

MARCH 16TH, 2025 | 2ND 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

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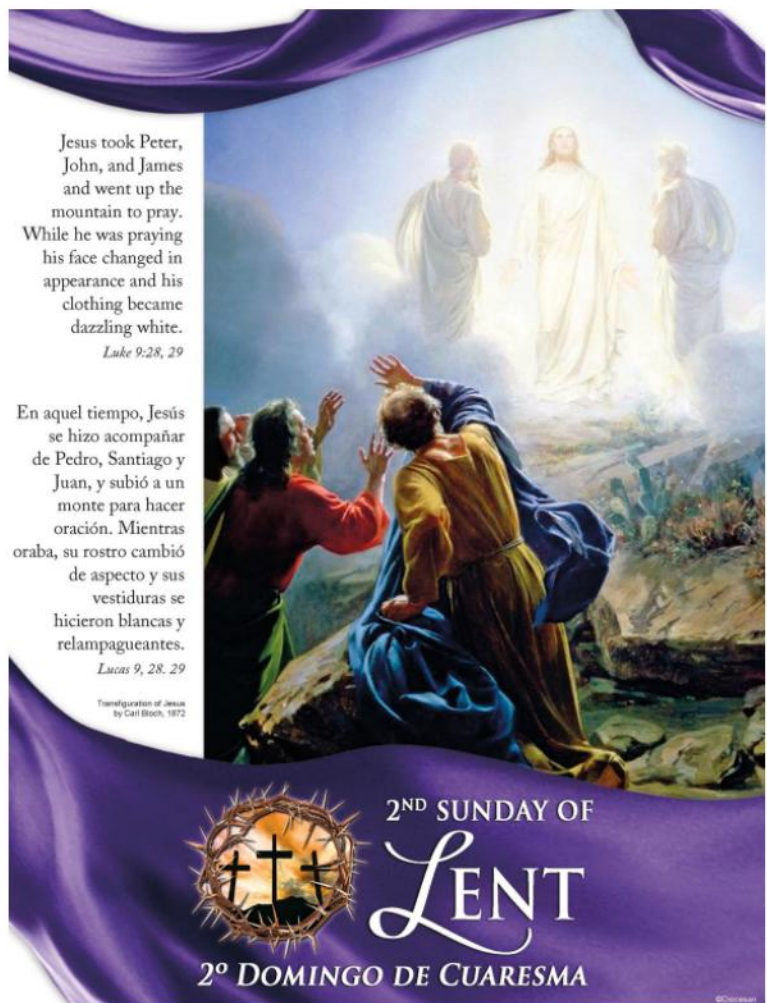
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Chairman of Finance Council



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
Adam Dominique

March 11th
Gerardo Guerrero

March 12th
Anderson Lainez
Adelyne Haynie

March 13th
Nancy Lainez
Connie Stuckey

March 14th
Jodie Morphew
Clayton Williams

March 15th
Kevin Watson

March 17th
Patricia Rodriguez
Emma Skinner

March 18th
Gary Kennedy

March 20th
Colin Gallegos

March 21st
Cathey 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 that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 16th

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

Monday, March 17th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
09:00 AM - 11:00PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM - 6:00PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, March 18th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
09:00 AM - 11:00PM	Church Office Open

Wednesday, March 19th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
09:00 AM - 11:00PM	Church Office Open
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, March 19th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
09:00 AM - 11:00PM	Church Office Open
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	OCIA

Friday, March 21st

10:00 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Open
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Daily Mass
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross & Adoration

Saturday, March 22nd

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

LENT: PRAYING, FASTING, ALMSGIVING
STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

LEADERS

YOUTH & FAMILIES	MARCH 7 6PM
MEN OF PARISH	MARCH 14 6PM
WOMEN'S GUILD	MARCH 21 6PM
OCIA	MARCH 28 6PM
PSR	APRIL 4 6PM
CATHOLIC BULLDOGS	APRIL 11 6PM
HISPANIC COMMUNITY	APRIL 18 3PM BILINGUAL

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS RUSTON


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**Saturday March 22nd 2025****Lectors:** John Allen, George Trevison**EMHC:** Beth Buske, Bob Rorie**Altar Servers:** Jessie & Julie Groce**Ushers:** Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton**Sunday March 23rd, 2025****Lectors:** Sheila Mariano, Mallory Taylor**EMHC:** Jim Martin, Gary Kennedy, Emily Chartier, Paul Jackson**Altar Servers:** Jack Taulli, Elliott Frost, Liam Taylor**Misa en español:** Luz Martinez, Imelda Ramirez**Ushers:** The Rogers

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

Joshua Adams	Mary Lanning
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
Bruce Cowan	Don Olivier
Judy Darcey	Breck Owens
Butch Doiron	Matthew Reichert
Laurie Duvall	Tristen Roberts
Becky Ferrell	Pearline Robey
Robert Frasier	Laura Leigh Saleese
Mary Lou French	Hudson Smith
Marty Gallagher	Nicole Smith
Emmely Gay	Polly Smith
Donald Guillote	Eloise Solis
Ronnie Harris	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

**Saturday, March 15th**

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday, March 16thFrancisco & Juana Torres +
(by Maria Torres)**Thursday, March 20th**Andrew Johnson +
(by anonymous)**Friday, March 21st**Don Delaville +
(by Gary & Selene Kennedy)

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/>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

I will be on out on vacation March 17-March 26.

