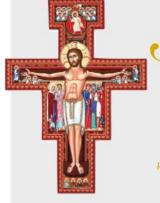
SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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:	10:00AM
	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.

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

Pastor **Parroquial Vicar**

Deacon Robert Ransom Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870 Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906 Matthew Bryan Thurston Allen St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090

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

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"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Flk 9:37



"El que reciba en mi nombre a uno de estos niños, a mí me recibe. Y el que me reciba a mí, no me recibe a mí, sino a aquel que me ha enviado". Mc 9, 37

25° DOMINGO DEL IEMPO ORDINARIO

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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September 2nd Becky Giorno-McConnell September 3rd Dawn Ransom Jack White Lizet Martinez September 4th Abrahm Ajanel Douglas Gerace September 6th Tracy Oakley Sam Williams September 7th Carter Lewis Karala Buenrostro Valle Javier Ramirez September 8th **Rodney Manning** Nora Morphew Adalyn Hinton September 9th Alyssa Langiulli Anahi Melendez Laisha Mendez Tomas de la Rosa Ailish Rodriguez September 10th Gabi Burton September 11th Tonya Slusher Erskine Lindsey Angela Luffey Norberto Turrubiartes Allie Del eo-Allen Gabriela Ramirez Jason Seth Keys **Miraris Martinez** September 14th Margo Budds Gary Luffey

September 16th Emma Grace September 17th Sergio Hernandez Flores Nicole Mujica Juan Monjaras Danielle Gray Lauren Derveloy September 19th **Deezy Williams** Joan Mullens September 20th Laila Texcanua David Cannon September 21st Rosy Mujica Sonia Francisco Anna Langiulli September 23rd Luke White **Rebecca Ferrell** September 24th Tammy Schilling September 25th Mia Rabb Maria Candelaria Ramirez September 26th Cindy Hampton Olivia Bryan Dustin Frost Rhonda Reed Gabrielle Woodard September 27th Hilda Perez September 28th Gabriel Mhire Liam Taylor Sergio Hernandez Flores Yaretzi Castillo September 30th Dayanni Langiulli If I've missed your birthday, please email me at starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 22nd 10:00 AM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM Monday, September 23rd 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM Tuesday, September 24th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 7:00 PM Wednesday, September 25th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00PM 5:30 PM - 7:30PM 8:00 PM Thursday, September 26th 7:30 AM - 8:00AM 8:15 AM 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Friday, September 27th 8:30 AM - 12:00PM 11:15 AM - 11:45AM 12:00 PM 6:00 PM Saturday, September 28th 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 El Manto de Maria

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open STAY Mass

Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Church Office Open

Church Office Open Penance & Reconciliation Daily Mass Adoration

Penance & Reconciliation Vigil Mass



Welcome to 2024-2025 OCIA/OCIC Registration

OCIA/OCIC will begin on Thursday, September 19th and run from 6:00pm-7:30pm most Thursdays (schedule to follow). Please complete this form to register for OCIA/OCIC. You should register for this class if you are...

- an adult interested in learning more about the Catholic religion or are interested in receiving Catholic Sacraments (ex., Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation), or
- a child interested in receiving sacraments, but you were not able to receive the sacrament(s) at the following designed age/grade:
 - o Baptism before 2nd grade
 - o First Holy Communion in 2nd grade; and/or
 - o Confirmation in 7th/8th grade

If the above does not apply to you, you are likely eligible to register for Parish School of Religion/Sunday school classes. Those gradelevel classes are held on Sunday mornings from 11:00am to 12:00noon.

If you have questions about your specific situation and are not sure what classes to register for, please reach out to Mindy Bryan (DRE) at 318-525-4906 or <u>melinda@latech.edu</u>

September 22nd, 2024

Ministry Schedule

Saturday September 21st 2024

Lectors: George Trevison, Pam Allen

EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday September 22nd, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Paul Jackson, Jim Martin, Todd Wasson, Tom Bishop

Altar Servers: Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Misa en español: Juan Ramirez, Kimberly Landaverde

Saturday September 28th 2024

Lectors: Samantha Groce, Tom Garza

EMHC: Beth Buske, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Sunday September 29th, 2024

Lectors: Jim Martin, Paul Jackson

EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Carol Mercier, Mary Ghongkedze, Emily Chartier

Altar Servers: Maggie & Georgia Rogers, Ramona Bishop

Misa en español: Manuel Izaguirre, Angel Ventura

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY September 14/ 15

General Sunday Collection \$9,170.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers donated by Ohan & Rose Kitishian praying for world peace.

