

APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 | PALM SUNDAY

# *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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### 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

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**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Robert Ransom  
Beverly Raymond  
Cristopher Perez  
Trey Martin  
Roger Danzy

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Karley Broussard

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

Richard Hooper  
Bill Schodlatz

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Teresa Richard  
Teresa Buboltz  
Wade Watson  
Saul Salazar

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

Marlene Nammour

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Brandon Parrie

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**

John Serio  
Emmanuel Gomez

**April 9<sup>th</sup>**

Lexie Keys

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Braydyn Lopez

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Hannah-Claire Bryan

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**

Jimmy Shuff

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Vivian Treadway

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Tony Jurkus  
Julia Guerrero

**April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Patricia Plata  
Paige Denny  
Julie Richard

**April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sofia Carranza

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Gracie Frederick

**April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Margie Skipper  
Taylor Coulter  
Hudson St. Clair  
Rex Johnson

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Jonathan Lopez

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sofia Ulloa  
Jorge Aguirre

**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Sharon Pettijohn

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

Carol Mercier  
Alice Grenier

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bailey Reger

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mallory Taylor

If I've missed your birthday, please  
email me at  
[stachulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stachulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so  
that I can add you to the master list.

**THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM  
10:00 AM  
1:30 PM  
7:00 PM

Sunday Mass (**Hodge**)  
Sunday Mass  
Misa en Español  
Student Mass

Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
8:15 AM  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Penance & Reconciliation  
Daily Mass  
Church Office Open  
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
6:00 PM  
7:00 PM

**NO DAILY MASS**  
Church Office Open  
Choir Practice  
Manto de Maria

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 AM - 8:00 AM  
8:15 AM  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
8:00 PM

Penance & Reconciliation  
Daily Mass  
Church Office Open  
Dollar Lunch  
S.T.A.Y.  
Mass

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

8:15 AM  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
**7:00 PM**

**NO DAILY MASS**  
**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
12:00 PM  
3:00 PM  
**7:00 PM**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
Live Stations of the Cross - Bilingual  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:00 PM**

**Easter Vigil Mass**

*Blessed is the king who comes*  
**IN THE NAME OF THE LORD**  
*PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

**LEADERS**

**CATHOLIC BULLDOGS** **APRIL 11 6PM**

**HISPANIC COMMUNITY** **APRIL 18 3PM**  
**BILINGUAL**

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS RUSTON



## Ministry Schedule

### 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:** Veronica Ramirez, Gabriel de la Cruz

**Ushers:** Brennan Jackson, Charlie Rogers

### Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

**Lectors:** Dolly Hurtig, John Allen

**EMHC:** Gary Kennedy, Bob Rorie, Paul Jackson, Elaine Johnson

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

### Good Friday, April 18, 2025

**Lectors:** Sheila Mariano, Paul Jackson

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Brennan Jackson, Greg Bimle

### Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025

**Lectors:** Charlotte Wilkerson, George Trevison, Tom Garza

**EMHC:** Beth Buske, Joan Mullens, Bob Rorie, Larry Mullens

**Altar Servers:**

**Ushers:** Brennan Jackson, Greg Bimle

### Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

**Lectors:** Maggie Rogers, Edward Mariano

**EMHC:** Elaine Johnson, Mary Ghongkedze, Chris Kennedy, Gary Kennedy

**Altar Servers:** Jack Taulli, Elliott Frost

**Misa en español:** Ilda Ajanel, Marichuy Torres



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## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - TBA

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*



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

Joshua Adams  
Mallary Adams  
Patti Hooper Allen  
Laloni Amos  
Quintana Atkins  
Miriam Bishop  
Jackie Bolden  
Frankie Career  
Donald Colvin  
Bruce Cowan  
Judy Darcey  
Butch Doiron  
Laurie Duvall  
Becky Ferrell  
Robert Frasier  
Mary Lou French  
Marty Gallagher  
Emmely Gay  
Donald Guillote  
Ronnie Harris  
Bernice Harrison  
Harvey Hayes  
Johnnie Hogan  
Connie Howard  
Charles Jacobs  
Karl Johnson  
Magnolia Johnson  
Jeffery Judice  
Mary Lanning  
Kim Lowe  
Ken Martinez

