

JANUARY 19TH, 2025 | 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Thomas Aquinas Ruston

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

St. Lucy Hodge

The Diocese of Shreveport

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 AM (Hodge)
10:00AM (Ruston)
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES - RUSTON

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

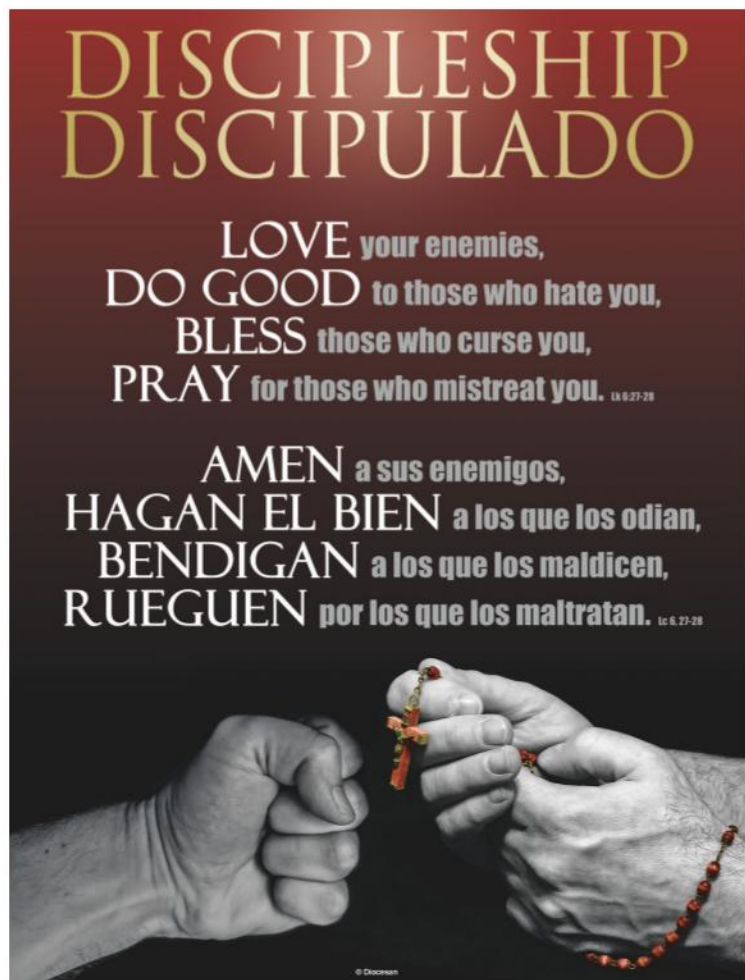
Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

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 Ssenyondo	Parroquial Vicar
Deacon John Serio	
Deacon Robert Ransom	
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870	Business Manager
Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906	Interim PSR Director
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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
Alissia Hinton
Hudson Hinton
Michelle Machen

January 5th

Ramona Bishop
Juana Melendez
Angie Traina

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
Harry 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
Glenda Ortego

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 that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 19th

8:30 AM	Sunday Mass (Hodge)
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass

Monday, January 20th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
6:00PM - 7:30PM	Men's Club

Tuesday, January 21st

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

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
11:30AM - 1:00 PM	Dollar Lunch
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	STAY
8:00 PM	Student Mass

Thursday, January 23rd

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 24th

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 25th

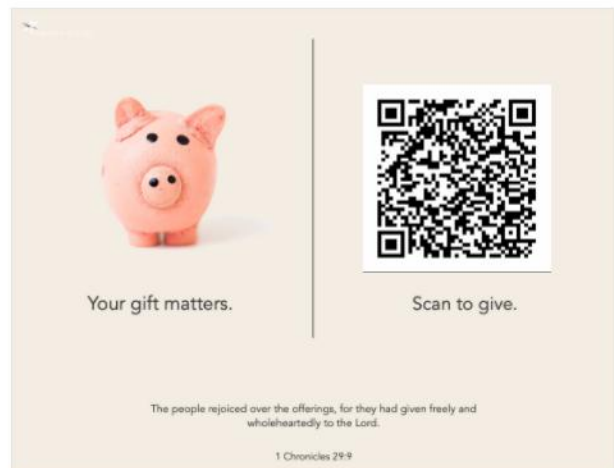
3:30PM - 4:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2025

"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, blessing the union of a married couple. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and like the servants at the wedding, we are called to listen to Christ's guidance in our marriages. Take time to pray together and invite Christ into your marriage, trusting in His power to strengthen your bond.



