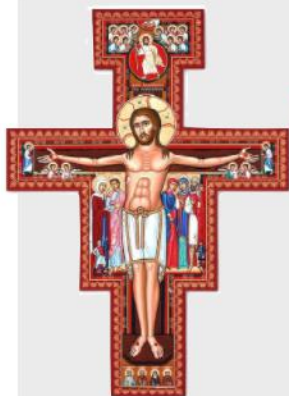


JANUARY 5TH, 2025 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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: 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

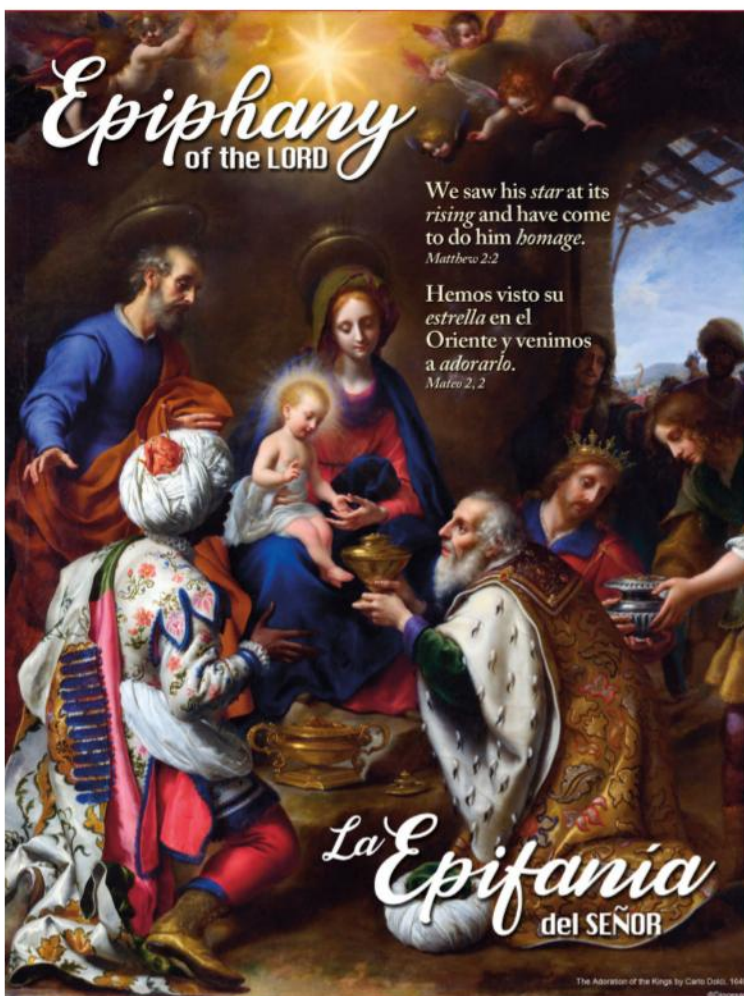
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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	Pastor
Fr. Charles Ssennyondo	Parroquial Vicar
Deacon John Serio	
Deacon Robert Ransom	
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870	Business Manager
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906	Interim PSR Director
Matthew Bryan	President of Pastoral Council
Thurston Allen	Chairman of Finance Council
St. Vincent de Paul Society	(318)255-8090



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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January 1st

Wayne Skipper
Michael Langiulli
Dolly Garcia
Christopher Esau Castillo

January 2nd

Carmen Trevison
Ethan Moreno

January 3rd

Ethan Moreno
Stephanie Martinez
Darlene Menzina
Alicia Hinton
Hudson Hinton
Michelle Machen

January 5th

Ramona Bishop
Juana Melendez

January 7th

Josie Bishop
Redel Perez
Janie Holbron
Ashley Landaverde

January 10th

Jennifer Youngblood
Yanney Hernandez

January 11th

Olivia Roger
Beth Keys

January 12th

David Broussard
Melissa Jackson
Kaitin Corcia
Harryn Lopez

January 13th

Joseph Lanning

January 14th

Brennan Jackson
Marcie Tucker

January 15th

Sandy Freeman

January 16th

Juana Maria Leon
Jaiden Langiulli

January 17th

Jerry Berg II

January 18th

Linda Oakley

January 20th

Christine Hanna
Matthew Montgomery

January 21st

Rose Kitishian
John Mark Adams
Jose Maria Garcia

January 22nd

Benjamin Denny
Hayden Frost
Edgar Nunez

January 24th

Cindy Bimle

January 25th

Fr. Kevin Mues

January 26th

Ryan Corcia

January 28th

William Slusher

January 31st

Pedro de Rosa

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, January 5th

10:00 AM Sunday Mass
1:30 PM Misa en Español
7:00 PM Sunday Mass

Monday, January 6th

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

Tuesday, January 7th

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

Wednesday, January 8th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM STAY
8:00 PM Student Mass