Tobie McKown  
Carol Mercier  
Larry Miller  
Sue Moreland  
Katherine Ned  
Don Olivier  
Breck Owens  
Matthew Reichert  
Tristen Roberts  
Pearline Robey  
Laura Leigh Saleese  
Hudson Smith  
Nicole Smith  
Polly Smith  
Eloise Solis  
Tyler Sorrels  
Willie Tannerhill  
Karen Taylor  
Diane Theriot  
David & Kim St. John  
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter  
Janice Williams  
Kelly Williams  
Rodney Wood  
Suzan Martin  
Renee White Roberie  
Carla Thomas



### Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Vita Lauga +  
(by Diane Taylor)

Devon Shelton +  
(by Branden Maestri)

### Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Margie Vega  
(by Diane Taylor)

### Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Margie Vega  
(by Diane Taylor)

### Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

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 Dates for April-May 2025:

- April 13th: PSR all grades
- April 20th: NO PSR - Easter
- April 27th: PSR all grades
- May 4th: PSR all grades (Confirmation Retreat - Year 2 @ 2:30 pm)
- May 11th: PSR all grades (last day of PSR)
- 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. Arrive at 3:30 pm for pictures. (Remember practice that morning - 10:00 am).**
- Confirmation: **May 4th @ 2:30pm:** Confirmation Retreat, Year 2 (Luffey Center). **May 14th @ 6pm:** Mandatory Confirmation practice - child and one parent. **May 17th: arrive @ 3:30 pm for pictures and Mass.**
- 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 is open!**

# ARE YOU EXCITED?

June 9-13th  
2025




St. Thomas  
Catholic Church

Ruston, LA

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

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**

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Cedric Serio is graduating from Ruston High School. He will be attending the University of Arkansas and majoring in computer engineering. Cedric participated in many activities in high school, including:

Band - Woodwind Captain, Uniform Captain, First Chair Alto Saxophone

Robotics - Founder, Team Captain, Dean's List Semifinalist

FBLA - Qualified for Nationals in Coding & Programming, Computer Problem Solving

Cedric is also an altar server for St. Thomas, as well as a member of S.T.A.Y.





### *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!



### **Palm Sunday**

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As you place your gift into the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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, 2023

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](mailto: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

St. Thomas Aquinas, Ruston, Louisiana  
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## Palm Sunday

Happy Sunday everyone! We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are excited for Palm Sunday!

We are now one week away from Easter Sunday and our Catholic students are excited for a short break from school and time to spend celebrating.

The rest of April will be very busy with events like Cross Talks, Girls' and Guys' Groups, and numerous socials.

This week, the Catholic Bulldogs will be hosting our weekly Dollar Lunch from 11:30am-1:00pm. There will also be a fun Girls' and Guys' Group activity planned that evening.

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

### Important Dates

**April 16** – Dollar Lunch 11:30-1

**April 16** – Girls' & Guys Groups  
6pm

**April 18-21** – Easter Break

**April 20** – Happy Easter!

Below: Our new Exec Team!



## ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

1100 S. Second St., PO Box 100, Hodge, LA 71247 **Penance & Reconciliation:** By request before Mass Web: [stlucyhodge.org](http://stlucyhodge.org) ▪ Email: [stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com)

### Mass Intentions Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Rex and Mimi Johnson  
(by Rex and Mimi Johnson)

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

April 13 - Mary Cryer/ Chuck Allen

April 17 - Rex Johnson/ Rachael Cheatwood

April 18 - Mary Cryer/ Chuck Allen

April 20 - Randy Buller

### 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

April 6<sup>th</sup> - TBA

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

On March 19th, 2025, our parish celebrated the feast of St. Joseph. We enjoyed traditional food, trivia, and building an altar for the patron of the Universal Church. Thanks to everyone who made this event possible!





## The Catholic Diocese of Shreveport



**Prayerfully  
Consider a Lenten  
Pilgrimage for the  
Year of the Jubilee**

### 2025 Lenten Pilgrimage Route



# 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](mailto:rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org) for more info.

**BEST WEEK**  
**JUNE 23-27, 2025**  
**SCOTTSVILLE CAMP  
MARSHALL, TX**

**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.

**Diocese of Shreveport**

# WE ARE HIRING

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**Director of Communications**  
(Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA)

**Director of Youth Ministry**  
(Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA)

**Director of Religious Education**  
(Jesus the Good Shepherd, Monroe, LA)

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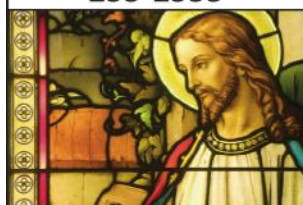


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