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



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

Mallary Adams Patti Hooper Allen **Ouintana** Atkins Miriam Bishop Jackie Bolden Frankie Career Gerald Cosentino Bruce Cowan Judy Darcey Laurie Duvall Sean Dwyer Becky Ferrell Robert Frasier Mary Lou French Roxana Gamero Emmely Gay Bernice Harrison Harvey Hayes Maureen Hinton Charles Jacobs Karl Johnson Magnolia Johnson Jeffery Judice Mary Lanning Emily Landry

Chris Letendre Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Claudia Michel Leopoldo Michel Larry Miller Katherine Ned Don Olivier Matthew Reichert Tristen Roberts Pearline Robev Laura Leigh Saleese Jennie Schutte-Patrick Nicole Smith Polly Smith Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Danica Tipton Pam Turner David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter Janice Williams



Saturday September 21st Oscar Hannibal + (by Terry Buboltz)

Sunday September 22nd

Oscar Hannibal + (by Phyllis Lampo)

Marcelina Gonzalez (by Marcelina Gonzalez)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday September 24th

Billie Desser (by Mary Ghongkedze)

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/

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PSR and Other Faith Opportunities at St. Thomas, Ruston, LA

PSR for Dates for September - December:

 September 22nd: PSR all Grades / Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Church (7th & 8th grade parents) September 29th: PSR all Grades / First Holy Communion Parent Meeting in the Church (2nd grade parents) • October 6th: NO PSR / Fall Break - Confirmation, Year 1 (7th Grade Class) Inscription Ceremony at Jesus the Good Shepherd, Monroe during 11:00 am Mass October 13th: PSR all Grades • October 20th: PSR all Grades / Family of Faith meeting with Fr. Kevin in the Luffey Center • October 27th: PSR all Grades November 3rd: PSR all Grades • November 10th: PSR all Grades • November 17th: PSR all Grades / Family of Faith talk with Fr. Kevin in the Luffey Center • November 24th: NO PSR / Thanksgiving Break • December 1st: PSR all Grades • December 8th: PSR all Grades • December 15th: NO PSR / Advent Gathering & Christmas Play in the Luffey Center • December 22nd, 29th, & Jan 5th: NO PSR / Christmas Break / No Family of Faith meeting in the month of December. PSR will resume on January 12th. **First Communion/Confirmation Meetings**

Confirmation Parent Meeting: Scheduled for September 22nd in the Church; at least one parent for all children in both Confirmation A/Year 1 & B/Year 2 should attend. · First Holy Communion Parent Meeting: Scheduled for September 29th - in the Church; at least one parent for all

children in First Holy Communion preparation (2nd grade) should attend.

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering as a substitute/ helper teacher or security, please reach out to Mindy Bryan at melinda@latech.edu or 318.525.4906. We are still in need of helpers for pre-K & 3rd grade.

Youth e St. Thomas Aquinas

What happens during Wednesday

> meetings? 6-7:30 pm in the Luffey building

We share a meal, then we play games, hear a short alk, or do a service project

Youth team Marina Bishop Paula Martin Karen Rogers Gracie Barrientos I Who can be on team?

Any adult age 18 who has had safe environment training who wants to support our youth in their Catholic journey Why is youth group

important? Christ established a Church

because we are called to Please let us know so we community. Our youth group is established to bring together the Catholic children and teens of our area to grow in faith and either have a short lesson, support one another as they members can help spread strive to know, love, and serve the Lord.

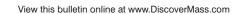
Who can come to youth night meetings?

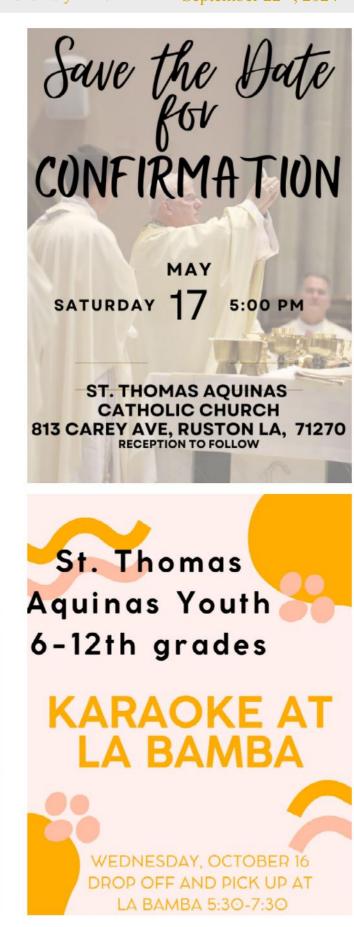
Any youth in our parish in 6th grade through 12th grade

Can I bring a friend?

