

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 | THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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
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

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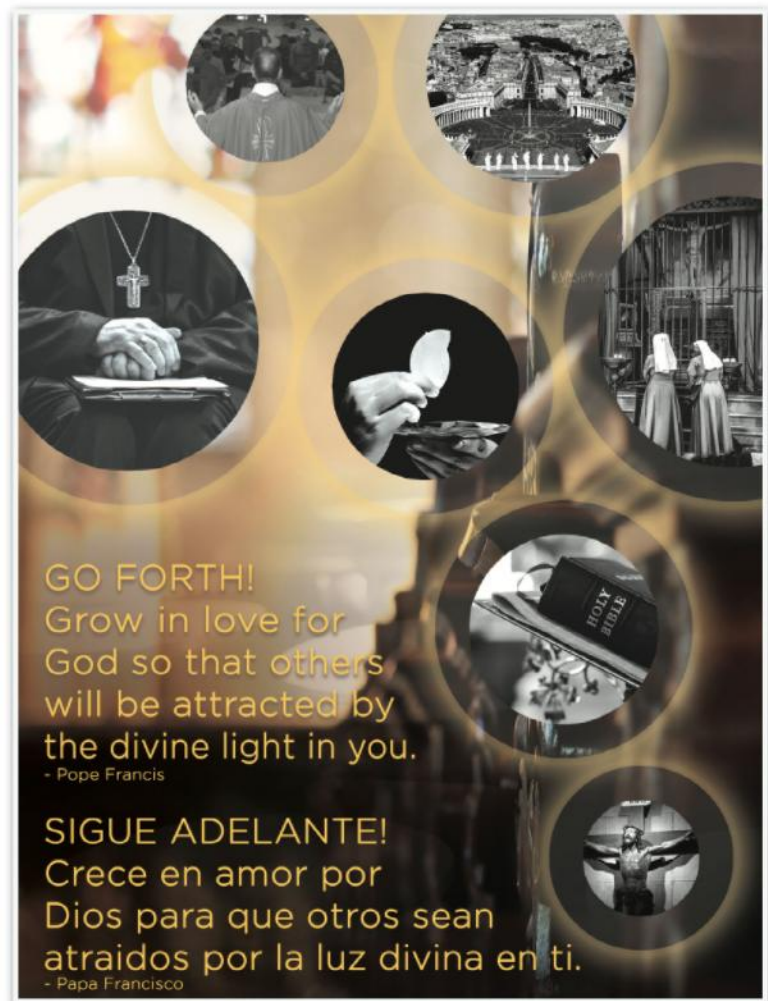
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NEW PARISHIONERS

“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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- February 1st** Michael Hinton - Jackie Duos
- February 2nd** Libby Manning - Aylmer Rainwater
- February 3rd** Hattie Katherine Broussard
- February 4th** Jessica Johnson - Lesbia Lizeth Maradiaga
- February 6th** Iris Reis - Kaijha Stewart
- February 5th** Evelyn Burson
- February 7th** Ralph Pettijohn - Francisco Negrete
Audrey Skinner
- February 8th** Charlie Rogers - Cathy Riggin
- February 9th** Christi Faulkner - Martin Aviles
Dawna Keys
- February 11th** Charles Stanfield - Reed Allen
- February 12th** Margaret Stanton - Roan Sutherland
Britney Aguirre - Gail Lindsey
- February 13th** Matthew Bryan
- February 15th** Roland Baudioin
- February 17th** Elizabeth Rodriguez - Karen Newsome
- February 18th** Margie Strickler
- February 19th** Melissa Hernandez
- February 20th** Linda Viator - Samantha Shuff
- February 21st** Jesus Salazar - AJ Trevison
Russell Woodard - Romona Vidrine
- February 22nd** Gwen Barron - Michelle McCumber
- February 25th** Mary Kate Cortez - Cesario Gonzalez
- February 28th** Edgar Nunez - Brandy Sadler

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, February 2nd

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

Monday, February 3rd

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

Tuesday, February 4th

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

Wednesday, February 5th

- 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, February 6th

- 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, February 7th

- 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, February 8th

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




Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus show us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values. Is God is calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



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

Saturday February 1st 2025

Lectors: Pam Allen, Tom Garza
EMHC: George Trevison, Joan Mullens
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams
Ushers: George Trevison, AJ Trevison

Sunday February 2nd 2025

Lectors: Ryan Freling, Jim Martin
EMHC: Chris Kennedy, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop, Todd Wasson
Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan
Misa en español: Pablo Tepole, Rocio Paita
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

Saturday February 8th 2025

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Dolly Hurtig
EMHC: Bob Rorie, Slade Richard
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Josh Adams, Slade Richard

Sunday February 9th, 2025

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Frank Reger
EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Jim Martin, Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson
Altar Servers: Brennan, Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson
Misa en español: Ana Ambrosio, Gabriel de la Cruz
Ushers: The Rogers



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

Joshua Adams	Chris Letendre
Mallary Adams	Kim Lowe
Patti Hooper Allen	Ken Martinez
Laloni Amos	Tobie McKown
Quintana Atkins	Carol Mercier
Miriam Bishop	Larry Miller
Jackie Bolden	Sue Moreland
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	Hudson Smith
Robert Frasier	Nicole Smith
Mary Lou French	Polly Smith
Emmely Gay	Eloise Solis
Donald Guillote	Tyler Sorrels
Bernice Harrison	Willie Tannerhill
Harvey Hayes	Karen Taylor
Johnnie Hogan	Diane Theriot
Connie Howard	David & Kim St. John
Charles Jacobs	Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Karl Johnson	Janice Williams
Magnolia Johnson	Kelly Williams
Jeffery Judice	Rodney Wood

