

MARCH 9TH, 2025 | 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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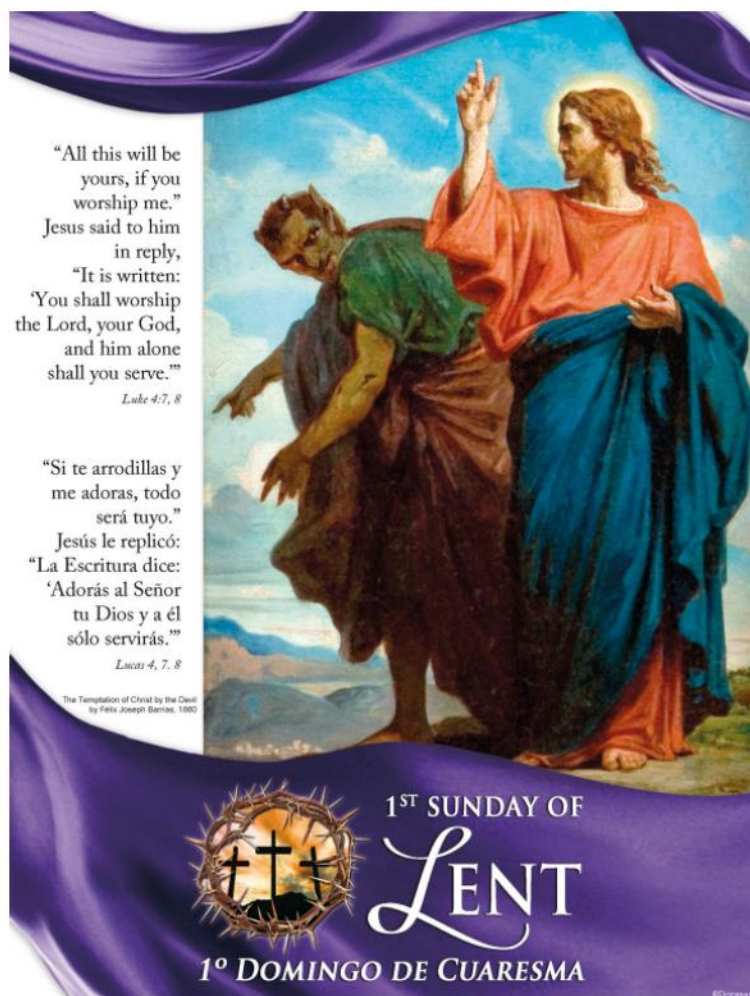
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NEW PARISHIONERS

"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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- March 1st**
Bruce Cowan
- March 2nd**
Lorraine Freeman
- March 3rd**
Matt Machen
- March 4th**
Bailey Keys
- March 5th**
Melanie Hernandez Flores
- March 6th**
Christopher Youngblood
Ana Laura Gonzalez
- March 7th**
Leah Sutherland
Edward Mercier
Pauline Phi
Maria Vazquez de Aviles
Margarita Castillo
Gabriel St. John Barfield
Kennedy Derveloy
- March 8th**
Suzy Broussard
Maria French
- March 9th**
Brenda Berg
Stacy Strickland
- March 10th**
Yesi Francisco
Josiah Atilano
- March 11th**
Gerardo Guerrero
- March 12th**
Anderson Lainez
Adelyne Haynie
- March 13th**
Nancy Lainez

- Connie Stuckey
- March 14th**
Jodie Morpew
Clayton Williams
- March 15th**
Kevin Watson
- March 17th**
Patricia Rodriguez
Emma Skinner
- March 18th**
Gary Kennedy
- March 20th**
Colin Gallegos
- March 21st**
Cathery Barron
- March 22nd**
Gabriel Perez
- March 23rd**
Tyrette Cowan
Amanda Sutherland
Paul Wiley
Ericksen Castillo
- March 24th**
Chuck Allen
Delores Molina
Owen Shively
- March 26th**
Chris Kennedy
Norm Allbritton
- March 27th**
Sofia Hernandez
- March 28th**
Alan Ulloa
Romario Alcantar
- March 29th**
Benjamin Grafton
Omar Ramirez
- March 30th**
Jennifer Pangilinan
- March 31st**
Candy Gerace

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com or that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Sunday, March 9th**
 - 8:30 AM Sunday Mass (Hodge)
 - 10:00 AM Sunday Mass
 - 1:30 PM Misa en Español
 - 7:00 PM NO Sunday Mass
- Monday, March 10th**
 - 7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
 - 8:15 AM Daily Mass
 - 8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
 - 5:30 PM - 6:00PM Divine Mercy Chapel
- Tuesday, March 11th**
 - 7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
 - 8:15 AM Daily Mass
 - 8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
 - 12:00 PM Women's Guild
- Wednesday, March 12th**
 - 7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation
 - 8:15 AM Daily Mass
 - 8:30 AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open
 - 8:00 PM Mass
- Thursday, March 13th**
 - 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, March 14th**
 - 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, March 15th**
 - 3:30PM - 4:45AM Penance & Reconciliation
 - 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Congratulations on your baptism **Jonathan Gabriel Frederick**. We are so happy to officially welcome you into our church.