Thursday, January 9th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM OCIA

Friday, January 10th

8:30 AM - 12:00PM Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM Daily Mass
6:00 PM Adoration

Saturday, January 11th

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

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHINES UPON YOU

Isaiah 60:1



Saturday January 4th 2025

Lectors: Pam Allen, Lauren Gauthier
 EMHC: Joan Mullens, George Trevison
 Altar Servers: Cedric Serio
 Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Slade Richard

Sunday January 5th 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Jim Martin
 EMHC: Tom Bishop, Elaine Johnson, Gary Kennedy, Chris Kennedy
 Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan
 Misa en español: Emelina Lopez, Karyn Lopez
 Ushers: Brennan Jackson, Jack Groce

Saturday January 11th 2025

Lectors: Katherine Austin, Dolly Hurtig
 EMHC: Beth Buske, Bob Rorie
 Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
 Ushers: Benny Grafton, Josh Adam

Sunday January 12th, 2024

Lectors: Sheila Mariano, Paul Jackson
 EMHC: Todd Wasson, Emily Chartier, Elaine Johnson, Jim Martin
 Altar Servers: Brennan, Jackson & Anna Kate Jackson
 Misa en español: Veronica Ramirez, Gabriel de la Cruz
 Ushers:



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

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| Mallary Adams | Kim Lowe |
| Patti Hooper Allen | Ken Martinez |
| Quintana Atkins | Tobie McKown |
| Miriam Bishop | Carol Mercier |
| Jackie Bolden | Larry Miller |
| Frankie Career | Katherine Ned |
| Donald Colvin | Odi Okeke |
| Gerald Cosentino | Don Olivier |
| Bruce Cowan | Matthew Reichert |
| Judy Darcey | Tristen Roberts |
| Butch Doiron | Pearline Robey |
| Laurie Duvall | Laura Leigh Saleese |
| Becky Ferrell | Jennie Schutte-Patrick |
| Robert Frasier | Hudson Smith |
| Mary Lou French | Nicole Smith |
| Emmely Gay | Polly Smith |
| Bernice Harrison | Eloise Solis |
| Harvey Hayes | Tyler Sorrels |
| Connie Howard | Willie Tannerhill |
| Charles Jacobs | Karen Taylor |
| Karl Johnson | Diane Theriot |
| Magnolia Johnson | Pam Turner |
| Jeffery Judice | David & Kim St. John |
| Mary Lanning | Kathleen "Kathy" Walter |
| Emily Landry | Janice Williams |
| Chris Letendre | Rodney Wood |
| Cristian Leon | |

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY
 DECEMBER 21/22**

General Sunday Collection \$28,491.39

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers

We have six Sunday's available before lent and plenty after Easter. If you would like to donate flowers please call Marcie Tucker at **318)255-2870** for more information.



- Saturday January 4th** Theresa Robinson
(by Mary Jane Allen)
- Sunday January 5th** Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)
- For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas
- Monday January 6th** Jan Sibayan
(anonymous)
- Friday, January 10th** Diane Taylor +
(anonymous)

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/>

PSR News

PSR for Dates for December 2024 - February 2025:

- January – February Dates for PSR include (**Family of Faith meeting dates TBA next week for January & February**):
 - January 12th: PSR all grades.
 - January 19th: PSR all grades
 - January 26th: PSR all grades.
 - February 2nd: PSR all grades.
 - February 9th: PSR all grades
 - February 16th: **No PSR - Lincoln Parish Schools out for Presidents Day.**
 - February 23rd: PSR all grades

Save the Date

- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 10th during the 5:00pm Mass.
- Confirmation: Saturday, May 17th during the 5:00pm Mass.

Upcoming Deadlines for Sacrament Classes

- **First Holy Communion:** If you have not, please turn in your child's student information form along with your child's baptismal certificate. If your child was baptized at St. Thomas, we don't need the baptismal certificate but do need the date the child was baptized on the student information form..
- **Confirmation:** If you have not, please choose your confirmation sponsor.



Camp Little Flower is a summer camp for youth organized by the Diocese of Shreveport. Our mission is to provide families with the opportunity to experience a Catholic outdoor education and recreation program in North Louisiana.

