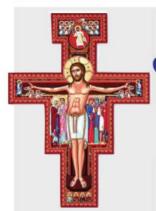
MARCH 24TH, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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

Monday: 8:15AM 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.

Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

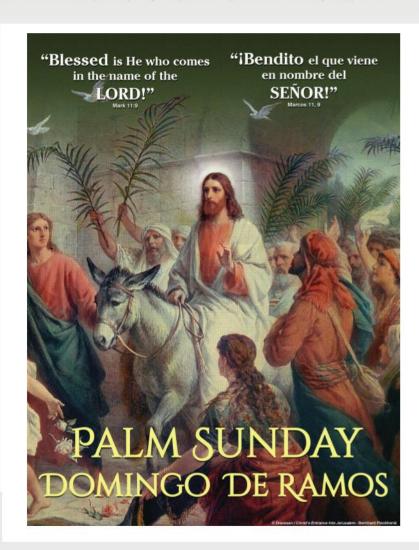
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Matthew Bryan

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Thurston Allen Chairman of Finance Council

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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.



March 2ndLorraine FreemanMarch 4thBailey KeysMarch 5thJuan 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 12th Anderson Lainez

Adelyn Haynie

March 13th Nancy Lainez

Connie Stuckey

March 14thJodie MorphewMarch 15thKevin WatsonMarch 17thPatricia RodriguezMarch 18thGary KennedyMarch 21stCathey BarronMarch 22ndGabriel Perez

Tyrette Cowan

Amanda Sutherland

February 26th Chris Kennedy

Eli Watson

March 27thSofia HernandezMarch 28thAllan UlloaMarch 29thBenjamin 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 24th

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

Monday, March 25th

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

Tuesday, March 26th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation 8:15 AM Daily Mass

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

Wednesday, March 27th

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM
8:15 AM
Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Church Office Open
Mass

Thursday, March 28th

8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Close 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass

Friday, March 29th

8:30 AM - 12:00PM
Church Office Closed
11:15 AM - 11:45AM
Penance & Reconciliation
3:00 PM
Living Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM
Good Friday Mass

Saturday, March 30th

3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Palm Sunday:

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting families.



Domingo de Ramos:

Hoy es Domingo de Ramos y el inicio de la más Santa semana Cristiana. Oremos por la gracia para tomar nuestra Cruz propia y seguir a Cristo a través de la muerte a una Nueva Vida. Durante la Cuaresma y por medio de los regalos de nuestros parroquianos, La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl logró traer la misericordia de Jesús dentro de los corazones de los pobres en asistiendo a familias.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 23rd 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

Holy Thursday March 28th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Paul Jackson EMHC: John Ryan Serio, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Nancy, Megan, Hilda Lanais

Good Friday March 29th, 2024

Lectors: Pam Allen, Ryan Freling

Altar Servers: Norberto & Gabriel Turrubiartes

Easter Vigil Saturday March 30th 2024

Lectors: Tom Garza, Dolly Hurtig, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Trish Carter, Slade Richard, John R Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin and , Peter Serio

Easter Sunday March 31st, 2024

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Rodney Manning

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Jim Martin, Gary Kennedy, Elaine Johnson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

March 9/10

General Sunday Collection \$11,432.00 Grounds Beautification \$1,657.00

March 23/24

General Sunday Collection \$6,373.00 Grounds Beautification \$675.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



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

Bobby Ortego Saturday March 23rd (by Karen Ortego)

Sunday March 24th Paul & Mike Buske

(by Dave & Mary Leonard)

Victor Monjaras + (by Imelda Monjaras)

For the parishioners of St.

Thomas Aquinas

Leigh A Stephens + Monday March 25th

(by Phyllis Lampo)

Tuesday March 26th Christopher Kennedy

(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

Ally Smith Wednesday March 27th

(by Jonathan & Ailish Rodriguez)

Carol A Dumont Thursday March 28th (by Phyllis Lampo)

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/

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



Save the Date St Thomas Aquinas Vacation Bible School June 10-14th





All women of St. Thomas Aquinas are invited to the Women's Guild meetings in the Luffey Center. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. If you are new to St. Thomas Aquinas parish, please know that we would love to meet you and welcome you to our church! For more information call or text Rhonda at 318.548.7127.

Upcoming meeting April 9th (lunch meeting), April 18th Women's Guild dinner and Steel Magnolias (RSVP 318-548-7127), May 14th (lunch meeting).



Men's Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm, at the Luffey.

