

MAY 11TH, 2025 | 4TH 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

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Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

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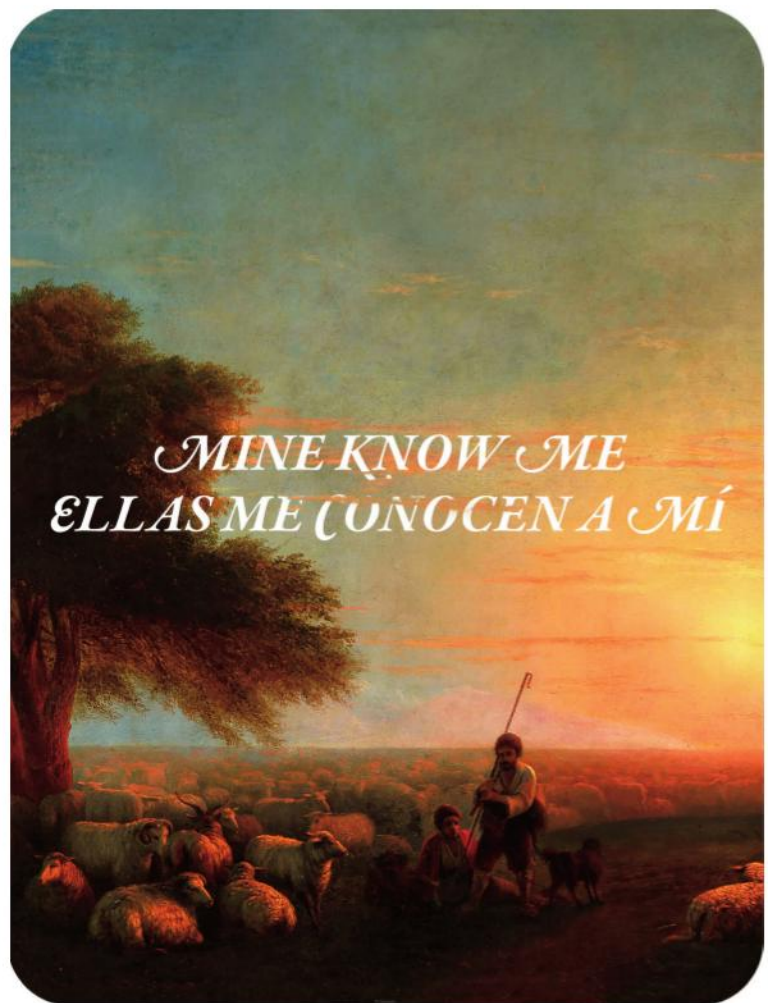
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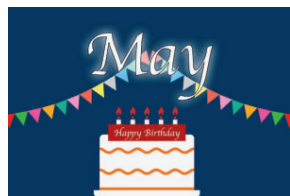


NEW PARISHIONERS

“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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**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

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

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, May 11th**

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

Monday, May 12th

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 13th

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 14th

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	Confirmation Practice
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	S.T.A.Y. (Youth)
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, May 15th

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

Friday, May 16th

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

Saturday, May 17th

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

**BLOOD DRIVE AT
ST. THOMAS**

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

**PLEASE CONSIDER
DONATING
DURING THE PARISH
PICNIC!**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Lectors: Larry Mullens, Pam Allen
EMHC: George Trevison, Slade Richard
Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams,
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

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

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Maggie Rogers
EMHC: Larry & Joan Mullens
Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce
Ushers: Slade Richard, Jack Groce

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Lectors: Sheila Mariano, Paul Jackson
EMHC: Jim Martin, Mary Ghongkedze, Gary Kennedy, Emily Chartier
Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Elliott Frost
Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle
—Misa en español—
Lectores: Marichuy Torres, Veronica Ramirez
Ministros: Jose Sebastian, Angelica Sebastian
Monaguillos: Denis Ramirez, Yeni Francisco, Nancy Lainez



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

Joshua Adams	Mary Lanning
Mallary Adams	Kim Lowe
Patti Hooper Allen	Suzan Martin
Laloni Amos	Ken Martinez
Quintana Atkins	Tobie McKown
Miriam Bishop	Carol Mercier
Jackie Bolden	Larry Miller
Frankie Career	Sue Moreland
Melissa Castanada	Katherine Ned
Donald Colvin	Don Olivier
Bruce Cowan	Breck Owens
Judy Darcey	Matthew Reichert
Karla Davidson	Renee White Roberie
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
Colin Gallegos	Eloise Solis
Emmely Gay	Tyler Sorrels
Donald Guillote	Willie Tannerhill
Ronnie Harris	Karen Taylor
Bernice Harrison	Diane Theriot
Harvey Hayes	Carla Thomas
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	



Sunday, May 11th Bobby Ortego +
 (by Karen Ortego)

For the parishioners of St.
 Thomas Aquinas

Monday, May 12th Sawyer Douce
 (by anonymous)

Thursday, May 15th Logan Johnson
 (by anonymous)

Friday, May 16th 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/>

JOIN US IN STRENGTHENING ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH!



WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

"Just as in a physical body, the operation of one member contributes to the good of the whole body, so it is in a spiritual body such as the Church."
 ~ St. Thomas Aquinas

As members of the Body of Christ, we ask that you help out by using your unique talents and gifts to serve God through His Church.