Campers aged 8 to 13
June 23 - 27, 2025
Scottsville Camp
400 Harkins Lane
Marshall, TX 75672

Contact Information:

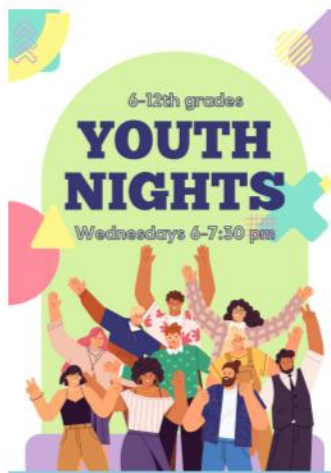
If you have any questions, please email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org or rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org.

Refund Policy:

100% Refund if canceled 60 days or more prior to the camp 50.% Refund if canceled between 59 and 30 days prior to the camp. No Refund if canceled 29 days or less before the camp.

If you are unable to cover the full amount for one camper or multiple campers, please email us at camplittleflower@dioshpt.org to inquire about camperships for financial assistance. If the camp is fully booked, please contact us to be placed on the waitlist. Camp Little Flower Registration Fee 1 \$125.00.

<https://www.shelbygiving.com/App/Form/c529f830-e5c9-4900-b24c-b0f9ce22ade0>





Peace Makers Sewing Club

All are welcome to join us as we sew with a mission. All items made will be donated (baby items, pillow cases and rosary bags. Donations will be made to Mary's House, DART and NIC unit.
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

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.



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Jesus to Polish Saint Faustina in the 1930's. It recognizes God as infinite mercy and involves a decision to accept God's mercy with thanksgiving, to trust in Him, and to be merciful as He is merciful. One element of the devotion is the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a form of prayer using Rosary beads. The Recitation of the Chaplet is prayed each Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:00 PM in the small chapel. All are welcome!



A.C.T.S stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. These four themes are the focus of activities for the three-day retreats, which are patterned after the description of the early church in Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayers...And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

The February 2025 Men's ACTS Retreat Registration is now open.

The retreat date is February 20-23 at Maryhill Retreat Center.

For any questions, please give me a call. John Matherne 318-376-7496



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 January 14 2025 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 January 20, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**



Epiphany

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



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.

 **SUNDAYKIDZ**

The Epiphany of the Lord


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Magi Newborn Homage Inquire Prophet
 Herod Shepherd Overjoyed Treasures Dream



**ST. THOMAS
 AQUINAS
 FEAST DAY
 GUMBO**

SAVE THE DATE



JAN 26, 2025 -11 AM


The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

I TRADED THE MYRRH FOR THIS ORNAMENT AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY GIFT EXCHANGE



And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Mt 2:11

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Bishop Francis I. Malone's
Fifth Anniversary of Episcopal
Ordination and Installation
as Bishop of the
Diocese of Shreveport

JANUARY 25, 2025, 10 AM
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans, Shreveport

*Reception to follow in the school
multi-room, all are welcome*


SAVE THE DATE!



Devoted
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

March 14-15, 2025
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

with Keynote
Speaker
Katie McGrady


*Quo
Vadis*

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Diocese of Shreveport


FEBRUARY 8, 10 AM - 7 PM
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, SHREVEPORT

FEBRUARY 22, 9 AM - 7 PM
JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, MONROE

Open to all young men currently enrolled in high school in the Diocese of Shreveport.
For more information please contact Vocations Director, Reverend Rancy C. Johnson
rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org or
vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org



To register please scan the QR Code here:



Vocations

Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025
"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
(Matthew 2:11). What gift can you offer Christ? If He is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Director of Vocations Father Rancy Johnson at (318) 221-5296 or email: vocations@dioshpt.org

Epifanía del Señor – 5 de enero de 2025
"Abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra."
(Mateo 2:11)
¿Qué regalo puedes ofrecerle a Cristo? Si Él te está llamando a una vocación que sirva a la Iglesia, Él te está pidiendo el regalo de tu vida para servir a Su pueblo. Habla con tu sacerdote o comunícate con la Oficina de Vocaciones al (318) 221-5296 o por correo electrónico: vocations@dioshpt.org

**MAY ALL KINGS
BOW BEFORE HIM,
ALL NATIONS
SERVE HIM**

Psalm 72:11

*Pasta, Pianos, &
Priestly Ordinations:*
**A fundraiser for
Seminarists**
January 8, 2025
Doors open at 5:30 pm
Event begins at 6:00
Tickets: \$45 each. Must be 21+



-SJB Parish Hall-

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