

MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025 | 3<sup>RD</sup> 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

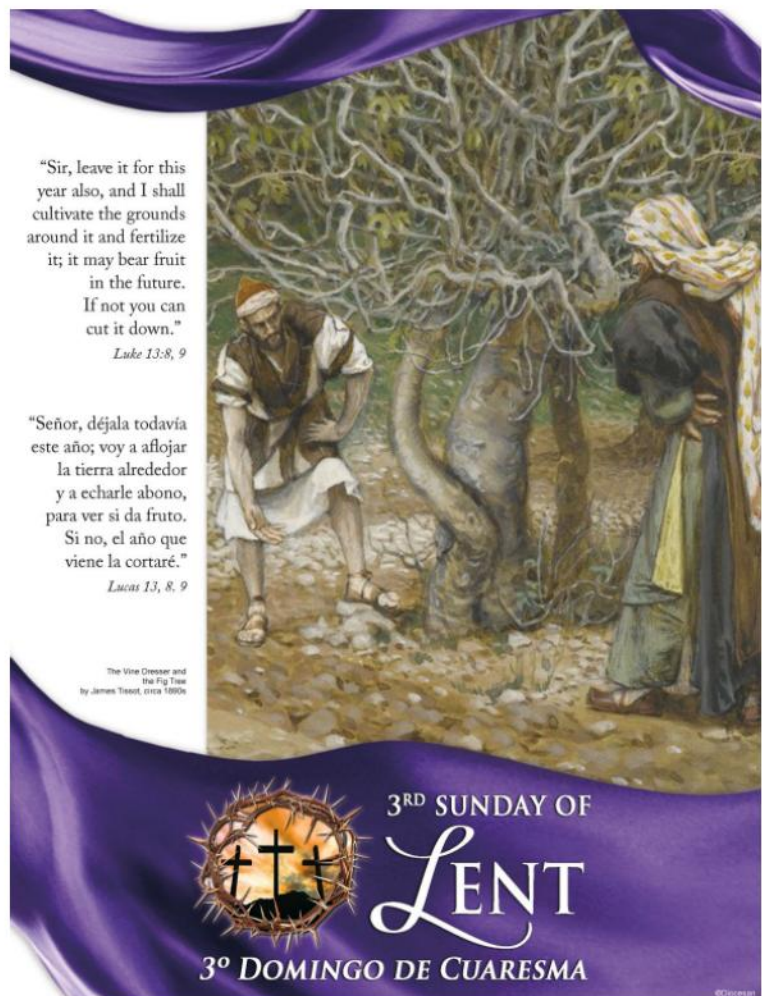
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## PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

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	<b>Pastor</b>
Fr. Charles Ssenyondo	<b>Parroquial Vicar</b>
Deacon John Serio	
Deacon Robert Ransom	
Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870	<b>Business Manager</b>
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Thurston Allen	<b>Chairman of Finance Council</b>
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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**March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Bruce Cowan

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Lorraine Freeman

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Matt Machen

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Bailey Keys

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Melanie Hernandez Flores

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Christopher Youngblood  
Ana Laura Gonzalez

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Leah Sutherland  
Edward Mercier  
Pauline Phi  
Maria Vazquez de Aviles  
Margarita Castillo  
Gabriel St. John Barfield  
Kennedy Derveloy

**March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Suzy Broussard  
Maria French

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Brenda Berg  
Stacy Strickland

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Yesi Francisco  
Josiah Atilano  
Adam Dominique

**March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Gerardo Guerrero

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Anderson Lainez  
Adelyne Haynie

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Nancy Lainez  
Connie Stuckey

**March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Jodie Morphew  
Clayton Williams

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Kevin Watson

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Patricia Rodriguez  
Emma Skinner

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Gary Kennedy

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Colin Gallegos

**March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Cathey Barron

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Gabriel Perez

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Tyrette Cowan  
Amanda Sutherland  
Paul Wiley  
Ericksen Castillo

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Chuck Allen  
Delores Molina  
Owen Shively

**March 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Chris Kennedy  
Norm Allbritton

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Sofia Hernandez

**March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Alan Ulloa  
Romario Alcantar

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Benjamin Grafton  
Omar Ramirez

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Jennifer Pangilinan

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Candy Gerace

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at

[starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) or that I can add you to the master list.

## THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

### Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
<b>09:00 AM - 11:00AM</b>	<b>Church Office Open</b>

### Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 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 29<sup>th</sup>

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

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

**LEADERS**

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

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS RUSTON


**Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025****Lectors:** John Allen, George Trevison**EMHC:** Beth Buske, Bob Rorie**Altar Servers:** Jessie & Julie Groce**Ushers:** Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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**Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025****Lectors:** Charlotte Wilkerson, Tom Garza**EMHC:** Joan Mullens, Slade Richard**Altar Servers:** Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams**Ushers:** Josh Adams, V. Sae**Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025****Lectors:** Paul Jackson, Josie Bishop**EMHC:** Todd Wasson, Elaine Johnson, Tom Bishop, Jim Martin**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.

Joshua Adams	Mary Lanning
Mallory 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 22<sup>nd</sup>**Deanna Shively+  
(by *George & Carmen Trevison*)**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Victor Monjaras+  
(by *Imelda Ramirez*)**Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**Andrew Johnson  
(by *anonymous*)**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**Leigh A Stephens +  
(by *Phyllis Lampo*)**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**Vita Lauga +  
(by *Roland & Lotita Baudoin*)

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 15 & 16**

General Sunday Collection TBA

***Thank you for continued and generous support!***



### PSR News

#### PSR for Dates for February - May, 2025:

- 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

**THE GREAT JOURNEY WITH JESUS**  
THROUGH THE CHURCH YEAR

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](mailto: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!



Third 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.**





# BEING CATHOLIC

## Third Sunday of Lent

Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are well into the new Spring quarter and things are getting busy!

It is now the third week of Lent and our Catholic Bulldogs are working hard to grow in their faith. Last weekend was our Catholic Bulldog Spring Retreat and this weekend many of our students went on a pilgrimage to see the Blessed Stanley Rother shrine in Oklahoma City. Please pray for their safety as they ravel back to Ruston.

Our next upcoming event is the General Body Meeting Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to learn more about what is going on at the center. All are welcome and we'd love to see you!

Please keep our students in your prayers through this next chapter. Have a great week, we will see you again soon!

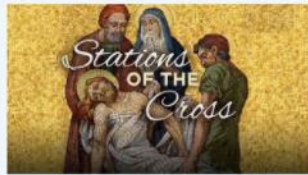
### Important Dates

**March 24** – General Body Meeting 6pm

**March 27** – Cross Talk 6pm

**March 28** – Stations of the Cross & Adoration

**March 29** – Social 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](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com)

### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Harry & Edith Hagarman  
*(by Kathy & Chuck 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

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### Lectors

March 23 - Mary Cryer

March 30 - Rex Johnson

April 6 - Rachael Cheatwood

April 13 - Mary Cryer/ Chuck Allen

April 17 Rex Johnson/ Rachael Cheatwood

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen      Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer      Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

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### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection 3/9/25 TBA

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# We Are HIRING

Assistant Director

### Requirements :

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Mental Health or Administrative Field
- 2+ Years in Helping Profession
- Ability to Provide Leadership in a Dynamic Environment
- Demonstrated Ability to Organize & Execute Events
- Strong Public Speaking Skills
- Excellent Communication and Organizational Skills
- Willingness to Work in Non-profit Development
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March 29, 2025



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# 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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## 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](mailto:annamariampda@yahoo.com) or [vocations@dioshpt.org](mailto: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](mailto:vocations@dioshpt.org)  
318-219-7261

Scan the QR Code to register



Merciful and gracious  
**IS THE LORD**  
*Third Sunday of Lent*

## 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](https://www.ccnl.org/delta)**

# 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

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