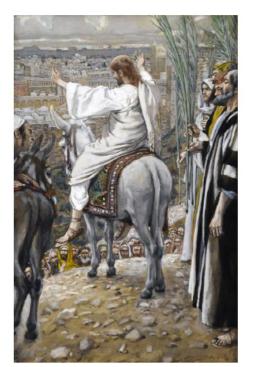
All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel." Jn 12:12-13



HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!
— PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION —





но	LY WEEK	SCHEDU	LE	
Date	*This schedule replaces the regular wee Time		Place	
Sat., Mar. 23 rd	5:00pm	Vigil Mass	Church	
Sun., Mar. 24th	9:30am, 1:30pm-Spanish, 7:00pm	Palm Sunday Mass	Church	
Mon., Mar. 25th	8:15am	Daily Mass	Church	
Tues., Mar. 26th	8:15am	Daily Mass	Church	
Wed., Mar. 27th	8:15am	Daily Mass	Church	
Thurs., Mar. 28th	7pm	Holy Thursday Mass	Church	
	Closed	Church Office	Church Office	
Fri., Mar. 29 th	3:00pm	Living Stations of the Cross	Luffey	
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Church Closed	
		Church Office	Church Office	
Sat., Mar. 30 th	8pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Church	
Sun., Mar. 31st	9:30am, 1:30pm-Spanish	Easter Sunday Mass	Church	
Mon., Apr. 1st	Closed	Church Office	Church Office	





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.





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2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Partish ID	S of Parish Families	Participating	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Contributed
Miscellaneous Contributions	- 1	0	2024 (to date)		1 -	\$4,010		53,630
St. Joseph, Bactrop	8	83	4	1%	5 9,000	\$930	10.3%	\$250
Mary, Cosen of Peace	10	555	47	14%	5 65,000	521,420	11.0%	511,920
Christ the King - Bossler City	11	435	24	10%	5 29,000	\$8,005	29.6%	\$4,070
St. Ande Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	121	11%	5 144,000	552,189	36.2%	\$36,436
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	24	26	19%	\$ 17,000	\$6,500	39.2%	\$3,640
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	3	12%	5 3,000	5375	19.2%	5375
St. Lucy-Hodge	33	48	-4	-8%	5 12,000	\$950	7.9%	\$725
St. Margaret, Homer	54	21	2	10%	5 12,000	\$1,000	8.5%	5325
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50		0%	5 5,000		0.0%	
St. Joseph, Mancfield	41	97	10	20%	5 70,000	\$17,590	25.1%	54,240
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	19	12%	5 23,000	\$6,525	29.4%	\$3,579
St. Terence	45	54	2	4%	\$ 6,000	\$1,100	10.7%	\$1,100
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	2	11%	5 3,000	\$350	11.7%	\$350
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	7	9%	\$ 14,000	\$1,775	8.8%	\$1,075
lesis the Good Shepherd	48	800	66	11%	5 92,000	548,675	58.5%	542,104
Little Flower of Jesus	49	346	15	10%	\$ 5,000	51,645	32.9%	\$1,415
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	21	12%	5 27,000	514,115	52.8%	513,890
St. Matthew	52	363	26	7%	\$ 36,000	\$8,900	24.7%	\$6,900
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	2	4%	5 3,000	5125	4.2%	5125
St. Thoresa - Delhi	- 59	27		0%	\$ 3,000	3123	0.0%	7543
St. Derrige, Coustalta	62	90	6	20%	5 12,000	54,550	37.5%	53,800
Secred Heart, Rayville	64	40	3	8%	\$ 6,000	\$940	15.7%	5760
St. Thomas Aguinas - Buston	65	267	20	7%	5 32,000	510,330	32.3%	\$8,865
Holy Trinity	68	675	29	4%	\$ 75,000	\$7,611	10.1%	\$4,741
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	10	7%	\$ 11,000	\$3,715	33.8%	\$1,160
Secred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	78	220	17	8%	5 13,000	\$4,123	31.7%	\$2,950
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	77	978	84	7%	5 189,000	\$49,095	26.0%	\$83,630
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	78	729	108	15%	5 240,000	588,318	36.8%	557,734
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	50	7%	\$ 55,000	\$16,522	30.0%	\$30,017
St. Mary or the Pines St. Plus X	75	152	33	22%	5 34,000	511,512	34.2%	\$6,395
St. Clement - Vivian	62	44	9	20%	\$ 13,000	\$2,730	24.6%	\$760
St. Paschal - West Munroe	12	498	47	9%	5 53,000	\$16,295	30.7%	\$11,450
St. Inceph, Zwelle	36	636	65	10%	\$ 80,000	524,142	30.2%	\$12,027
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	5	7%	5 5,000	\$525	10.5%	5275
St. Lawrence - Swartz Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	10	5%	5 9,000		30.4%	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	81	9%	5 176,000	\$2,735	31.4%	\$1,135
				and the latest		\$55,315		\$41,270
St. Ann, Stanewall	94	110	14	13%	\$ 15,000	\$5,850	39.0%	\$3,050
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	984	9%	\$ 1,600,000	\$500,271	31.3%	\$337,973

Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Registration ends February 29th

Contact vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org

for more information

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 April 15, 2024.

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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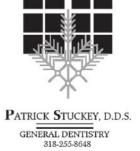
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