

APRIL 6TH, 2025 | 5TH 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.

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Pastor

Fr. Charles Ssenynyondo

Parroquial Vicar

Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

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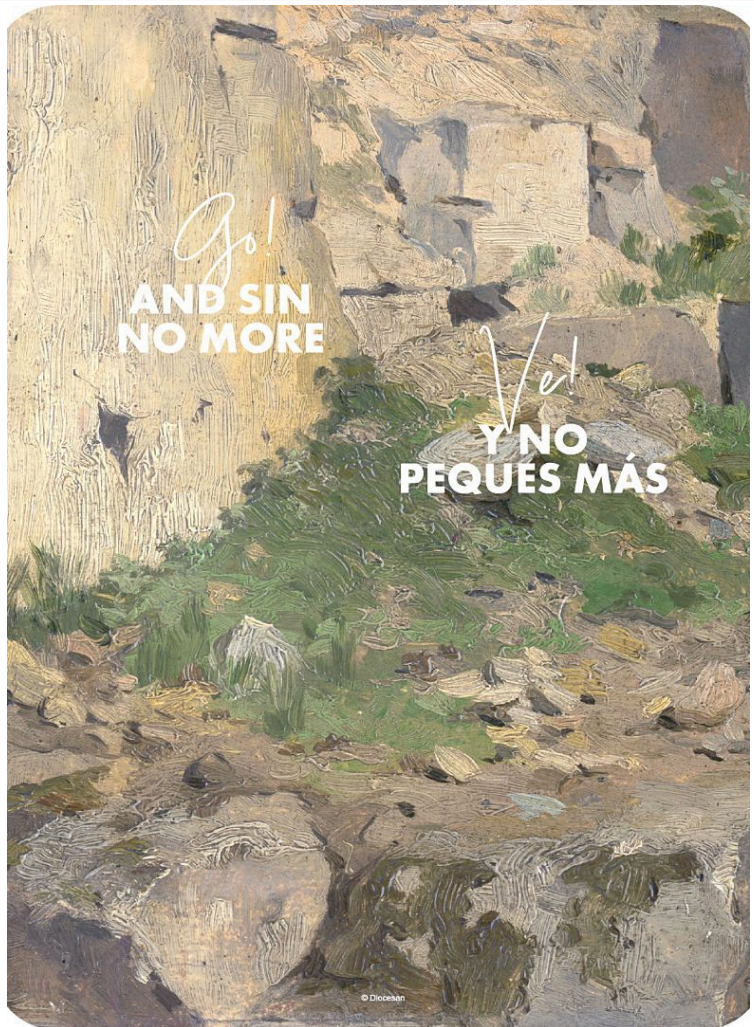
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NEW PARISHIONERS

“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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**April 1st**

Robert Ransom
Beverly Raymond
Cristopher Perez
Trey Martin

April 2nd

Karley Broussard

April 3rd

Ilda Ajanel Solis
Elliott Frost
Barbara Ramos
Cedric Serio
Camila Carranza
Joshua Bourgeois
James Ethan Williams

April 4th

Richard Hooper
Bill Schodlatz

April 5th

Teresa Richard
Teresa Buboltz
Wade Watson
Saul Salazar

April 6th

Marlene Nammour

April 7th

Brandon Parrie

April 8th

John Serio
Emmanuel Gomez

April 9th

Lexie Keys

April 12th

Braydyn Lopez

April 14th

Hannah-Claire Bryan

April 15th

Jimmy Shuff

April 16th

Tony Jurkus
Julia Guerrero

April 18th

Patricia Plata
Paige Denny
Julie Richard

April 19th

Sofia Carranza

April 20th

Gracie Frederick

April 21st

Margie Skipper
Taylor Coulter
Hudson St. Clair

April 22nd

Jonathan Lopez

April 23rd

Sofia Ulloa
Jorge Aguirre

April 25th

Sharon Pettijohn

April 27th

Carol Mercier

April 28th

Bailey Reger

April 29th

Mallory Taylor

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

stachbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so
that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, April 6th**

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

Monday, April 7th

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30 AM - 8:00AM | Penance & Reconciliation |
| 8:15 AM | Daily Mass |
| 8:30AM - 4:00PM | Church Office Open |
| 5:30 PM - 6:00PM | Divine Mercy Chaplet |

Tuesday, April 8th

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30 AM - 8:00AM | Penance & Reconciliation |
| 8:15 AM | Daily Mass |
| 8:30AM - 4:00PM | Church Office Open |
| 6:00 PM | Choir Practice |
| 7:00 PM | Manto de Maria |

Wednesday, April 9th

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|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30 AM - 8:00AM | Penance & Reconciliation |
| 8:15 AM | Daily Mass |
| 8:30AM - 4:00PM | Church Office Open |
| 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Dollar Lunch |
| 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | S.T.A.Y. |
| 8:00 PM | Mass |

Thursday, April 10th

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| 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, April 11th

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| 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, April 12th

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 3:30PM - 4:45PM | 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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Lectors: Tom Garza, Larry Mullens
EMHC: Slade Richard, Joan Mullens
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Jim Martin
EMHC: Gary Kennedy, Todd Wasson, Tom Bishop, Emily Chartier
Altar Servers: Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson
Misa en español:
Ushers: Brad Denny, Jack Groce

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Lectors: Pam Allen, Lauren Gauthier
EMHC: Bob Rorie, Larry Mullens
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams
Ushers: George Trevison, AJ Trevison