All are asked to contribute to the Church, whether it's through assisting at Mass, ministering to the needs of our community, teaching our children, organizing events, or gathering for prayers and celebrations.



LET'S WORK TOGETHER
<https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/>

For more information about the various community groups you can join and areas of ministry you can help serve, please check out our Interest and Volunteer Form by scanning the QR code above.

Of course, suggestions and new ideas are always welcome!

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

MAY 4TH - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

PSR News

PSR Dates for May 2025:

- May 11th: PSR all grades (last day of PSR)
- May 18th: NO PSR / May Picnic / End of the Year Celebration

Save the Dates:

- 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!



Youth is open to all 6th-12th grade students at St. Thomas Aquinas. This week, we will be having an Easter celebration!

5:30 pm - doors open

6:00 pm - food!

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - games

8:00 pm - pickup



CHILD REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Jack Groce is graduating from Choudrant High School. Jack will be swimming for Henderson State in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He has been swimming for 10 years. He has competed in every state finals for the last 10 years. He placed first in the Louisiana High School State Swimming Championship in the 100 yard backstroke. He placed third in the 200 IM. Jack attended Boy's State in 2024. Jack has maintained a 4.2 or better GPA since his freshman year. He qualified for the honors college at Henderson State. Jack has not decided on a major but he is passionate about physical fitness.



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!



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on the care and love of Jesus for us.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

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



It's a wrap on a successful year for the Dollar Lunch Program! This ministry of St. Thomas Aquinas offering all LA Tech students a hot lunch & dessert is a blessing for all involved! I want to THANK the many Volunteers & Teams who have cooked, served in so many ways, and provided desserts, especially my dessert chair, Diana May! All using their gifts and talents to make this ministry possible! Congratulations to this year's LA Tech Graduates and May God Bless all the students in their endeavors! You are in our prayers! Grace and peace, Christi Faulkner



On April 19, 2025, over 60 people entered our parish during the Easter Vigil! This was one of the largest groups of catechumens/candidates in the Diocese of Shreveport this year. If you see these new members, make sure to welcome them and show them how they can be involved in the Church. May God continue to bless our community!



BEING CATHOLIC

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Happy Sunday!

We hope you all had a great week. Our Catholic Bulldogs are very close to the end of the quarter and there are many events going on at the center.

This week we will start off with a General Body Meeting. Anyone is welcome to come by the center Monday evening to see what the Catholic Bulldogs are planning this month. Tuesday will be the quarterly Pancake Dinner! Starting at 6pm, anyone can come by for all-you-can-eat pancakes. There will be drinks, bacon, and eggs as well. On Wednesday, we will have Girls' and Guys' Group. Lastly, on Thursday we will be having a fundraiser with Dairy Queen. All day long, a dollar for each purchase of a DQ Blizzard will go to Catholic Bulldogs. Be sure to stop by and get a sweet treat to help support our group! Have a great week, we can't wait to see you around!

Important Dates

May 12 - General Body Mtg 6pm

May 13 - Pancake Dinner 6pm

May 14 - Girls/Guys Group 6pm

May 15 - Dairy Queen Fundraiser



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 Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11th

Chad Teague
(by Mimi & Rex 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

May 11 - Rachael Cheatwood
May 18 - Mary Cryer
May 25 - 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 27th - \$3,487
May 4th - \$1,630

Thank you for continued and generous support!

CONFIRMATION MASS

MAY
17 5:00 PM

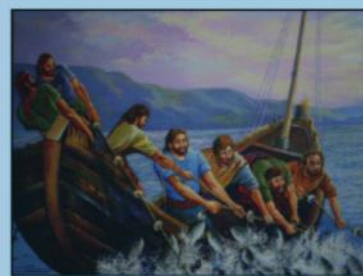
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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

St. Thomas Parish Council
invites you to the annual

FAMILY PICNIC GATHERING

05. 18. 2025
11 AM | ST. THOMAS GROUNDS

The Parish will provide food.
Please bring yourself & outdoor games!



All men of the parish are invited to Men's Club, which will meet Monday, May 19th at 6 pm. Pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at 5:30 pm, then join the men in the Luffey Center for food and fellowship.

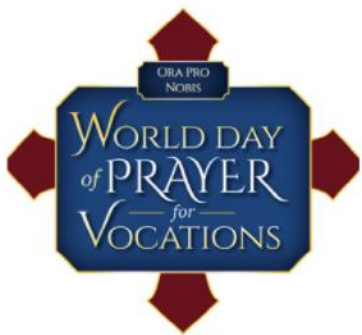




TO JESUS THROUGH MARY

— 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!



Lord, Send Us Holy Shepherds

Join the Universal Church today in observing the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

Pray: Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.

Encourage: Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Special Intention at Mass: Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

May we all be open to God's call in our own lives!

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

Diocese of Shreveport

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(Catholic Center, Shreveport, LA)

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

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dioshpt.org/job-opportunities

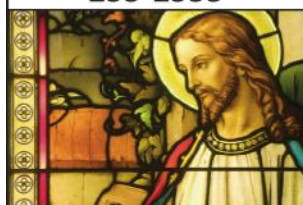


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