

MAY 25TH, 2025 | 6TH 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.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007

Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

Deacon John Serio

Deacon Robert Ransom

Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

Melinda Bryan (318) 525-4906

Matthew Bryan

Thurston Allen

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Pastor

Parroquial Vicar

Business Manager

Interim PSR Director

President of Pastoral Council

Chairman of Finance Council

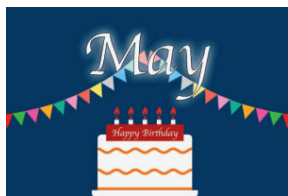


NEW PARISHIONERS

“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 25th**

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

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

Monday, May 26th

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

Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass
Church Office Open
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, May 27th

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

Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass
Church Office Open
Choir Practice
Manto de Maria

Wednesday, May 28th

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

Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass
Church Office Open
Mass

Thursday, May 29th

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

Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass
Church Office Open

Friday, May 30th

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
11:15 PM - 11:45 PM
12:00 PM

Church Office Open
Penance & Reconciliation
Daily Mass

Saturday, May 31st

3:30 PM - 4:45 PM
5:00 PM

Penance & Reconciliation
Vigil Mass

*Whoever loves me
will keep my word.*

JOHN 14:23

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, John Allen

EMHC: Slade Richard, George Trevison

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio, Mary Virginia Adams

Ushers: Joshua Adams, AJ Trevison

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Lectors: Maggie Rogers, Edward Mariano

EMHC: Tom Bishop, Elaine Johnson, Paul Jackson, Todd Wasson

Altar Servers: Hannah, Brooklyn, & Olivia Bryan

Ushers: The Nashes

—Misa en español—

Lectores: Abel Lainez, Ilda Ajanel

Ministros: Antonio Lopez, Ana Ambrocio

Monaguillos: Ilda Lopez, Anderson Lainez, Meghan Lainez

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Samantha Groce

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Jessie & Julie Groce

Ushers: Dolly Hurtig, Jack Groce

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Ryan Freling

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

Ushers: Flint Sibayan, Greg Bimle

—Misa en español—

Lectores: Emelina Lopez, Karin Lopez

Ministros: Maruca Lopez, Alfredo Lopez

Monaguillos: Meghan Lainez, Jayden Izaguirre, Nancy Lainez

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers were offered by Walter & Barbara Jakiela in loving memory of Eleonor & Walter Jakiela Sr.

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

MAY 4TH - \$18,913

MAY 11TH - \$8,736

MAY 18TH - 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
Melissa Castanada
Donald Colvin
Bruce Cowan
Judy Darcey
Karla Davidson
Butch Doiron
Laurie Duvall
Becky Ferrell
Robert Frasier
Mary Lou French
Marty Gallagher
Collin Gallegos
John Gass
Emmely Gay
Donald Guillote
Ronnie Harris
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Johnnie Hogan
Connie Howard
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 25th

Edward Harrison +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Monday, May 26th

Felicity Johnson
(by anonymous)

Tuesday, May 27th

Anniversary of
Jan & Gary Luffey
(by Barbara Lewis)

Thursday, May 29th

Joseph Johnson
(by anonymous)

Saturday, May 31st

Imelda Ramirez
(by Imelda Ramirez)

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

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!**



On May 10, 2025 these students received their First Holy Communion! We look forward to their ongoing formation in the Church and the ways that God will work in their lives.



CHILD REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



Wednesday night (5/21) was our last official youth night for this school year. We have some events planned for the summer, so be on the lookout and join us!

The Schedule™

June 4 - VBS practice

June 9-13 - VBS

July 9 - Event Day (details closer to time)

August 13 - 2025-26 Youth Kickoff



All Summer - check GroupMe and other platforms for pickup games, movie nights, catching a play downtown, and more!

I've been so grateful to step into the role of Youth Minister at St. Thomas. Thank you to every single volunteer, cook, driver, etc. for your time and commitment to these young folks. Thank you, especially, to Marina Bishop for your close collaboration and passion.

Looking forward to next year!

Josh Bourgeois

Office phone: (318)-224-7007





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!



Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by providing food and assistance with utility and rent bills. 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.

As of May 1st, Louisiana Key Academy is renting the school building for the academic year 2025-2026 – they are opening a school for children in Grades 3-5 with Dyslexia. This is a wonderful resource for our community!

What Happens to PSR: NOTHING! Beginning in the Fall 2025, we will resume PSR just like we have in the past. We will have the resources and supplies we need, and we will use the classrooms in the school building every Sunday for PSR.

