence	45	54	2	-4%	\$	6,000	\$1,100	18.3%	\$1,100
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	2	31%	\$	3,000	\$350	13.7%	\$350
St. Paul - Minden	-47	80	4	5%	5	24,000	51,050	7.5%	5900
lesus the Good Shepherd	-48	600	54	9%	5	91,000	\$43,920	48.35	\$38,737
Little Flower of Jesus	-49	146	7	- 5%	\$	5,000	5920	18.4%	\$920
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	16	9%	8	27,000	\$13,840	53.3%	\$13,615
St. Matthew	52	383	15	375	5	36,000	54,025	11.2%	\$3,025
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	1	2%	5	3,000	\$25	0.8%	\$25
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27		0%	5	3,000		0.0%	
St. George, Coushatta	62	30	4	13%	5	12,000	\$3,050	25.4%	\$2,900
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	2	5%	\$	6,000	5740	\$2.3%	\$540
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	35	675	5	32,000	57,905	24.7%	\$7,055
Holy Trinity	68	675	16	25	\$	75,000	\$5,021	6.7%	\$3,196
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	6	4%	5	11,000	\$2,865	26.0%	5475
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	14	6%	5	13,000	\$3,523	27.1%	\$2,423
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	978	49	3%	5	189,000	\$44,545	23.6%	528,680
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	77	11%	5	240,000	\$80,388	33.5%	\$50,866
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	25	4%	5	55,000	58,531	15.5%	55,831
St. Plus X	75	132	19	13%	5	34,000	\$7,095	20.8%	\$4,285
st. Clement - Vivian	.82	44	5	11%	\$	11,000	\$2,120	19.3%	5445
St. Paschal - West Monroe	85	499	30	674	5	53,000	\$10,120	15.1%	\$6,075
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	37	6%	5	80,000	\$14,720	38.4%	56,225
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	2	3%	5	5,000	\$300	6.0%	\$50
Our Laily of Perpetual Help	91	182		3%	5	9,000	52,050	22.8%	5700
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	48	5%	5	176,000	\$30,245	17.2%	\$18,360
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	9	15	5	15,000	\$5,050	33.7%	\$2,175
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	641	6%	5 1	.600,000	\$372,563	23.3%	\$233,093



join Father Raney Johnson & Father Kelby Tingle for a vocations retreat! Registration ends February 29th Contact vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org for more information



# Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund

#### **Financial Assistance for Catholic Students**

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund are now available for the 2024-2025 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on an as needs-basis for Catholic students registered in a Diocese of Shreveport Catholic School. Parents may contact any Catholic school for information. Deadline for application is <u>April 15, 2024</u>.

For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at (318) 219-7266.

Sr. Carol Shively, OSU Superintendent of Catholic Schools

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2024

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



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