

MAY 4TH, 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Ssenynyondo

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Deacon Robert Ransom

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Matthew Bryan

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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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**May 1st**

Karyn Lopez
Emelina Lopez

May 2nd

Samantha Groce
Abraham Priego

May 3rd

Gracie Barrientos

May 4th

Rel Gray

May 5th

Nancy Roger

May 7th

Amanda Serio
Juana Turrubiarres
Sheila Gonzalez

May 9th

Ryan Colvin
Erin Rabb
Thurston Allen
Jovanni Navarro Rodriguez
Alex Lainez
Virginia Danna
Martha Carey

May 10th

Leonor Garcia
Smith Gillum
Edith Gonzalez

May 11th

Daniela Derosa

May 12th

Steven Shuff

May 13th

Don Traina

May 14th

Jack Groce
Erica White
Maria Castillo

May 15th

Olivia Good

May 16th

Madelynn Bryan

May 17th

Elaine Johnson
Diana Perez

May 18th

George Gillum
Cynthia Corcia
Joseph Gray

May 19th

Charles Barron
Annabelle Sadler

May 20th

Bala Ramachandran
Virginia Rainwater
Lanee Cheatwood
Morgan Cheatwood

May 21st

Marina Bishop
Reece Morphew
Joan Danzy

May 22nd

Jason Strickler
Hays Cortez

May 23rd

Vincent Arquero

May 24th

Mindy Bryan
Alexander Moore
Zyrelle Arquero

May 25th

Gregorio Garcia

May 26th

Lorena Lopez

May 27th

Todd Faulkner
Jesus Salazar

May 29th

Bill Traina

May 30th

Molly Rabb

May 31st

Imelda Ramirez
Rosa Ramirez
Steven Montgomery

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, May 4th**

8:30 AM	Sunday Mass (Hodge)
10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
2:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Confirmation Year 2 Retreat

Monday, May 5th

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, May 6th

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, May 7th

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

Thursday, May 8th

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

Friday, May 9th

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

Saturday, May 10th

10:00 AM	First Communion Practice
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	First Communion Mass



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Lectors: Samantha Groce, George Trevison

EMHC: Joan & Larry Mullens

Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Lectors: Frank Reger, Jim Martin

EMHC: Emily Chartier, Paul Jackson, Mary Ghongkedze, Elaine Johnson

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Lectors: Larry Mullens, Pam Allen

EMHC: George Trevison, Slade Richard

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams,

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Lectors: Rachel Grey, Stacey Denny

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Gary Kennedy, Chris Kennedy, Jim Martin

Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie and Georgia Rogers

Ushers: Brad Denny, Charlie Rogers

—Misa en español—

Lectores: Ana Ambrocio, Gabriel de la Cruz

Ministros: Emelina Lopez, Karyn Lopez

Monaguillos: Jayden Izaguirre, Meghan Lainez, Ilda Lopez



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, May 4th

Bobby Ortego +
(by Karen Ortego)

For the parishioners of St.
Thomas Aquinas

Monday, May 5th

Sawyer Douce
(by anonymous)

Thursday, May 8th

Logan Johnson
(by anonymous)

Friday, May 9th

Stanley Viator +
(by Linda Viator)

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/>

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers for April 27th were offered by Tom & Becky
Garza in loving memory of Reinaldo Garza

Flowers for today were offered by Pernilla Forran in
loving memory of Ella Marie Lund

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

APRIL 20TH - \$14,462

APRIL 27TH - \$6,092

Thank you for continued and generous support!

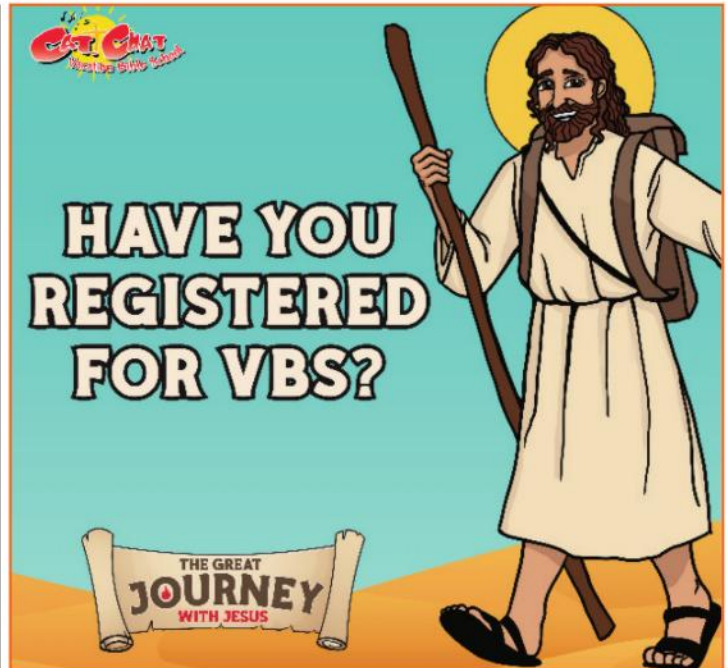
PSR News

PSR Dates for May 2025:

- 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!**



GRADUADOS



Gerardo Ventura



Cuahutemoc Manuel Negrete



Karyn Seleny Lopez Felix is graduating from Ruston High School and plans to attend Delta or Louisiana Tech. She serves as lector and extraordinary minister.