What Happens If I Need to Schedule a Talk/Event in the School Building: Just like before, if you need to schedule anything at the Church, please call Marcie to get it on the Church calendar.

If you have immediate questions, please call Mindy Bryan, DRE at 318-525-4906, Josh Bourgeois, Youth Minister at 318-224-7007 or Fr. Kevin at the Church Office 318-255-2870.



MAY 11th, 2025 | 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Diocese is proud to now be printing **St. Thomas Aquinas's Sunday Bulletin**

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BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Sunday!

We hope you all had a great week! Our Catholic Bulldogs are now done with the 2024-2025 school year and many have gone to their hometowns for the summer.

This year, our student organization made lots of forward progress; we have a new name, we brought back the monthly newsletter, and a new leadership team is ready to welcome next year's group of incoming freshmen.

With help from FOCUS missionaries, over 200 students are consistently involved in weekly bible studies, most of which are student-led.

We can't wait to see you all again next year - It is going to be a great one!

Important Notes

Thank you to all who participated in our percentage night with Raising Cane's! This fundraiser was a great success, and the Catholic Bulldogs truly appreciate your support.

Keep an eye out for more opportunities to help out our student organization.



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25th

Norma Hagarman
(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 25 - Chuck Allen

June 1 - Randy Buller

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection

May 11th - \$1,807.59

May 18th - TBA

Thank you for continued and generous support!

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.

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE SANTO TOMÁS DE AQUINO



WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

"Así como en un cuerpo físico, la operación de un miembro contribuye al bien de todo el cuerpo, así es en un cuerpo espiritual como la Iglesia".

– Santo Tomás de Aquino

Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, les pedimos que ayuden utilizando sus talentos y dones únicos para servir a

Let's work together!



¡Trabajemos juntas!



Jubilee OF YOUTH

Embark on a Pilgrimage to Italy with the Department of Multicultural Ministries!

The Diocese of Shreveport invites you to celebrate the Jubilee Year of 2025 with an unforgettable pilgrimage to Italy alongside thousands of young adults to rediscover the beauty of our Catholic Faith!



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!

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318-219-7257



GUEST SPEAKER: KARLA ALVAREZ GUTIERREZ



Karla Alvarez Gutierrez was born and raised in Arkansas. She is a proud Mexican American Catholic deeply rooted in her faith and culture. She serves as the Director of Multicultural Ministries in the Diocese of Shreveport. She is driven by her passion for loving and serving the Lord and His people. She is excited to witness how God continues to draw His children into deeper intimacy.

Karla coordinates activities to include retreats for Emmaus; Busqueda for teens; Experiencia Cristo for young adults; Rachel's Vinyard for people affected by abortion and assists foreign priests and seminarians with their religious and student visas. She serves on the leadership team for Encounter School of Ministry Shreveport Campus.

In addition to Karla's ministry work, she enjoys a variety of hobbies such as leading praise and worship, capturing moments through photography, and exploring new places through travel. She enjoys time outdoors. She cherishes time spent with her family and friends and staying active through CrossFit, always seeking balance and connection in all she does.

Invite a friend and come hear Karla's story.
Men and women are welcome to attend!

Scan QR Code to make reservations and pay online.



Or mail check with list of guests to:
Magnificat NOWELA
P.O. Box 5061
Shreveport, LA 71135



NOWELA Chapter Brunch Saturday, May 31, 2025

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Catholic Center
3500 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104

Cost \$20 per person.
Register by Tuesday 5/27/2025

Our Lady of Glory Service Team

Linda Balistrella, Coordinator
Michele Duet, Assistant Coordinator
Chris Tison, Secretary
Belle French, Treasurer
Majorie Ainsworth, Historian
Mary Jansen, Advisory

- International Ministry based on "The Visitation" Luke 1:39
- Diocesan Approval by Bishop Francis I. Malone
- Spiritual Director Rev. Jean Bosco Uwamungu
- Brunch, testimony, and prayer
- Praise and Worship music
- All Clergy and Religious are complimentary – Call Michele Duet at (318) 272-5883 to confirm your attendance.

SEMINARIANS & PRIESTS vs KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JUNE
14

TIP-OFF
11 AM
ST. FREDERICK'S GYM

TICKETS
\$5.00

ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME

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JULY 13-16, 2025



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JULY 16-19, 2025

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION AT SHVCAMPS.COM



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!

Log your rosary here: <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSfz4n9ye4M9M.../viewform>

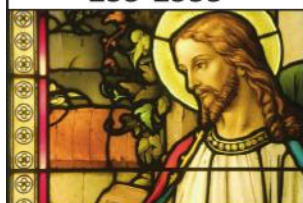


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