

APRIL 27TH, 2025 | DIVINE MERCY 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.

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Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

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Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

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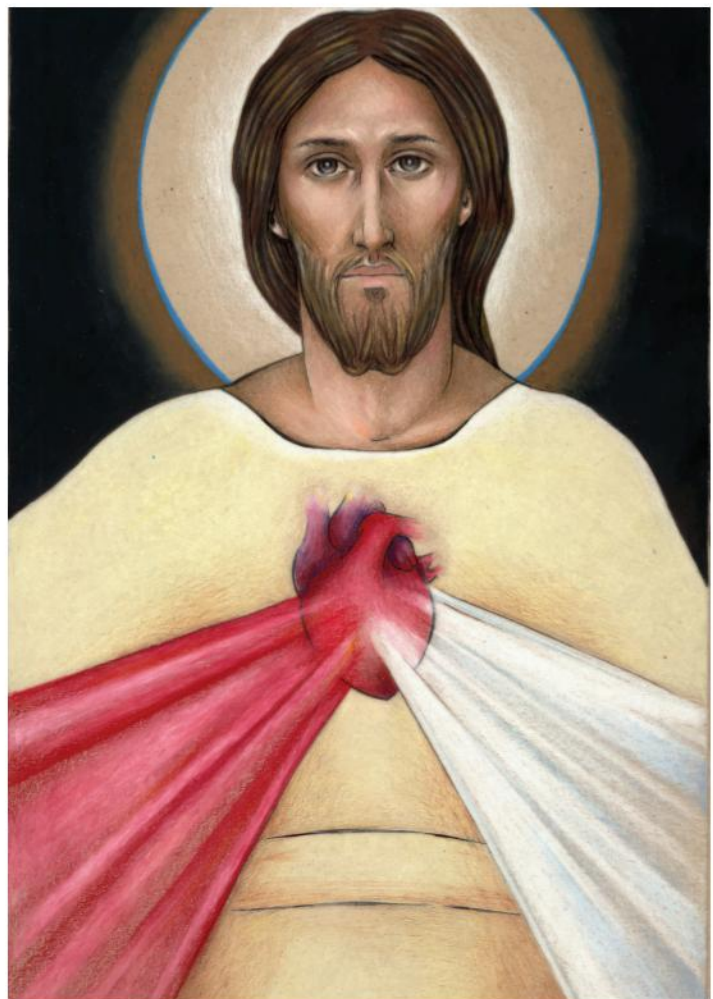
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Thurston Allen

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 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 15th

Jimmy Shuff

April 17th

Vivian Treadway

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCESunday, April 27th

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

Monday, April 28th

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 29th

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 30th

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

Thursday, May 1st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

Friday, May 2nd

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

Saturday, May 3rd

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



Ministry Schedule

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

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Lectors: Samantha Groce, George Trevison

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Jim Martin

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

—Misa en español—

Lectores: Pablo Tepole, Rocio Paita

Ministros: Ilda Ajanel, Petra Salazar

Monaguillos: Denis Ramirez, Anderson Lainez, Nancy Lainez



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
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 27th

For the Parishioners of
St. Thomas Aquinas

For Mason Kiley +
(by Branden Maestri)

Monday, April 28th

Suzanne Porter
(by anonymous)

Thursday, May 1st

Frank E. Johnson, Jr.
(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/>

PEACE BE WITH YOU
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

APRIL 20TH - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

PSR News

PSR Dates for April-May 2025:

- 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

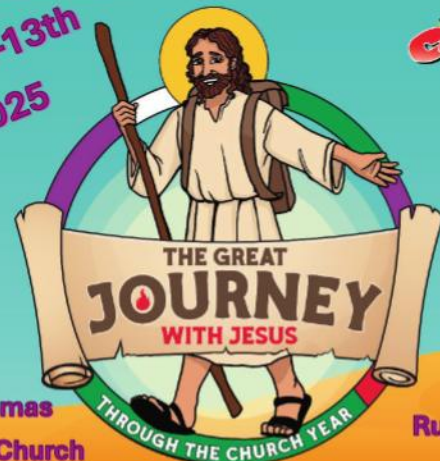
- First Holy Communion: **Saturday, May 10th** during the **5:00pm** Mass. **Arrive at 3:30 pm** for pictures. (Remember practice that morning - 10:00 am).
- Confirmation: **May 4th @ 2:30pm**: Confirmation Retreat, Year 2 (Luffey Center). **May 14th @ 6pm**: Mandatory Confirmation practice - child and 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!**

Join our youth on Wednesday nights!

