APRIL 20TH, 2025 | EASTER 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 (St. Lucy-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.

Deacon John Serio
Deacon Robert Ransom

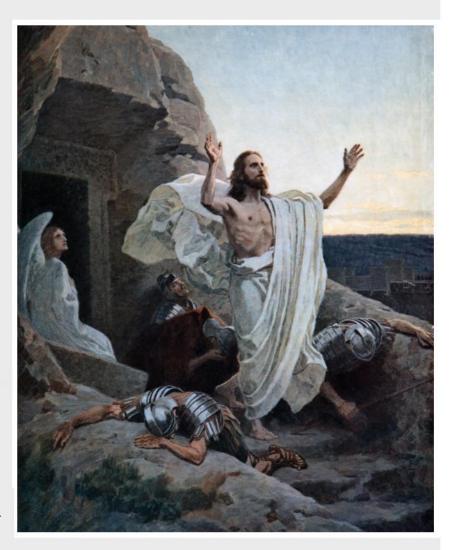
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Interim PSR Director

Matthew Bryan President of Pastoral Council
Thurston Allen Chairman of Finance Council

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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April 15th

Jimmy Shuff

April 17th

April 1st

Robert Ransom Beverly Raymond Cristopher Perez Trey Martin

Roger Danzy

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 16th Tony Jurkus

Julia Guerrero

Vivian Treadway

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 Rex Johnson

April 22nd

Jonathan Lopez

April 23rd

Sofia Ulloa Jorge Aguirre

April 25th

Sharon Pettijohn

April 27th

Carol Mercier Alice Grenier

April 28th

Bailey Reger

April 29th

Mallory Taylor

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

stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so

that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 20th

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

Monday, April 21st

8:15 AM NO DAILY MASS

8:30AM - 4:00PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:30 PM - 6:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 6:00PM Men's Club

Tuesday, April 22nd

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 23rd

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 - 8:00 PM S.T.A.Y. 8:00 PM Mass

Thursday, April 24th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM Penance & Reconciliation

8:15 AM Daily Mass 8:30AM - 4:00PM Church Office Open

Friday, April 25th

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Church Office Open 11:15 PM - 11:45 PM Penance & Reconciliation 12:00 PM

Daily Mass

Saturday, April 26th

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM Penance & Reconciliation

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Upper Room

Afraid, dismayed, In the upper room they stayed, They dined on white fish and red wine, disciples of one mind.

The sunset shone coral bright when Jesus came, Just before the day waned, where no other deigned, To comfort their distress, heal their unrest.

How great the sight in the upper room, His pure light warms the rising slivered moon, One man betrayed Him for silver not gold, The Judas story ever told, bold the kiss, his Master sold.

He breaks the bread, He takes the cup, He offers both, His prayer rises up, They gaze in wonder at Him, the Risen, They bow before Him, the Lord, the Chosen.

- Ann Roth (Dolliann Hurtig)



Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19, 2025

Lectors: Tom Garza, Charlotte Wilkerson, Angel Ventura, Jan Sibayan, Gabriel de la Cruz, Josie Bishop, Rex Johnson, Tom

EMHC: Beth Buske, Joan Mullens, Bob Rorie, Larry Mullens **Altar Servers:** Hilda Lopez, Jaden Izaguirre, Yeni Francisco **Ushers:** AJ Trevison, Dolly Hurtig, Greg Bimle

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Lectors: Maggie Rogers, Edward Mariano

EMHC: Elaine Johnson, Mary Ghongkedze, Chris Kennedy,

Gary Kennedy

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklynn, & Olivia Bryan **Ushers:** Wynn Rogers, Charlie Rogers, Brennan Jackson

Misa en español

Lectores: Ilda Ajanel, Marichuy Torres **Ministros:** Veronica Ramirez, Pablo Tepole

Monaguillos: Denise Ramirez, Nancy Lainez, Meghan

Lainez

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Lectors: Katherine Austin, Samantha Groce **EMHC:** George Trevison, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams

Ushers: Slade Richard, Jack Groce

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Jim Martin, Emily Chartier, Todd Wasson, Tom

Bishop

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Elliott Frost

Ushers: The Nashes **Misa en español**

Lectores: Rossy Jaramillo, Abel Laines **Ministros:** Luz Martinez, Rosa Ramirez

Monaguillos: Yeni Francisco, Jayden Izaguirre, Hilda Lopez

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

APRIL 6TH - \$10,717 APRIL 13TH - \$7,295

Thank you for continued and generous support!



