# APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024 | 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



# St. Thomas Aquinas

# **ATHOLIC 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 ( <i>Sept May</i> )

### DAILY MASSES

15AM
15AM
15AM & 8:00PM
15AM
2:00PM

### 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

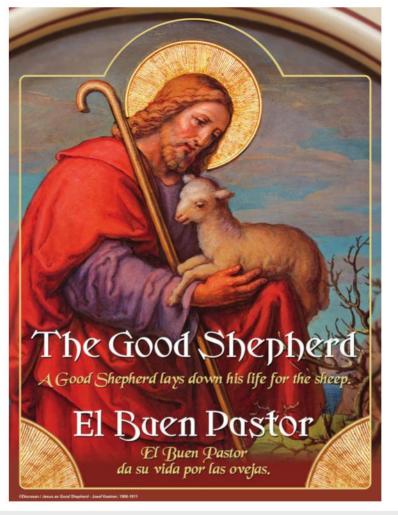
### **STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.**

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007 Fr. Charles Ssennyondo **Deacon John Serio** 

Pastor **Parroquial Vicar** 

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**Business Manager** Interim PSR Director President of Pastoral Council Chairman of Finance Council



### **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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## 4th Sunday of Easter



April 1st	Beverly Raymond
April 3rd	Ilda Ajanel Solis
	Elliott Frost
	Barbara Ramos
	Cedric Serio
	Camila Carranza
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Hooper
	Bill Schodlatz
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Richard
	Teresa Buboltz
	Wade Watson
	Saul Salazar
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marlene Nammour
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Brandon Parrie
April 8th	John R Serio
	Emmanuel Gomez
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Braydyn Lopez
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah-Claire Bryan
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy Shuff
	Allie Wilson
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tony Jurkus
	Ty Hickman
	Julia Guerrero
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Plata
	Paige Denny
	Julie Richard
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sofia Carranza
April 21st	Margie Skipper
	Hudson St. Clair
	Taylor Coulter
April 22nd	Johnathan Lopez
April 23rd	Sofia Ulloa
	Jorge Aguirre
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Pettijohn
	Lee VanderSchaaf
	Taylor Fincher
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Mercier
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bailey Reger
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mallory Taylor
	your birthday, please email me at
stacbulletin@suddenlink	mail.com so that I can add you to the master

# THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 21st 9:30 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM

Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00PM 8:00 PM

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 6:00PM

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 3:30PM - 4:45AM 5:00 PM Sunday Mass Misa en Español Sunday Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Divine Mercy Chaplet

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Dollar Lunch STAY Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open Choir Practice

Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration

Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass

#### St. Thomas Vacation Bible School Registration is now OPEN!

Date: June 10-14, 2024 Time: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Where: St. Thomas Luffey Center Ages: Pre-K 3 (toilet trained) – entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Register your child for St. Thomas VBS using the QR code below.



Register to be a Volunteer at St. Thomas' VBS (using the QR code below). We would love to have your help!



Paper registration forms also available at the Church office/PSR director.

# Ministry Schedule

Saturday April 20th 2024

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, Charlotte Wilkerson

EMHC: Bob Rorie, John R Serio

Altar Servers: Cedric, Kevin & Peter Serio

Sunday April 21st, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Sarah Wilkerson

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Thomas Rogers, Tom Bishop, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Brad Denny, Liam Taylor & Elliott Frost

Saturday April 27th 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Dolly Hurtig

EMHC: Beth Buske, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Kevin Serio, Mary Virginia & John Mark Adams

Sunday April 28th, 2024

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Carol Mercier, Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan

Requests

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 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 April 6/7

General Sunday Collection \$10,104.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Fourth Sunday of Easter Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, utilities and rent bills, etc. Thank You!



# Please sign up to donate altar flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please call Marcie Tucker at (318)255-2870 for more information.



Saturday April 20th

<u>Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup></u>

(by Karen Ortego) Dennis C Kennedy (by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>

Walter Buboltz + (by Terry Buboltz)

Bobby Ortego +

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/





## 4th Sunday of Easter

## April 21st, 2024

#### Parish School of Religion

#### March-May PSR Schedule

 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: Last day of PSR / Grades pre-K-12th grade.
- May 12th: NO PSR / Sacrament Weekend

o Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00pm: Confirmation will be celebrated for Year 2 confirmation students during Mass.

o Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:30am: First Holy Communion will be celebrated during Mass.