REMINDER

Louisiana Tech Students are on quarter break
NO SUNDAY 7:00 PM MASS today March 9, 2025. Mass schedule will resume **Sunday March 16, 2025.**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday March 8th 2025

Lectors: Tom Garza, Charlotte Wilkerson,
EMHC: George Trevison, Joan Mullens
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Josh Adams, Slade Richard

Sunday March 9th, 2025

Lectors: Jim Martin, Ryan Freling
EMHC: Paul Jackson, Emily Chartier, Elaine Johnson, Gary Kennedy
Altar Servers: Brennan & Anna Kate Jackson
Misa en español: Rocio Paita, Ana Ambrocio
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

Saturday March 15th 2025

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, Katherine Austin
EMHC: Bob Rorie, George Trevison
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams
Ushers: George Trevison, AJ Trevison

Sunday March 16th, 2025

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Paul Jackson
EMHC: Tom Bishop, Tod Wasson, Chris Kennedy, Mary Ghongkedze
Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost
Misa en español: Pablo Tepole, Rosy Jaramillo
Ushers: Brennan Jackson, Jack Groce



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 |
| Bruce Cowan | Breck Owens |
| Judy Darcey | Matthew Reichert |
| Butch Doiron | Tristen Roberts |
| Laurie Duvall | Pearline Robey |
| Becky Ferrell | Laura Leigh Saleese |
| Robert Frasier | Hudson Smith |
| Mary Lou French | Nicole Smith |
| Marty Gallagher | 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 |
| Mary Lanning | |



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY MARCH 1 & 2

General Sunday Collection \$9,872.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Saturday, March 8th

Harvey C Walker
(by Phyllis Lampo)

Sunday, March 9th

Pina Defelice +
(by Victor Langiulli)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, March 10th

Andrew Johnson +
(by 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 February - May, 2025:

- 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

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

JUNE 23-27, 2025
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For Ages 8 - 13

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DYS '25

ALIVE

Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
3500 Fairfield Ave. Shreveport

Keynote Speaker: **Kathleen Higgins**
Musical Artist: **Josh Blakesley**

Register with your parish youth minister

St. Thomas Youth

Come be a part of the Catholic youth community in Ruston.
Wednesday gathering begins at 5:30, dinner at 6. Meeting till 7:30

6-12TH GRADES **FOOD, GAMES, SMALL GROUPS**

All youth at St. Thomas and St. Lucy 7-12th are invited. Please email Marina Bishop at bishopmg@gmail.com or text (504)940-8997 with names and contact information to get registered.



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!



First Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

If you are in need of assistance, please leave us a message on our hotline #318-255-8090 or fill out a request form: <https://form.jotform.com/242107582082048>. Please note this number is a voicemail box not a regular phone line, and when we contact you over the phone it will typically be from a blocked number.

Daddy Daughter Dance



Thank you to the Fathers and Daughters of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and their families for your invaluable support throughout the planning and execution of our 3rd annual Daddy-Daughter Dance.

Thank you to Crumbs Catering, Eric Sutherland and all the volunteers. Events like this are not possible without the help and support of the community.

Scan QR code for pictures



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. **Bring your own lunch or RSVP to Rhonda at 318-548-7127 if you would like to have a lunch delivered from Log Cabin. Dessert and drinks will be provided.**

Upcoming meeting March 11 2025 at noon.



Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs have finished a long winter quarter and are now on spring break!

In just a few more days, students will be back on campus and ready to take on the next quarter of classes. Over the break, many of our students served with Catholic missionaries in Kansas City at Simple House and in Denver as well.

We can't wait to share more about these fruitful events and our plans for the next quarter. As always, the center is open to everyone. We will keep providing updates and details about our events as the quarter progresses. Please keep our students in your prayers as they begin this next chapter. Have a great week, we will see you again soon!

Important Dates

March 12 - First day of Spring Quarter

March 14-16 - Catholic Bulldogs Spring Retreat

March 14 - Stations of the cross and adoration

**CATHOLIC BULLDOGS
(ACTS)
RETREAT**

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

For more information contact
Hannah Bouchie
hannahbouchie@gmail.com

WHAT?
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**Mass Intentions
Sunday March 9th**

Bonnie Peel

(by Chuck & Kathy Allen)

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

- March 5 - Rex Johnson
- March 9 - Rachel Cheatwood
- March 16 - Randy Buller
- March 23 - Mary Cryer
- March 30 - Rex Johnson

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- Kathy Allen Chuck Allen
- Mary Cryer Randy Buller
- Rachel Cheatwood
- Bill Traina

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection TBA 3/2/25

Thank you for continued and generous support!

St. Thomas Parish Council
invites you to the annual

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PICNIC
GATHERING**

05. 18. 2025

11 AM | ST. THOMAS GROUNDS

More Information to Follow



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




Jubilee OF YOUTH

Embark on a Pilgrimage to Italy with the Department of Multicultural Ministries!

The Diocese of Shreveport invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of 2025 with an unforgettable pilgrimage to Italy alongside thousands of young adults to rediscover the beauty of our Catholic faith!




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