

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025 | 6TH 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
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

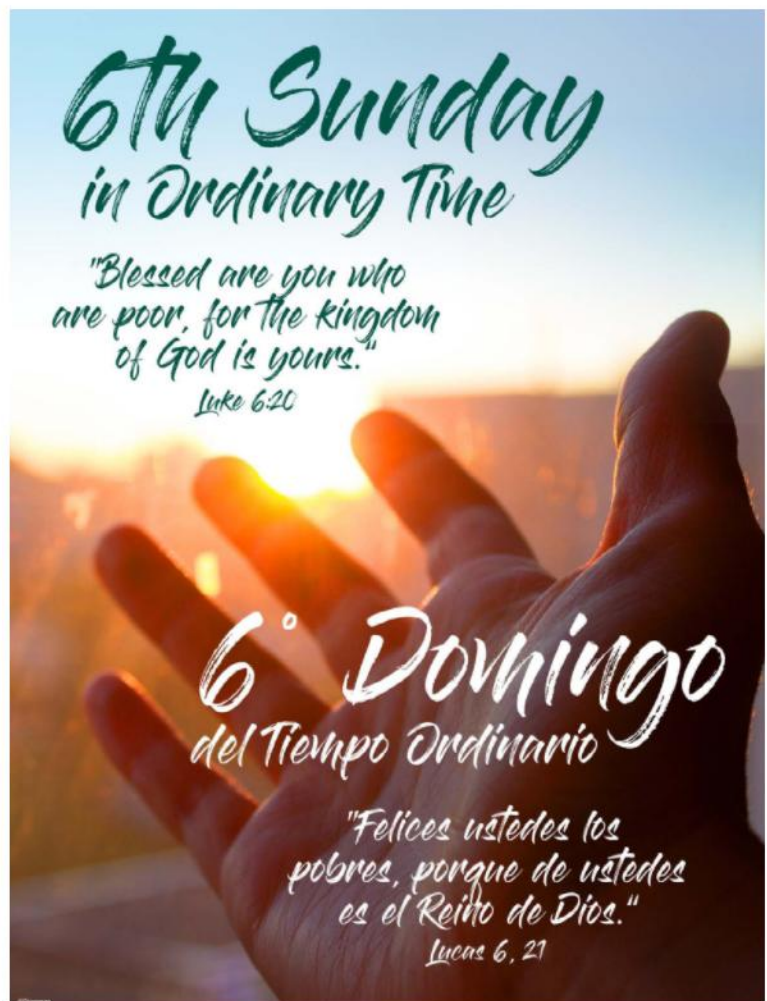
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PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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
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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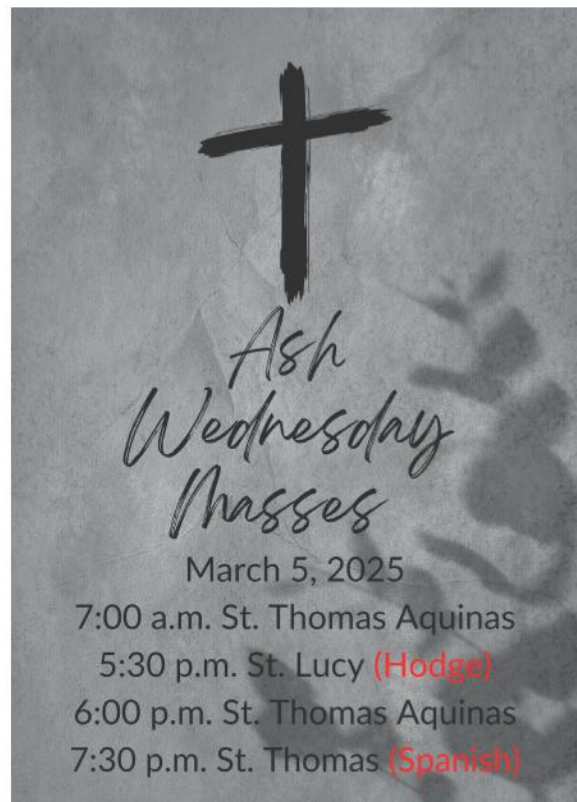


February 1st	Michael Hinton - Jackie Duos
February 2nd	Libby Manning - Aylmer Rainwater
February 3rd	Kathy Allen - Hattie Katherine Broussard
February 4th	Jessica Johnson - Lesbia Lizeth Maradiaga
February 6th	Iris Reis - Kaijha Stewart
February 5th	Evelyn Burson
February 7th	Ralph Pettijohn - Francisco Negrete Audrey Skinner
February 8th	Charlie Rogers - Cathy Riggan
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 Baudoin
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 17th	
8:30 AM	Sunday Mass (Hodge)
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass
Monday, February 18th	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday, February 19th	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Church Office Open
Wednesday, February 20th	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Church Office Open
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Dollar Lunch
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	STAY
8:00 PM	Student Mass
Thursday, February 21st	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	OCIA
Friday, February 22nd	
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM	Adoration
Saturday, February 23rd	
3:30 PM - 4:45 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass



Ministry Schedule

Saturday February 15th 2025

Lectors: Katherine Austin, John Allen
EMHC: Joan Mullens, Bob Rorie
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams
Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday February 16th 2025

Lectors: Paul Jackson, Sheila Mariano
EMHC: Emily Chartier, Mary Ghongkedze, Jim Martin, Chris Kennedy
Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie & Georgia Rogers
Misa en español: Marichuy Torres, Veronica Ramirez
Ushers: The Nashes

Saturday February 22nd 2025

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Samantha Groce
EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Josh Adams, Jack Groce