The church office will have limited hours:

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am and
Friday 10:00am - 12:00 pm.**

Marcie Tucker

**STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY
MARCH 8 & 9**

General Sunday Collection \$10,956.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

PSR News

PSR for Dates for February - May, 2025:

- 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.** Confirmation practice on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm.
- Vacation Bible School: **VBS will be the week of June 9-13, 2025**, at the St. Thomas Luffey Center from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Registration to follow.

ARE YOU EXCITED?

June 9-13th
2025

St. Thomas
Catholic Church

Ruston, LA

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

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!



Second Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: "bear fruit or be cut down." This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

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.



New Knights of Columbus Council Established

We are excited to announce the establishment of a new Knights of Columbus council at our parish! Flint Sibayan has been appointed as the Grand Knight to lead this new chapter.

This past Saturday March 8, 2025, 40 men were welcomed as new Knights during a special degree ceremony held at the church. In addition, approximately 15 past Knights attended the ceremony and will be actively involved in supporting the new council.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to grow and serve our community together!



**CULTIVATING THE GARDEN OF YOUR SOUL
WOMEN'S LENTEN DAY
OF REFLECTION**

Offered by **Robin Hebert**
Spiritual Director, Diocese of Lafayette

EVENT DETAILS
April 12, 2025 | 8am - 2pm
Holy Angels | 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport

EVENT INFORMATION
Make plans to join us for a series of reflective talks and music by Sarah Joubert and the Holy Angels Choir. Light breakfast and lunch included.

Seating is limited, register today.
Early bird registration now through 3/31: \$30
Registration 4/1 - 4/11: \$35



Hello Spring Quarter!

Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs have returned from Spring break and are ready to take on a new quarter!

Over the break, many of our students served with Catholic missionaries in Kansas City at Simple House and in Denver as well. These mission trips were inspiring and fruitful, and we can't wait to share more about these events and our plans for the next quarter.

Our first upcoming event is Girls' and Guys' Group. The men and women of Catholic Bulldogs will get together with their respective groups to grow in faith and relationship.

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 14-16 - Catholic Bulldogs Spring Retreat

March 19 - Girls' & Guys' Group & Feast of St. Joseph

March 21 - Stations of the Cross & Adoration



ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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& Reconciliation: By request before Mass Web:

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Mass Intentions

Sunday March 16th

Garner Johnson

(by Rex & Mimi 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

March 16 - Randy Buller

March 23 - Mary Cryer

March 30 - Rex Johnson

April 6 - Rachel Cheatwood

April 13 - Mary Cryer/ Chuck Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection 3/2/25 \$2,691.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

THE OLD SCHOOL LINCOLN PARISH PARK

March 29, 2025
5 miles • 10 miles • 20 miles

BINGO ON THE DELTA
MAY 2, 2025

Join Catholic Charities of North Louisiana for a night of bingo, raffles, and fun to benefit the Northeast Louisiana community!

FRIDAY, MAY 2
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 | DINNER: 6:30
TOWER PLACE BALLROOM - 1500 N 19th St, Monroe
PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT CCNLA.ORG/DELTA

St. Thomas Parish Council
invites you to the annual

**FAMILY
PICNIC
GATHERING**

05.18.2025
11 AM | ST. THOMAS GROUNDS
More Information to Follow



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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JULY 26 - AUGUST 5TH, 2025

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High School Come and See Retreat

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows invite you to a vocations discernment retreat filled with prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. Open to high school-aged young ladies in the Diocese of Shreveport.

April 5 at 8:30 am - April 6 at 3 pm



Scan the QR Code to Register!
For more information, contact Sister AnnaMaria at annamariampda@yahoo.com or vocations@dioshpt.org

Come & See

where God might be guiding you

St. Joseph Seminary College



High School Vocations Retreat

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



This is my chosen Son;
LISTEN TO HIM
Second Sunday of Lent

Guest speaker
GUS LLOYD
MORNING RADIO HOST
"BEIZE THE DAY"






THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LENTEN Conference & Retreat

"FATHERHOOD"
ROOTED IN GOD THE FATHER
REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON

SCAN QR CODE OR CALL 318-221-5296

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

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



JUNE 23-27, 2025
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