Yes! have enough food.

Our youth group is Catholic in identity and practice. Our youth the joy of our faith to others.





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Peace Makers Sewing Club

All are welcome to join us as we stitch, (crochet, knit, quilt) & visit. Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room 9:15 am - noon. For more information call Cathey Barron (318) 548-3097, Sandi Adams (318) 245-0832 Weekly meetings Thursday



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. Lunch provided for a \$5.00 donation. Upcoming meeting October 8 2024 at noon.



St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686. Upcoming meeting October 16, 2024 at 6:00pm



Saint Uincent de Paul PRAY FOR US

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulose where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulose for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.



ACTS - Dollar Lunch

The Dollar Lunch Program will be offered once again for the 2024-2025 academic year! This program is a ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. We offer all LA Tech students a hot lunch & dessert throughout the year for a donation of \$1.00. This ministry has been in place for over 20 years and gives the students a place to come and enjoy a meal and meet with friends. Lunches are on held on Wednesday, 11:30 am until 1:00pm & coordinated with the academic calendar for each quarter. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve and provide desserts. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christi Faulkner 318-278-4904 (chair) or Diana May 318-573-0388 (dessert chair). We are looking forward to another year of meeting and serving our LA Tech students!



We are seeking volunteers to provide desserts for the Tech students' Dollar Lunch program. Each volunteer would contribute 24 servings of a dessert one or more times during the school year. If you are interested in helping make a student's meal a bit sweeter, please reach out to Diana May, 318-573-0388.



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Vigésimo Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario:

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús llamó a los Doce y les dijo: "Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que sea el último de todos y el servidor de todos." Luego, tomando a un niño, lo puso en medio de ellos, lo abrazó y les dijo: "El que reciba en mi nombre a uno de estos niños, a mí me recibe. Y el que me reciba a mí, no me recibe a mí, sino a aquel que me ha enviado." Tu donativo a la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl ayudará a niños que tiene hambre sentir los brazos de Jesús alrededor de ellos.



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Fall Quarter in full swing

Students are now fully immersed in the 2024-2025 school year. Our ACTS students are studying hard but there are still many fun activities taking place!

This week, there will be the usual Dollar Lunch at the student center on Wednesday. Later that evening, ACTS will have Girls' and Guys' groups as well.

We want to encourage all of you to take advantage of our weekly adoration times. We will continue to have Eucharistic adoration from 6pm to 7pm on Friday evenings – this is also a great chance to go to Confession! Please join us!

As always, thank you for your support and have a great week!

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- 216 people were helped with their SNAP applications

www.ccnla.org 318-361-5198



Weekly ACTS tivities Mon: Freshmen Crossing 6pm Wed: Dollar Lunch 11:30-1pm Mass 8pm

Fri: Adoration 6-7pm



For more information, please visit: <u>stac-acts.com</u>



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The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.

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October 8, 2024 9:30 a.m. CDT



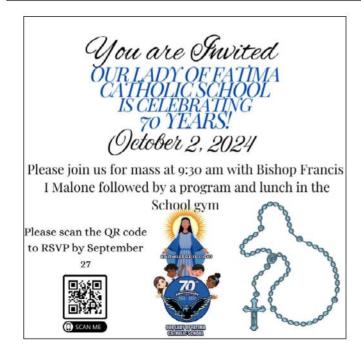
Also available on EWTN free streaming platform to 160 countries!

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 22, 2024 "The Lord upholds my life." He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask Him sincerely if He could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



Vigésimo quinto domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 22 de septiembre de 2024

"El Señor sostiene mi vida". Él en verdad es nuestra fuerza y fundamento. Ora y pregúntale sinceramente si podría estar llamándote al sacerdocio o a la vida consagrada. Hable con su sacerdote o comuníquese con la Father Raney Johnson Oficina de Vocaciones por correo electrónico: rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org





ABIERTO A TODO EL PÚBLICO



Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. If you or someone you love is hurting from an abortion, please call 318-588-1064 for information, or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org. Absolute confidentiality is maintained by team members and participants prior to. during, and following a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

The next Rachel's **Vineyard Retreat is** October 18-20, 2024

For more nformation about the upcoming retreats please scan the code





Diocesan Employment Opportunities

Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry - Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA 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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