Emelina Edith López Félix is graduating from Ruston High School. She is undecided on attending Louisiana Tech or Delta Community College. Emelina serves as lector and an extraordinary minister.

CHILD REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Joseph Roger Luffey has attended Cedar Creek School for 12 years and will graduate this May! During his school years Joseph was involved as an Ambassador to new students coming into C.C. and would show them around and make them feel more comfortable in their new surroundings! Joseph also played 5 years of Football, Track and Power Lifting. He was also asked to be a Representative to Cedar Creek in the Sr. Expo in Ruston. He plans on attending La. Tech in the fall. He is a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.



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 Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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.

Women's Guild

When: Tuesday, May 13th, 2025
Where: Luffey Center (813 Carey Ave.)
Program: Our Lady of Fatima
Information: Bring your own sack lunch, or RSVP to Rhonda Reed (318-548-7127) to place an order for Chicken Salad Chick



**Knights of
Columbus®**



On Saturday, April 26, 2025, the Knights of Columbus council of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati was officially installed at St. Thomas Aquinas. Stay tuned for updates on projects the Knights will be doing!

**BLOOD DRIVE AT
ST. THOMAS**



**MAY 18TH
7:30AM - 12:30PM**

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DONATING
DURING THE PARISH
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BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Third Sunday of Easter

Happy Sunday!

We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are now back 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 the monthly Hospitality Dinner after 7pm Mass. There will also be a Cross Talk Thursday evening at 6pm. Saturday will be a busy day as we will be holding our Spring Cleaning at the center starting at 8am and finishing the day with a Social Event at 6pm. Have a great week, we can't wait to see you again soon!

Important Dates

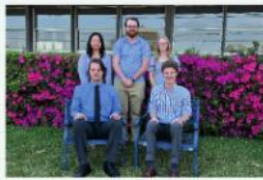
May 4 - Hospitality Dinner 8pm

May 8 - Cross Talk 6pm

May 10 - Spring Cleaning

May 10 - Social 6pm

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 Third Sunday of Easter, May 4th

Bonnie Peel +
(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

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 20th - \$1,578

April 27th - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

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



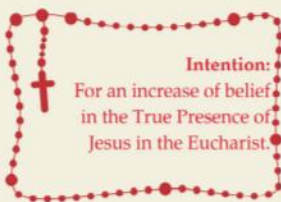


TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

2025

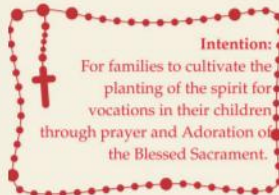
This May, Bishop Malone is inviting us all to pray the rosary daily for special intentions across our diocese. Last year, we surpassed our goal with over 11,000 rosaries! This year, let's aim for 20,000!

Your prayers matter — each rosary prayed is a step closer to growing in faith and devotion. Together, we'll pray for:



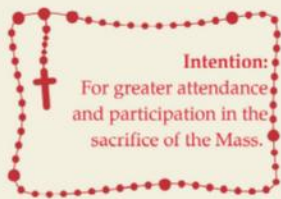
Intention:

For an increase of belief in the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



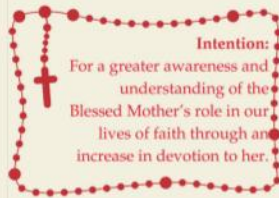
Intention:

For families to cultivate the planting of the spirit for vocations in their children through prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



Intention:

For greater attendance and participation in the sacrifice of the Mass.



Intention:

For a greater awareness and understanding of the Blessed Mother's role in our lives of faith through an increase in devotion to her.



Intention:

For our parish communities to become true Disciples of Christ, in word and deed, as we give witness of our faith to others.

Please log your rosaries and share your prayer journey with us at www.dioshpt.org. Together, we can make a powerful impact through our prayers.

Your rosary counts — whether prayed individually or with others, at home or in community. Let's come together, as 40,000 Catholics strong, to pray 20,000 rosaries this May.

Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

— St. Padre Pio



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.

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
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Diocese of Shreveport

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(Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA)

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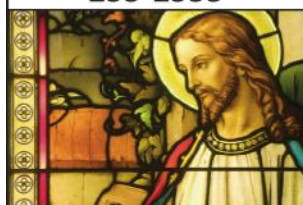


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