

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2025 | 7TH 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

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

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Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

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Deacon Robert Ransom

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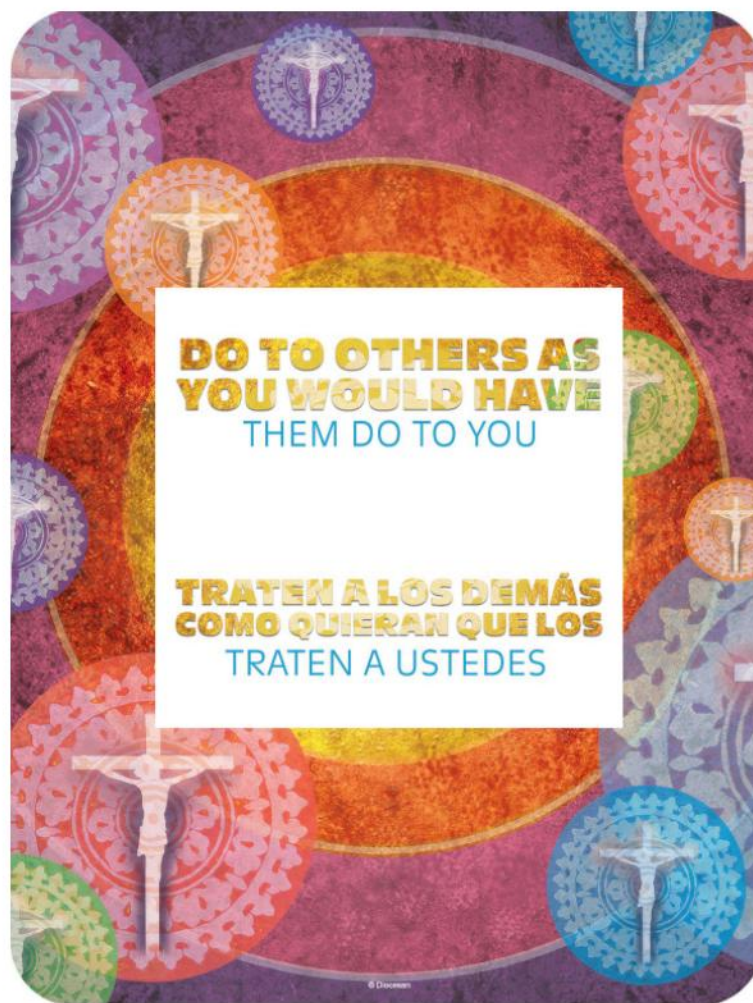
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St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



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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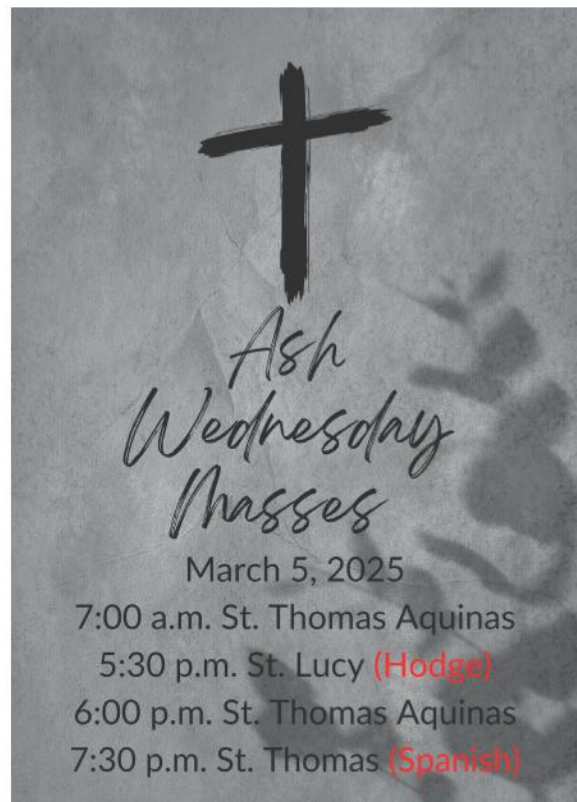