5:30pm - Doors open
 6:00pm - Food!
 6:30pm - Small groups focused on Sunday readings
 7:00pm-8:00pm - Games and more

ARE YOU EXCITED?

June 9-13th
 2025



St. Thomas
 Catholic Church

Ruston, LA

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

CHILD REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Molly Rabb is graduating from Ruston High School! She will be attending LSU in the fall and majoring in Public Relations. Molly was a RHS cheerleader and on the competition cheer team all four years. She was also involved in Student Council, National Honor Society, Bearcat Buddies, FCA, Bearcat Mentors, and Ruston Rowing.



Wade Watson is graduating from Choudrant High School. At Choudrant, Wade is Student of the Year, Cross Country team captain, FBLA President, Interact Club President, Student Council class officer, Beta Club member, and Baseball starting catcher. Wade is also a member of Ruston High School's Eco-car team. Wade is a proud Eagle Scout, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood member, and has earned the Boy Scout Triple Crown award. Wade will be attending the United States

Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and will commission as a Naval or Marine Corps officer. Wade plans to major in Mechanical Engineering.



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 Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter. Thank You!

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.



**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.

CONFIRMATION MASS

MAY
SATURDAY 17 5:00 PM

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
813 CAREY AVE, RUSTON LA, 71270
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

*Misa de
Primera Comunión*

Sábado,
10 de mayo de 2025
Durante la Misa de las 5
p.m.*

*Recepción a seguir.

**Iglesia Católica de Santo
Tomás de Aquino**
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270

*First Holy
Communion Mass*

Saturday, May 10, 2025
during the 5:00pm Mass*

*Reception to Follow

St. Thomas Catholic Church
813 Carey Ave, Ruston, LA 71270



BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Second Sunday of Easter

Happy Sunday! We hope you all had a great Easter week! Our Catholic Bulldogs have just come back to school from Easter Break. Several members have been newly received into the church after being Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Other members are now Confirmed. Please join us in celebrating and congratulating these students.

The Spring Quarter is now more than halfway over and our students are staying very busy. This week, the Catholic Bulldogs will be hosting our weekly Dollar Lunch on Wednesday from 11:30am-1:00pm. There will also be Girl's and Guys' Group Wednesday evening at 6pm. Saturday, the Catholic Bulldogs will be hosting the Catholic students of ULM for a fun social. Next Sunday will be our monthly Hospitality Dinner after evening Mass. Stop by the center at anytime to hangout!

Important Dates

April 27 – Birthday Bash 8pm

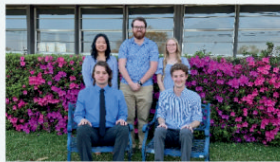
April 30 – \$ Lunch 11:30am-1pm

April 30 – Girls'/Guys' Group 6pm

May 3 – Social with ULM 6pm

May 4 – Hospitality Dinner 8pm

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 ▪ Email: stacbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com

Mass Intentions Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th

Fred Negem
(by Rex & 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

Lectors

April 27 - Chuck Allen

May 4 - Rex Johnson

May 11 - Rachael Cheatwood

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Kathy Allen Chuck Allen

Mary Cryer Randy Buller

Rachel Cheatwood

Bill Traina

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection

April 13th - \$2,411

April 20th - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

Last week, Christian Community Action (CCA) picked up all of the canned goods, bags of flour, and other donated food items from St. Thomas. Thank you so much for your generosity during the Lenten season!



Thank you, Stephanie!





The Catholic Diocese of Shreveport



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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 for more info.

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



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.

Diocese of Shreveport

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

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)

For more details, visit:

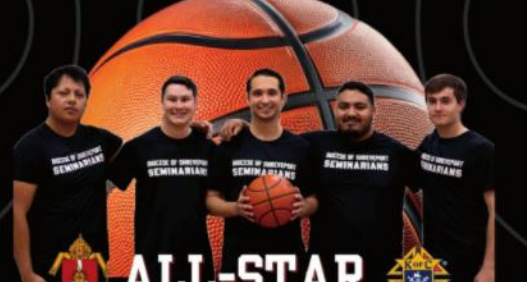
dioshpt.org/job-opportunities

SEMINARIANS & PRIESTS vs KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JUNE
14

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11 AM
ST. FREDERICK'S GYM

TICKETS
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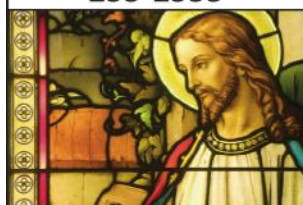


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