· May 19th: NO PSR - Parish Picnic at St. Thomas.

**Parish Picnic:** Mark your calendars for an upcoming Parish picnic on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. on the grounds (outside) at St. Thomas. The Parish will provide meat, and parishioners will be asked to bring sides & deserts. This will be our end of the year celebration. All are invited! More information to follow from the Parish Council.

#### VBS Update/Important Dates:

• VBS Planning: We are still 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 or 318-243-4469.

• VBS Week is scheduled for June 10-14th from 8:00am-12:00pm. Registration information forthcoming for both online and pen & paper registration.



On the afternoon of Sunday, April 14th, these 25 students had an afternoon of reflection in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Mass. They participated in activities to help better explore their chosen saint, attended a presentation on "What it Means to be a Catholic," as well as participated in Adoration and saying the rosary. The retreat ended with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please keep these students in your prayers as they enter the final three weeks before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

Additionally, I would like to thank all the individuals that helped make this retreat a success - the students, for their attention, willing participation and time; the parents, for making this a priority as well as helping with snacks and supplies; the ACTS group and Focus members, for help with preparing and serving dinner as well as visiting with the students; and Deacon Ransom & Father Kevin, for helping to lead the retreat.

#### STAY Highlights

We are so grateful for the donations for STAY . Thank you so much for your generosity! We have been able to purchase a replacement ping pong table net and two pickleball nets. Last week at STAY, parent volunteer Samantha Groce set up fun team games with Easter themes, as we are still celebrating Easter until May 19,







UPCOMING

MARINA BISHOP 504-940-8997



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## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

# Welcome to St. Thomas Ren Morphew & Reed Frost!



For Jesus said "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Mark 10:14









MAY SATURDAY 11 5:00 PM

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

# 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

# **Good Shepherd** Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter



# Good Shepherd Sunday

Tonight after mass, we are celebrating all of our ACTS members with birthdays in April. Come by the EDP following mass for fellowship and birthday treats!

This Friday, April 26th, we will be celebrating a special mass as an investiture for our new University President, Dr. Jim Henderson. Please join us at 10:00 am to welcome him into our community. We are so excited to have him with us!

Yesterday, students celebrated Big Event! Many ACTS students took part in this event which links the school with the community to celebrate Earth Day. Throughout Ruston, students spent time with families cleaning yards and fostering friendships. We are so thankful for this opportunity for the students to give back!

## Weekly ACTStivities:

**Tuesday:** ACTS Executive Team Meeting 5pm

Wednesday: Dollar Lunch 11:30am

**Friday:** Midday Mass: Investiture of Jim Henderson 10am



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





Parents, looking for a fun, Christ centered, summer camp for your high school student? Sign up today for Camp Beloved (girls) or Mission Possible (guys) These summer camps are open to all high school students, throughout the diocese.

Young ladies, from incoming Freshman to Graduating seniors, are invited to Camp Beloved, July 11-July 14

Young men, from incoming Freshman to Graduating seniors, are invited to Camp Mission Possible, July 14- July 17 Click the link below to sign your high school student up to experience three

days of faith-filled fun at this unforgettable, life-changing camp. Two camps, one for girls and one for boys, will be held at King's Camp (in MerRouge, La) filled with awesome activities and rooted in Catholic spirituality! This year's camper's will enjoy ropes course, canoeing, archery, pottery, competitive games, great food, Catholic devotions, and of course, time at the pool! Online registration is now open! Click link below to sign up today! https://shveamps.com/

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# Holy Trinity Catholic Church Friday, May 3, 2024 Music 8:30A Mass 9A

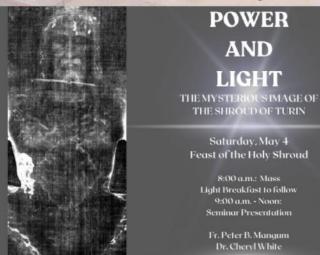
Principal Celebrant and Homilist His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre

> Concelebrant Most Reverend Francis I. Malone

Master of Ceremonies Reverend Duane Trombetta

Zion Baptist Church Choir

St. Cecilia Choral Society



The Church of Jesus the Good Shepherd Monroe, LA

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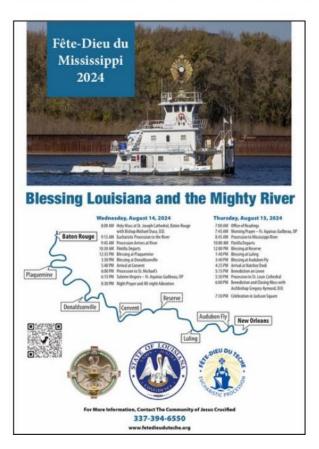
Housekeeper - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Shreveport, Louisiana
Executive Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana
Development Director - Catholic Charities of North Louisiana
Digital Communications Specialist - Catholic Center
Information Technology Technician - Catholic Center
Director of Marriage & Family Life - Catholic Center
Director of Religious Education - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ruston, LA
Director of Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry - St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church,
Ruston, LA
Organist - St. Paul Catholic Church, Minden, LA
https://www.dioshpt.org/job-opportunities



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#### 2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	It of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal		Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pindged	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	U.	20		5		54,590		\$4,190
St. Joseph, Bastrop	8	83	8	10%	\$	9,000	\$1,955	21.7%	\$1,125
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	335	60	18%	5	69,000	\$29,820	42.8%	\$71,645
Christ the King - Bussier City	11	435	40	375	5	28,000	\$11,215	40.1%	\$7,120
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	1,094	156	14%	\$	144,000	\$68,364	47.5%	\$45,801
st. Ann, tbarb	25	84	24	285	5	17,000	\$8,875	52.2%	54,485
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	4	15%	\$	5,000	\$725	24.2%	\$850
St. Lucy - Hodge	33	.48	6	13%	\$	12,000	\$2,000	36.7%	\$1,775
St. Margaret, Humer	34	21	4	19%	5	12,000	\$2,085	17.2%	\$590
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	4	8%	5	9,000	\$3,275	36.4%	\$3,075
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	20	27%	5	70,000	\$21,847	31.2%	\$8,637
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	26	16%	\$	25,000	\$8,968	39.0%	\$4,850
St. Terence	45	54	н	6%	8	6,000	\$2,100	35.0%	\$1,900
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	40	- 19	3	16%	5	3,000	\$600	20.0%	5600
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	12	15%	\$	14,000	\$2,300	15.0%	\$1,965
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	83	14%	5	91,000	\$57,543	63.2%	\$45,843
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	25	17%	\$	5,000	\$2,715	54.9%	\$2,435
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	27	15%	5	27,000	\$17,805	65.9%	514,855
St. Matthew	52	383	35	275	3	36,000	\$11,075	30.8%	\$9,125
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	4	7%	5	3,000	\$275	0.2%	\$275
st. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	1	4%	5	3.000	\$100	3.3%	\$100
St. George, Coushetta	62	-50	7	23%	5	12,000	\$5,050	42.1%	\$3,750
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	4	10%	s	6,000	\$1,040	17.3%	\$880
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	25	275	5	52,000	513,250	41.3%	511,565
Holy Trinky	68	675	43	6%	\$	75,000	\$13,706	18.3%	58.911
Our Lady of the Elessed Sacrament	69	140	15	11%	5	11,000	\$4,365	39.7%	52,080
Secred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	220	28	13%	\$	13,000	\$6,133	47.2%	\$4,868
Cathedral of St. John Serchmans	72	978	85	9%	5	189,000	\$78,460	41.5%	\$51,400
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	145	20%	5	240,000	\$110,169	45.9%	\$78,626
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	74	10%	5	\$5,000	\$23,649	43.0%	\$14,004
ST. Phys.X	75	152	43	28%	5	34,000	\$16.015	47.1%	59,255
St. Clement - Vivian	82	44	14	32%	\$	11,000	\$4,740	43.1%	\$1,630
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	71	14%	5	53,000	528,472	53.7%	520,802
St. Joseph, Zwolle	88	636	84	13%	5	80,000	\$34,940	43.7%	\$20,940
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	6	8%	5	5,000	\$575	11.5%	\$325
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	13	7%	5	9.000	\$3,345	37.2%	\$1,795
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	124	14%	\$	175,000	\$80,571	45.8%	\$60,216
St. Ann. Stonewall	94	110	16	15%	5	15,000	36.150	41.0%	53,600
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		10,381	1,368	13%	1.0	1,600,000	\$688,173	43.0%	\$474,98





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