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

January 25/26

General Sunday Collection \$5,273.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers

*Altar flowers donated by Connie & Patrick
Stuckey in honor of Ruby Naquin's 93rd birthday*

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



<u>Saturday, February 1st</u>	Theresa Robinson (Mary Jane Allen)
<u>Sunday, February 2nd</u>	Bobby Ortego + (by Karen Ortego)
	For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas
<u>Monday, February 3rd</u>	Gerald Cosentino (by Gene Cosentino)
<u>Friday, February 7th</u>	Amelia Collins (by Barbara Lewis)

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://stthomasaquinastuston.com/calendar/>

PSR News

PSR for Dates for February - May, 2025:

- February 9th: PSR all grades (*Confession during PSR*)
- February 16th: No PSR - Lincoln Parish Schools out for Presidents Day.
- February 23rd: PSR all grades (*Confirmation Retreat - Year 1 - Team Building*)
- March 2nd: PSR all grades
- March 9th: PSR all grades
- March 16th: NO PSR - Spring Break
- March 23rd: PSR all grades
- March 30th: PSR all grades
- April 6th: PSR all grades
- April 13th: PSR all grades
- April 20th: NO PSR - Easter
- April 27th: PSR all grades
- May 4th: PSR all grades (*Confirmation Retreat - Year 2*)
- May 11th: May Picnic (End of the Year PSR Celebration) or Last day of PSR (2nd grade excluded).

Save the Dates

- First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 10th during the 5:00pm Mass (Remember practice that morning - 10:00 am).
- Confirmation: Saturday, May 17th during the 5:00pm Mass.

Upcoming Deadlines for Confirmation

- Turn your sponsorship form in your teacher/DRE if you have not.
- Time to choose a Saint & work on Saint paper – new deadline for Saint paper - February 16th.



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>



Fr. Jerry Thelen Walking In Faith Award



The St. Thomas Aquinas Women's Guild is proud to offer the **Fr. Jerry Thelen Walking In Faith Award** to the high school graduating class of 2025. As an educator and campus minister, Father Jerry had a special place in his heart for high school and college students. Please help us honor his memory by participating in this award program. All St. Thomas Aquinas graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply for this monetary award.

Applications due March 1, 2025

To apply: <https://form.jotform.com/240936759480064>

Graduating seniors information:
<https://form.jotform.com/240936759480064>



Daddy Daughter Dance



For girls PreK-6th grade
March 2nd, 2025
St. Thomas Aquinas
Luffey Building
4:00p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

[More details to come](#)

I am sending my messenger
TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



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.



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

Thanks to everybody who contributed food, volunteered their time, cooked and cleaned to make the St Thomas Aquinas Feast Day gumbo a success.



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.



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 February 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm.**



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you are all having a great start to the new month. Our ACTS members are doing their best to stay warm as it is getting pretty cold here in Ruston.

Inside the warm student center, our members are participating in lots of activities. Last week, several students spent a morning deep cleaning the center – later that afternoon, more students helped with a service project for Five Loaves Two Fish, by cooking and serving food for this group.

This week, students will be busy again at the center. Our new Leadership Team will have its first official meeting. We will also be hosting Dollar Lunch, Girls' and Guys' Groups, a Cross Talk, and a Saturday night social.

We would love to see you at any of our events! Please pray for our students as they work hard through winter quarter. Have a great week!



Winter ACTStivities

Feb 2 – Hospitality Dinner 8pm

Feb 5 – Dollar Lunch 11:30-1:00pm

Feb 6 – Cross Talk 6pm

Feb 7 – Adoration 6pm



ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1100 S. Second St., PO Box 100, Hodge, LA 71247 **Penance**

& Reconciliation: By request before Mass Web:

stlucyhodge.org • Email: stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com

Mass Intentions

Sunday February 2nd

Elizabeth Hartwell

(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

February 2 - Rex Johnson

February 9 - Rachel Cheatwood

February 16 - Randy Buller

February 23 - Mary Cryer

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

January 19 \$1,421.00

January 26 \$3,539.00

General Sunday Collection TBA

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Young men ages 14-graduating seniors
April 11-13, 2025
St. Joseph Seminary, St. Benedict, LA
For more information contact
vocations@dioshpt.org
318-219-7261
Scan the QR Code to register




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Devoted

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

March 14-15, 2025
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

with Keynote Speaker
Katie McGrady



Magnificat
A Ministry to Catholic Women

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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Radiate & Illuminate His Glory!

- EUCCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT
- EMPOWERMENT
- HEALING
- IMPARTATION

"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)




February 15, 2025 8:30AM - 3PM Divine Mercy Parish
Cost: \$45 (Lite Lunch Incl.) Register @ HopeandPurpose.org 4337 Sal Leutell Pkwy., Acadian, LA 70065



Vocations

Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025 World Day for Consecrated Life
"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at (318) 221-5296 or email: vocations@dioshpt.org




Quo Vadis

VOCATIONS RETREAT
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
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To register please scan the QR Code here:

Guest speaker
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REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON

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22 MARCH 2025 9:00AM-3:00PM
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans



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