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

Ioshua Adams Mallary Adams Patti Hooper Allen Laloni Amos Quintana Atkins Miriam Bishop Jackie Bolden Frankie Career Melissa Castanada Donald Colvin Bruce Cowan Judy Darcey Karla Davidson 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 Suzan Martin Ken Martinez Tobie McKown Carol Mercier Larry Miller Sue Moreland Katherine Ned Don Olivier **Breck Owens** Matthew Reichert Renee White Roberie Tristen Roberts Pearline Robey Laura Leigh Saleese Hudson Smith Nicole Smith Polly Smith Eloise Solis Tyler Sorrels Willie Tannerhill Karen Taylor Diane Theriot Carla Thomas David & Kim St. John Kathleen "Kathy" Walter Janice Williams Kelly Williams

Rodney Wood



Sunday, April 20th Vita Lauga +

(by Diane Taylor)

Monday, April 21st Andrew Johnson

(by anonymous)

Friday, April 25th Vita Lauga +

(by Diane Taylor)

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 20th: NO PSR - EasterApril 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)

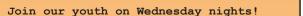
•May 18th: NO PSR / May Picnic / End of the Year Celebration

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!



5:30pm - Doors open

6:00pm - Food!

6:30pm - Small groups focused on Sunday

readings

7:00pm-8:00pm - Games and more



CHILD REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Isabella Tucker is graduating from Ruston High School. She will be attending The University of Louisiana at Monroe majoring in radiology. While at Ruston High, Isabella participated in Softball, Volleyball, and Soccer, Talented Art, Talented Art Alliance Club, yearbook, Key Club, photography, and FCA. Isabella was an altar server and continues to volunteer for VBS.



McKenzie Oakley is graduating from Ruston High School. She will be attending Louisiana Tech University and majoring in Biology. At Ruston High School, McKenzie was a soccer player for four years, Soccer Captain for two years, National Honors Society member for three years, and Fashion and Clothing club member for three years.



Leace 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

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.

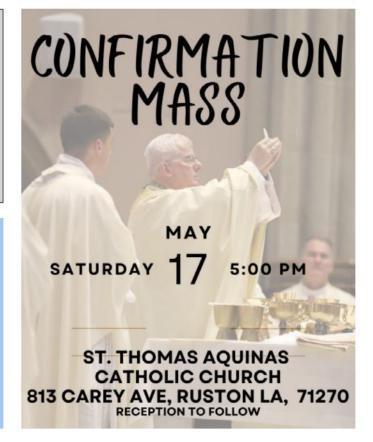
Ministry to the Homebound

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!







Easter Sunday

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the Resurrection. As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

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.





Easter Sunday

Happy Easter everyone! What an exciting day! We hope you have all had a fruitful Holy Week and are ready to celebrate.

Our Catholic Bulldogs are currently on Easter Break. When students come back to school, several members will be newly received into the church after being Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Other members will be newly Confirmed. Please join us in celebrating and congratulating these students.

This week, the Catholic Bulldogs will be hosting our weekly Dollar Lunch on Wednesday from 11:30am-1:00pm. There will also be a Cross Talk Thursday evening at 6pm. Stop by the center at anytime to hangout.

Have a great week, we can't wait to see you again soon!

Important Dates

April 18-21 - Easter Break

April 23 - \$ Lunch 11:30am-1pm

April 24 - Cross Talk 6pm

April 27 - Birthday Bash 8pm

Below: Our new Exec Team!





ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Intentions **Easter Sunday April 20th**

Glenda Ortego (by Chuck & Kathy Allen)

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

April 20 - Randy Buller April 27 - Chuck Allen

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection April 6th - \$3,308 April 13th - **TBA**

Thank you for continued and generous support!

WELCOME!



Stephanie "Stevie" James Cortez was born on April 8, 2025 to Steven and Mary Kate Cortez. Her siblings are Isabella (6), Hays (4), and Griffin







The Catholic Diocese of Shreveport



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Pilgrimage for the
Year of the Jubilee

2025 Lenten Pilgrimage Route









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 –



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