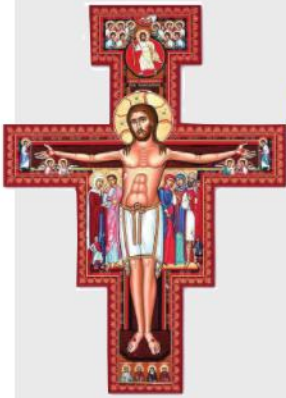


MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2024 | EASTER SUNDAY



# 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

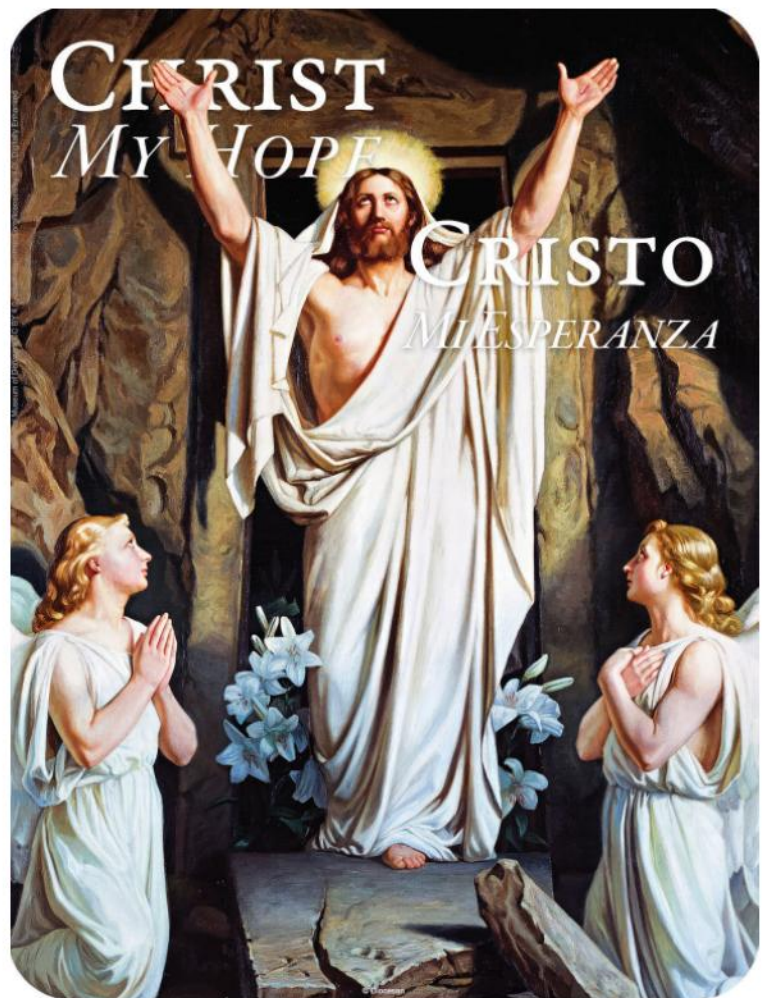
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## PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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  
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Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906 **Interim PSR Director**  
Matthew Bryan **President of Pastoral 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.

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<b><u>April 3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	Ilda Ajanel Solis Elliott Frost Barbara Ramos Cedric Serio Camila Carranza
<b><u>April 4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Richard Hooper Bill Schodlatz
<b><u>April 5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Teresa Richard Teresa Buboltz Wade Watson Saul Salazar
<b><u>April 6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Marlene Nammour
<b><u>April 7<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Brandon Parrie
<b><u>April 8<sup>th</sup></u></b>	John R Serio Emmanuel Gomez
<b><u>April 12<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Braydyn Lopez
<b><u>April 14<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Hannah-Claire Bryan
<b><u>April 15<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Jimmy Shuff Allie Wilson
<b><u>April 16<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Tony Jurkus Ty Hickman Julia Guerrero
<b><u>April 18<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Patricia Plata Paige Denny Julie Richard
<b><u>April 19<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Sofia Carranza
<b><u>April 21<sup>st</sup></u></b>	Margie Skipper Hudson St. Clair Taylor Coulter
<b><u>April 22<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	Johnathan Lopez
<b><u>April 23<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre
<b><u>April 25<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Sharon Pettijohn Lee VanderSchaaf Taylor Fincher
<b><u>April 27<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Carol Mercier
<b><u>April 28<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Bailey Reger
<b><u>April 29<sup>th</sup></u></b>	Mallory Taylor