Ministry Schedule

Saturday January 18th 2025

Lectors: John Allen, Charlotte Wilkerson
EMHC: Slade Richard, Joan Mullens
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio
Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday January 19th 2025

Lectors: Mallory Taylor, Stacey Denny
EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Tom Bishop, Paul Jackson, Todd Wasson
Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie & Georgia Rogers
Misa en español: Ilda Ajanel, Marichuy Torres
Ushers: The Nashes

Saturday January 25th 2025

Lectors: Samantha Groce, George Trevison
EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Jack Groce

Sunday January 26th, 2025

Lectors: Edward Mariano, Josie Bishop
EMHC: Paul Jackson, Jim Martin, Chris Kennedy, Gary Kennedy
Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost
Misa en español: Veronica Ramirez, Gabriel de la Cruz
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle



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

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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

January 11/12

General Sunday Collection \$11,496.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers

*Donated by David & Ginger Manuel in honor of
Fr. Kevin's birthday*

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



Saturday January 18th

Maureen Hinton +
(anonymous)

Sunday January 19th

Lee Smith
(anonymous)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas
Aquinas

Monday January 20th

Jacqueline Brewer
(Barbara Lewis)

Tuesday, January 21st

Maureen Hinton +
(anonymous)

Friday, January 24th

Gustavo Denys +
(George & Carmen Trevison)

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 January - February 2025:

- January 19th: PSR all grades
- **January 26th: NO PSR due to St. Thomas Gathering/ Gumbo at 11am in Luffey Center.**
- 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 Dates

- 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

- Confirmation: Turn your sponsorship form in your teacher/DRE.
- Time to choose a Saint.



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>

6-12th grades
YOUTH NIGHTS
 Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY GUMBO

PARISH EVENT



JAN 26, 2025 -11 AM



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.



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 February 11 2025 at noon.

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!



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.**



Second Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.



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.



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

ACTS students are back in the swing of things at Louisiana Tech. We are now getting back to events such as Dollar Lunch, Girls' and Guys' Groups, Cross Talks, Adoration, and Socials.

Students are about halfway through the quarter and getting very busy, so we are excited to have much action at the center to balance lots of hard work with some good fun.

Please pray for our students as they get back into their studies. We can't wait to see you again soon! We hope you had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and look forward to 2025!



Winter ACTStivities

Jan 22 – Dollar Lunch 11:30-1pm

Girls' & Guys' Group 6pm

Jan 23 – Cross Talk 6pm

Jan 24 – Adoration 6pm

Jan 25 – Social 6pm



Congratulations to our Fall 2024 President's List and Honor Roll students. We are proud of you!

President's List:

- Erin Glynn
- Katlyn Baker
- Bre Pitre
- Stephen T. McDonald III
- Jacob Stein
- Stella-Marie Hogley-Depestre
- Reese Burnett
- Amelia Haynes
- Emily Carr

Honor Roll:

- Emily Landry
- Sarah Castille



ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Intentions

Sunday January 12th

Jack Teague

(by Mimi & Rex Johnson)

For the parishioners of St. Lucy

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

Lectors

January 19 - Chuck Allen

January 26 - Mary Cryer

February 2 - Rex Johnson

February 9 - Rachel Cheatwood

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

Ministry to the Homebound

Please contact the Mrs. Kathy Allen (318-243-1616) 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 Kathy Allen.

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Thank you for continued and generous support!





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ANNUAL GATHERING

• EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT
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• HEALING
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"All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)



Bishop Sam Jacobs Anfil Oney Timmy McAffery Mary Biebbel Deacon Larry Oney Kilty Cleveland Fr. Austin Barr Music Ministry by John Flinch

February 15, 2025 8:30AM - 3PM Divine Mercy Parish

Cost: \$43 (Lite Lunch Incl.) Register @ HopeandPurpose.org 4317 Sal Centini Pkwy., Kenner, LA 70065





NOWELA Chapter Meal
Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
@ The Catholic Center, Speaker: Dani Laurion

Come here Dani's story about the power of prayer and of not one but the two miracles she received at a parish mission for healing!

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please purchase your ticket by mailing a check with each attendees name and email address to:

Magnificat NOWELA Chapter
Mail to: P.O. Box 4293, Shreveport, LA 71134
For questions contact Sandy at: 318-222-0007



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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 Raney C. Johnson
rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org or vocationsoffice@dioshpt.org



To register please scan the QR Code here:

GIVE TO THE LORD GLORY AND PRAISE
Psalm 96:7



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