Sunday February 23rd, 2025

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Mallory Taylor
EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Todd Wasson, Gary Kennedy, Tom Bishop
Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost
Misa en español: Abel Lainez, Ilda Ajanel
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle



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

Joshua Adams	Kim Lowe
Mallory Adams	Ken Martinez
Patti Hooper Allen	Tobie McKown
Laloni Amos	Carol Mercier
Quintana Atkins	Larry Miller
Miriam Bishop	Sue Moreland
Jackie Bolden	Katherine Ned
Frankie Career	Odi Okeke
Donald Colvin	Don Olivier
Gerald Cosentino	Breck Owens
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

February 8/9

General Sunday Collection \$11,030.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers

*Altar flowers donated by Charlotte & James
Wilkerson in honor of Nan Wilkerson*

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



Saturday, February 15th Vicki Brown
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday, February 16th For the parishioners of St. Thomas
Aquinas

Wednesday, February 19th Michael Holbron
(by Janice Holbron)

Friday, February 21st Carol A Dumont +
(by Phyllis Lampo)

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 February - May, 2025:

- 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: PSR all grades except First Holy Communion class
- May 18th: NO PSR / May Picnic / End of the Year Celebration

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

- Saint Paper: Time to turn in your Saint paper.
- Letter to the Bishop: Begin working on your letter to the Bishop, which should be hand written in pen.

Save the Date for St. Thomas VBS: June 9th-13th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Camp LITTLE FLOWER

Join Us for a week of Faith, Fun, and Friendship!

JUNE 23-27, 2025
Scottsville Camp in Marshall, Texas

For Ages 8 - 13

For more info, scan the QR code to be taken to our website!
<https://www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower>

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/240936758480064>

Graduating seniors information: <https://form.jotform.com/240936758480064>

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe. Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.

RUMMAGE SALE

BENEFITING THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL



DROP OFF AFTER WEEKEND MASSES IN FEBRUARY



ACCEPTING:

Kitchenware Purses Sporting Goods
 School Uniforms Tools Easter Decor
 Small Furniture Books Board Games

For more info, svdprustonla@gmail.com

St Thomas Church Financials through 12/31/2024

	Oct - Dec Quarter	Jul - Dec YTD
Parish Support	178,014	288,436
Fundraising / Operating Revenues	13,763	27,323
Income	191,777	315,759
Clergy & Staff	30,281	78,943
Utilities & Maintenance	30,569	68,332
Insurance	50,025	61,078
Liturgy	7,344	14,672
Religious Education	805	4,688
Ministry Expense	2,352	4,108
Office & Administrative	4,046	6,830
Diocesan Assessment & Taxes	25,891	50,079
Expenses	151,313	288,730
Surplus or (Deficit)	40,464	27,029

Q: Why did the Clergy & Staff expense drop from 48k last quarter to 30k this quarter?

A: Previously, St Thomas was paying 100% of Father Charles and Father Kevin's salaries & benefits. In November, St Lucy of Hodge began paying a portion of these expenses and reimbursed St Thomas back to July of 2024. Going forward a portion of clergy expenses will be shared between St Thomas and St Lucy.

Q: Why is the Insurance expense so high this quarter?

A: We pay our property insurance annually in the fall. Our property insurance premium this fall was 32k.

College Ministry Financials through 12/31/2024

	Oct - Dec Quarter	Jul - Dec YTD
General Support	10,091	16,085
Catholic Extension Grant	6,250	12,500
Fundraising / Operating	2,650	3,297
Income	18,991	31,882
Ministers & Staff	20,952	39,050
Meetings & Programming	2,552	4,091
Office & Administrative	15	154
Expenses	23,519	43,295
Surplus or (Deficit)	(4,528)	(11,413)



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.**



RUSTON JR. FFA CHAPTER



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A portion of the money received will go to Christian Community Action!



Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are nearing the end of their Winter Quarter.

At the student center, our members are participating in lots of activities. This week, students will be busy again at the center. We will again be hosting Dollar Lunch, Girls' and Guys' Groups, and Pancake Dinner!

Pancake Dinner is an EDP tradition. Each quarter as we near finals, our Hospitality Chairs put together breakfast for dinner. This event is open for anyone to come and have all the pancakes one could want. There will also be eggs, bacon, cereal, and beverages. 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 Activities

Feb 19 – Dollar Lunch 11:30-1:00pm

Girls' & Guys Group 6pm

Feb 20 – Pancake Dinner 6pm

Feb 21 – Adoration 6pm

CATHOLIC BULLDOGS
(ACTS)
RETREAT

WHEN?
5pm March 14th
-12pm March 16th

For more information contact
Hannah Bouchie
hannahbouchie@gmail.com

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Mass, Adoration, & Confession
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Games & Fun

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Mass Intentions

Sunday February 16th

Ava 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 16 - Randy Buller

February 23 - Mary Cryer

March 2 - Chuck Allen

March 5 - Rex Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

February 2 \$2,197.14

February 9 \$1,898.00

General Sunday Collection TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

We're excited to announce that

BABY LILY IS ON THE WAY!

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING LONDON DOMINIQUE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 10AM-12:00PM
TATTERED ROSE, 327 ALLEN AVE, JONESBORO, LA

REGISTERED AT AMAZON






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
Cathy 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!



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where God might be guiding you
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High School Vocations Retreat

Young men ages 14-graduating seniors
April 11-13, 2025
St. Joseph Seminary, St. Benedict, LA
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vocations@dioshpt.org
318-219-7264
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Katie McGrady

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March 9, 2025
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

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Ruston, LA 71270

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