February 1st	Michael Hinton - Jackie Duos
February 2nd	Libby Manning - Aylmer Rainwater
February 3rd	Kathy Allen - Hattie Katherine Broussard
February 4th	Jessica Johnson - Lesbia Lizeth Maradiaga
February 6th	Iris Reis - Kaijha Stewart
February 5th	Evelyn Burson
February 7th	Ralph Pettijohn - Francisco 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 23rd	
8:30 AM	Sunday Mass (Hodge)
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass
Monday, February 24th	
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 25th	
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Church Office Open
Wednesday, February 26th	
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 27th	
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 28th	
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, March 1st	
3:30 PM - 4:45 AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass





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

Saturday March 1st 2025

Lectors: George Trevison, Pam Allen
 EMHC: Slade Richard, Joan Mullens
 Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams
 Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, AJ Trevison

Sunday March 2nd 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Edward Mariano
 EMHC: Mary Ghongkedze, Chris Kennedy, Todd Wasson, Elaine Johnson
 Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn & Olivia Bryan
 Misa en español: Emelina Lopez, Karin Lopez
 Ushers: The Nashes



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

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| Joshua Adams | Kim Lowe |
| Mallary 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 15/16

General Sunday Collection TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Altar flowers

Altar flowers donated by Rose & Ohan Kitishian in honor of Ohan Kitishian, Jr. birthday

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



Saturday, February 22nd Theresa Robinson
(by Mary Jane Allen)

Sunday, February 23rd Thompson Family
(by Barbara Lewis)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Tuesday, February 25th Pina Defelice +
(by Victor Langiulli)

Friday, February 28th Herman & Mary Manuel +
(by Mercedes Williams)

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 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.pdfcrowd.com/24093675488064> Graduating seniors information: <https://form.pdfcrowd.com/24093675488064>

St. Thomas Parish Council invites you to the annual

FAMILY PICNIC GATHERING

05. 18. 2025

11 AM | ST. THOMAS GROUNDS

More Information to Follow

Daddy Daughter Dance

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

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)



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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary time

In today's Gospel Jesus gives us the challenge to: "Love your enemies... Give to everyone who asks of you... Do to others as you would have them do to you... Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, utilities and rent, bills, etc. Thank You!





Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are in the midst of finals week and working hard!

Things will start getting quieter at the student center, but our members are participating in lots of activities. This week, students will be busy again at the center. We will again be hosting Birthday Bash and other get togethers, as well as praying a finals novena each day!

Thursday is our students' last day of the quarter. Please join us in praying for success in their final exams and projects. Once the quarter comes to a close, several of our students will be going on mission trips to Denver and Kansas City. Please pray for their safety and that they have a fruitful week. Have a great week!



Winter Activities

Tonight – Birthday Bash 6pm

Feb 27 – Last day of the quarter

Feb 28 – Students depart for Simple House mission trip

CATHOLIC BULLDOGS

(ACTS)

RETREAT

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

For more information contact
Hannah Bouchie
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Mass Intentions
Sunday February 23rd

Geneva Nomey +
(by Sue & Ike Nomey)

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

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- Lectors**
February 23 - Mary Cryer
March 2 - Chuck Allen
March 5 - Rex Johnson
March 9 - Rachel Cheatwood

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
Kathy Allen Chuck Allen
Mary Cryer Randy Buller
Rachel Cheatwood
Bill Traina

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February 16
General Sunday Collection TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Catholic Schools
Tuition Assistance Fund

Financial Assistance for Catholic Students

Application packets for tuition assistance from the Diocese of Shreveport Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance Fund are now available for the 2025-2026 school year. Partial tuition assistance is available on an as needs-basis for Catholic students registered in a Diocese of Shreveport Catholic School. Parents may contact any Catholic school for information. Deadline for application is April 15, 2025.

For more information, contact the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office at (318) 219-7253.

Sr. Carol Shively, OSU
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



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!



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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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318-219-7261
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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2025

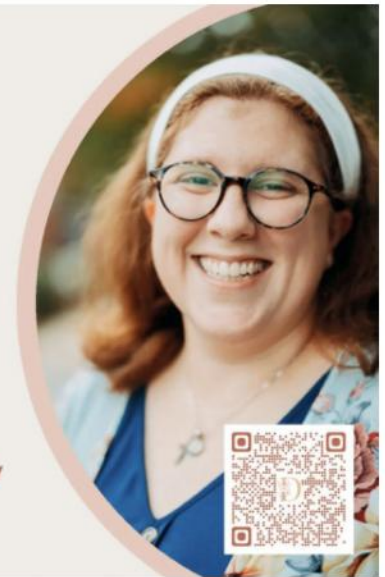
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