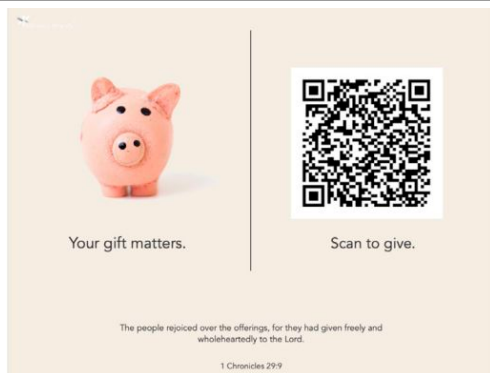
Sunday, April 13, 2025

Lectors: Rachel Grey, Stacey Denny
EMHC: Chris Kennedy, Mary Ghongkedze, Paul Jackson, Elaine Johnson
Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie and Georgia Rogers
Misa en español:
Ushers: Brennan Jackson, Charlie Rogers

Prayer Requests

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

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 | 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 |
| Ronnie Harris | Willie Tannerhill |
| Bernice Harrison | Karen Taylor |
| Harvey Hayes | Diane Theriot |
| Johnnie Hogan | David & Kim St. John |
| Connie Howard | Kathleen "Kathy" Walter |
| Charles Jacobs | Janice Williams |
| Karl Johnson | Kelly Williams |
| Magnolia Johnson | Rodney Wood |
| Jeffery Judice | |



STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

MARCH 16TH - \$6,590.00
 MARCH 23RD - \$12,226.00
 MARCH 30TH - \$30,737.00

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5th

Deanna Shively +
 (by George & Carmen Trevison)

Sunday, April 6th

Bobby Ortego +
 (by Karen Ortego)

Afredo Morales +
 (by Maria Torres)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday, April 7th

Andrew Johnson
 (by Elizabeth Johnson)

Thursday, April 10th

Dr. Holly Rigoulot
 (by Elizabeth Johnson)

Friday, April 11th

Walter Buboltz +
 (by Terry Buboltz)

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 Dates for April-May 2025:

- 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.



CHILD REGISTRATION LINK

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION LINK



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

St. Thomas Parish Council invites you to the annual

FAMILY PICNIC GATHERING

05. 18. 2025

11 AM | ST. THOMAS GROUNDS

More Information to Follow



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!



Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS RUSTON, LOUISIANA

Women's Guild

APRIL 8, 2025

When: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Where: 813 Carey Avenue Luffey Building.
Program: Spring Gardening presented by Joywalk Produce
Information: Lunch Provided for \$5 donation
Rhonda Reed 318-548-71270



**Knights of
Columbus®**

The Knights of Columbus are gearing up at St. Thomas Aquinas! If you are a man of St. Thomas looking to get more involved in the life of your parish, and your community, please reach out to dre.stthomasaquinas@gmail.com or call the front office at (318)-255-8070.

HOLY WEEK

SERVICES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Palm Sunday

10:00 AM - Mass

1:30 PM - Spanish Mass - Misa en Español

7:00 PM - Mass

Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

3:00 PM - Living Stations of the Cross Bilingual

7:00 PM - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Service

Holy Saturday

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

10:00 AM - Mass

1:30 PM - Spanish Mass - Misa en Español

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BEING CATHOLIC

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are staying very busy this Spring!

It is now the fifth week of Lent and our Catholic Bulldogs have been very busy. March was full of action as our Bulldogs went on mission trips, a pilgrimage, held events at the center, and more!

April will be a busy month as well with events like Cross Talks, Girls' and Guys' Groups, and numerous socials.

As Lent comes to a close, keep in mind that St. Thomas Aquinas Church will be having the Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration each Friday at 6pm until Good Friday.

Have a great week, we will see you again soon!

Important Dates

April 6 – Hospitality Dinner 8pm

April 7 – General Body Mtg 6pm

April 10 – Cross Talk 6pm

April 11 – Stations and Adoration 6pm

April 13 – Palm Sunday



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1100 S. Second St., PO Box 100, Hodge, LA 71247 **Penance & Reconciliation:** By request before Mass Web: stlucyhodge.org • Email: stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com

Mass Intentions Sunday April 6th

Norma Hagarman
(by Chuck & Kathy Allen)

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Lectors

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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection

March 9th - \$2352

March 23rd - \$2262

March 16th - \$10,538

March 30th - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

CAMP LITTLE FLOWER

Are you passionate about working with children, eager to make a positive impact this summer, and grow in your faith?

Camp Little Flower is seeking enthusiastic and dedicated individuals to join our team!
Email rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org for more info.

BEST WEEK

JUNE 23-27,
2025

SCOTTSVILLE CAMP
MARSHALL, TX



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



GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS WALK FOR JUSTICE
Presented by: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

WHEN: Good Friday, April 18, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



WHERE: Begins and ends behind First Methodist Church of Shreveport at the Head of Texas Street.
Parking is available.

In the event of rain, it will be held at Holy Trinity,
315 Marshall Street

Join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the traditional Good Friday Way of the Cross in downtown Shreveport. As we prepare for Easter, this is a meaningful way to experience and contemplate the Passion of Christ. The stations are represented by agencies within our community that follow Christ's example of outreach to our neighbors in need. Invite others to join you.

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



**Camp
LITTLE
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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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<https://www.dioshpt.org/camp-little-flower>



Are you looking for something to do where you make a difference in people's lives? Volunteer at Mary's House – Friday mornings 8:30 – 12:30 as our receptionist. You'll be the first smiling face our patients meet, and you'll work with a great team of ladies on the same mission – to make a difference for moms and babies. Call L'Anne at Mary's House to find out more – 318-220-8009.

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
- Committed Christ Follower

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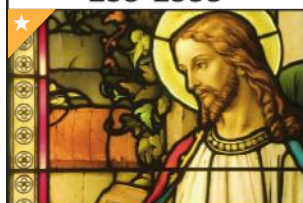


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