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, March 31<sup>st</sup>

9:30 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	NO Mass

### Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Your gift matters.

Scan to give.

The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.  
1 Chronicles 29:9

**Ministry Schedule**

**Easter Vigil Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Stacey Denny, Rodney Manning

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

**Altar Servers:** Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

**Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Lectors:** Pam Allen, Samantha Groce

**EMHC:** Trish Carter, George Trevison

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

**Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lectors:** Thomas Rogers, Stacey Denny

**EMHC:** Todd Wasson, Tom Bishop, Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier

**Altar Servers:** Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson



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  
 Pearlina 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**

**March 23/24**

General Sunday Collection \$9,630.00  
 Grounds Beautification \$380.00

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

*Alleluia*  
**HE IS RISEN**



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.



**Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

**Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Bobby Ortego +  
*(by Karen Ortego)*

Francisco & Juana Torres +  
*(by Maria Torres)*

**Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Billy Taylor +  
*(by Diane Taylor)*

**Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Michael Omolatoyole  
*(by Dr. Joe Oldmolayole)*

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 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).

**VBS Update/Important Dates:**

- VBS Planning Meeting: Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in the St. Thomas School building. We are looking for individuals to help lead stations (ex., music, games, registration, snacks, etc.). If you are interested, please come to the above meeting. For questions, please reach out to Niki St. Clair at [eminic28@aol.com](mailto:eminic28@aol.com) or 318-243-4469.
- VBS Week is scheduled for June 10-14th from 8:00am-12:00pm. Registration information forthcoming the week of April 7th.

UPCOMING

**STAY 6-12TH GRADES**

6:00 - 7:30 PM

MARCH 27	NO MEETING
APRIL 3	PLANNING AND GAMES
APRIL 10	EASTER GAMES
APRIL 17	SACRAMENT TALK
APRIL 24	GUEST SPEAKERS
MAY 1	MEETING
MAY 8	MEETING
MAY 15	MEETING
MAY 22	MEETING
MAY 29	WELCOME TO RISING 6TH GRADERS

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**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.

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

 The background of the poster shows a priest in white vestments performing the rite of confirmation on a young boy. The priest is holding a small white object, likely a candle or a sign, and the boy is also in white.

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

 The background of the poster is a close-up of a hand holding a golden chalice filled with wine. The lighting is warm and focused on the chalice.



# BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

## It's Easter Sunday!



The students like to attend the Tech baseball games often!

ACTS students do not have classes until Tuesday, since they are off for Easter. They will be spending good time over the weekend celebrating the resurrection.

There will be a fundraiser at Panda Express in Ruston all day on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and 20% of the proceeds go to ACTS!

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

## Weekly ACTStivities

### **Wednesday:**

- \* Dollar Lunch 11:30am
- \* Girls & Guys Group 6pm

### **Thursday:**

- \* PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER

### **Friday:**

- \* Sports in the Quad 3:30pm

### **Saturday:**

- \* Student Spring Cleaning 9am

## Revive

Three of our youth attended the second annual Diocesan Youth Summit at the Catholic Center in Shreveport. Attendees were 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Guest speaker Ali Hoffman and musical artists the Scally Brothers were there all day for talks and music. The event concluded with a Eucharistic Procession and Adoration and then Mass. Bishop Malone and 5 other priests heard confessions for close to two hours, and Bishop Malone celebrated Mass. The Knights of Columbus provided lunch and pizza.



