

**JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2025 | 7<sup>TH</sup> 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

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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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**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Slade Richard  
Audrey Warren  
Kellie Shuff  
Cuahutemoc Negrete  
Magdalena Gonzalez  
Sheri Sandlin

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Peter Serio

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Rex Garner Johnson, Jr.  
Luis Turrubiarres

**June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Dolly Hurtig  
Emily Corcia  
Robert Corcia  
Lwini Bembele

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**

Rylie Ann Martin  
Victor Langiulli

**June 6<sup>th</sup>**

Lisa Bosch

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Jennifer Velazquez  
Caleb Stanfield

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Patrick Gillum  
Juan Navarro  
Mary Lanning

**June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Stella White  
Kathryn Lawrence

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Meghan Lainez

**June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Carleigh Reger  
Esperanza Negrete  
Serina Bearden  
Barry Morales

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Joshua Adams  
Kyle White  
Rodolfo Landaverde Jr.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Amelia Roger  
Josh Rabb  
Cardyn Kay Buller

**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

Wynn Rogers  
Evan Derveloy

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

David Castillo  
Hunter Smith  
Theresa Robinson  
Ava Keys

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Omar Ramirez Jr.  
Pernilla Foran

**June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Amanda Berg  
Sandi Adams

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**

Courtney Reger  
Ashlie Martin

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Rhett Lawrence

**June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Yolanda Medrano  
Mary Bordelon

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Nathaniel Freeman

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

Greg Bimle

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Georgia Rogers  
Petra Salazar  
Pablo Tepole

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

Anthony Edward Allen

If I've missed your birthday, please  
email me at  
[stachulletin@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:stachulletin@suddenlinkmail.com) so  
that I can add you to the master list.

**THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE****Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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, June 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

Penance & Reconciliation  
Daily Mass  
Church Office Open

**Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

Church Office Open  
Penance & Reconciliation  
Daily Mass  
**No Adoration until Sep.**

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

Penance & Reconciliation  
Vigil Mass

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## Ministry Schedule

### 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:** Mary Ghongkedze, Todd Wasson, Emily Chartier, Tom Bishop

**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

### Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Lectors:** George Trevison, Tom Garza

**EMHC:**

**Altar Servers:** Jessie & Julie Groce

**Ushers:** Dolly Hurtig, Benny Grafton

### Sunday, June 8, 2025

**Lectors:** Frank Reger, Jim Martin

**EMHC:** Paul Jackson, Jim Martin, Chris Kennedy, Elaine Johnson

**Altar Servers:** Matthew & Anna Kate Jackson

**Ushers:** The Nashes

—Misa en español—

**Lectores:** Rocio Paita, Ana Ambrocio

**Ministros:** Luz Martinez, Rosa Ramirez

**Monaguillos:** Anderson Lainez, Hilda Lopez, Yeni Francisco



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, June 1<sup>st</sup>** Parishioners of  
St. Thomas Aquinas

**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Alistar Johnson  
(by anonymous)

**Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** Christopher Johnson  
(by anonymous)

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** Thompson Family +  
(by Barbara Lewis)

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 were offered by Ohan & Rose  
Kitishian for Haig Kitishian's birthday

## STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - \$8,381

MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - TBA

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*



## 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!**

CHILD REGISTRATION

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



**DYS '25**

**ALIVE**

*Keynote Speaker*

*Musical Artist*

 Kathleen Higgins

 Josh Blakesley Band

Saturday, October 4, 2025  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
3500 Fairfield Ave, Shreveport

Register with your parish youth minister  
Thank you to all our sponsors!




Youth are invited to participate in planning the Diocesan Youth Summit! The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will be made up of 10th-12th graders in the Shreveport Diocese and give the youth the opportunity to plan the event they want to have - prayers, skits, games, and more. If you're interested, scan the QR code and sign up! There will also be an Adult Advisory Council to assist the youth in the planning process.



**Applications will be accepted until  
July 26, 2025**



### *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!



### **Ascension**

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.**

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 318-310-4008 or Fr. Kevin at the Church Office 318-255-2870.**

**St. Thomas Aquinas has had a wonderful season of first sacraments and receiving new members at the Easter Vigil. Scan the codes below to access photos of these events!**

### *EASTER VIGIL*



### *FIRST COMMUNION*



**P.S. - Confirmation photos will be available soon!**



## BEING CATHOLIC

at Louisiana Tech University

### Seventh 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.

Over the summer, some students will stay in town, and many students will be back for Freshman Orientation. Please see our schedule of Orientation sessions.

We can't wait to see you all again this fall!

#### Orientation Dates

Session 1: June 11-13

Session 2: June 25-27

Session 3: July 9-11

Session 4: July 23-25



### ST. LUCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### Mass Intentions Seventh Sunday of Easter, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Lorraine Castille +  
(by Ike & Sue Nomey)

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

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#### Lectors

June 1 - Randy Buller

June 8 - Rex Johnson

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

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#### STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection

May 18<sup>th</sup> - \$337

May 25<sup>th</sup> - TBA

*Thank you for continued and generous support!*

#### College Ministry Financials through 03/31/2025

	Jan - Mar Quarter	Jul - Mar YTD
General Support	4,533	20,618
Catholic Extension Grant	6,250	18,750
Fundraising / Operating	3,251	6,548
<b>Income</b>	<b>14,034</b>	<b>45,916</b>
Ministers & Staff	19,831	58,881
Meetings & Programming	2,159	6,250
Office & Administrative	1,546	1,700
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>23,536</b>	<b>66,831</b>
<b>Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>(9,502)</b>	<b>(20,915)</b>

#### St Thomas Church Financials through 03/31/2025

	Jan - Mar Quarter	Jul - Mar YTD
Parish Support	151,183	439,619
Fundraising / Operating Revenues	12,566	39,889
<b>Income</b>	<b>163,749</b>	<b>479,508</b>
Clergy & Staff	42,785	121,728
Utilities & Maintenance	29,920	98,252
Insurance	11,170	72,248
Liturgy	5,148	19,820
Religious Education	868	5,556
Ministry Expense	2,153	6,261
Office & Administrative	3,275	10,105
Diocesan Assessment & Taxes	24,972	75,051
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>120,291</b>	<b>409,021</b>
<b>Surplus or (Deficit)</b>	<b>43,458</b>	<b>70,487</b>


Thank you for generous support. It allows us to go beyond paying the bills and God willing, your continued support will allow us to consider additional maintenance projects and facility upgrades.





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Diocese of Shreveport

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## 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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The Catholic Diocese of Shreveport

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

**2025 Lenten Pilgrimage Route**



2025 Jubilee Year  
Diocese of Shreveport  
Pilgrimage Route



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