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**CHURCH:** St. Jude Catholic Church

**ADDRESS:** 4700 Palmetto Road - Benton, Louisiana 71006 (318) 746-2508

**SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE:** 3:00 PM

**VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS:** immediately after Mass

**VENERATION ENDS:** 8:00 PM

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### 2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (No data)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Plagded 2024 (No date)	% Goal Plagded	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	16		\$ -	\$4,215		\$4,215
St. Joseph, Ruston	8	83	5	6%	\$ 9,000	\$1,055	11.7%	\$425
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	51	15%	\$ 69,000	\$23,820	34.5%	\$15,820
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	32	7%	\$ 28,000	\$8,125	29.0%	\$5,900
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	130	12%	\$ 184,000	\$58,560	32.0%	\$39,736
St. Ann, Ebarb	25	84	18	21%	\$ 17,000	\$7,550	44.4%	\$3,790
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	3	12%	\$ 3,000	\$575	19.2%	\$375
St. Lucy - Hedge	33	48	5	10%	\$ 12,000	\$1,950	16.3%	\$1,725
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	2	10%	\$ 12,000	\$1,000	8.3%	\$325
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	1	2%	\$ 9,000	\$2,500	27.8%	\$2,500
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	19	20%	\$ 70,000	\$18,065	25.8%	\$5,555
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	21	13%	\$ 21,000	\$7,025	33.5%	\$3,825
St. Terence	45	54	2	4%	\$ 6,000	\$1,100	18.3%	\$1,100
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	2	11%	\$ 3,000	\$350	11.7%	\$350
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	9	11%	\$ 14,000	\$1,300	9.3%	\$1,350
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	72	12%	\$ 91,000	\$51,383	56.5%	\$43,314
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	15	10%	\$ 5,000	\$1,645	32.9%	\$1,415
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	23	13%	\$ 27,000	\$17,115	63.4%	\$14,640
St. Matthew	52	383	31	8%	\$ 36,000	\$10,325	28.7%	\$8,525
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	3	5%	\$ 3,000	\$175	5.8%	\$175
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27		0%	\$ 3,000		0.0%	
St. George, Cinchatta	62	30	6	20%	\$ 12,000	\$4,550	37.9%	\$1,600
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	3	8%	\$ 6,000	\$940	15.7%	\$760
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	21	8%	\$ 32,000	\$11,330	35.4%	\$6,665
Holy Trinity	68	675	31	5%	\$ 75,000	\$8,191	10.9%	\$5,396
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	10	7%	\$ 11,000	\$3,715	33.8%	\$1,435
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	23	10%	\$ 13,000	\$5,743	44.2%	\$4,528
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	978	72	7%	\$ 189,000	\$58,520	31.0%	\$38,155
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	117	16%	\$ 240,000	\$80,805	33.7%	\$59,696
St. Mary of the Plains	74	734	54	8%	\$ 35,000	\$17,742	50.7%	\$10,582
St. Pius X	75	152	35	23%	\$ 34,000	\$13,565	39.9%	\$6,435
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	10	23%	\$ 11,000	\$3,780	34.4%	\$860
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	57	11%	\$ 53,000	\$20,130	37.9%	\$14,700
St. Joseph, Ziville	86	636	71	11%	\$ 80,000	\$31,185	39.0%	\$19,130
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	5	7%	\$ 9,000	\$525	10.5%	\$275
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	10	5%	\$ 9,000	\$2,755	30.6%	\$1,535
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	106	12%	\$ 176,000	\$61,836	35.0%	\$47,171
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	15	14%	\$ 15,000	\$5,950	39.7%	\$3,175
<b>TOTAL (DIOCESE)</b>		<b>10,381</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000</b>	<b>\$559,005</b>	<b>34.9%</b>	<b>\$382,419</b>

# DE VUELTA A CASA

## RETIRO PARA JÓVENES ADULTOS

18-35 años

19-21 de Abril, 2024

\$100

5:00 pm

Camp Bethany  
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Bethany, LA 71007

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