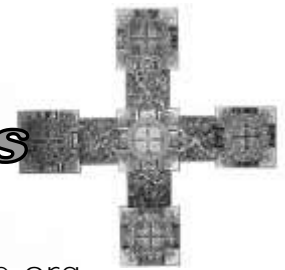




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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5p
Sunday: 10:30a & 7p
Mon. & Wed.: 12:15p
Tuesday: 7p
(during regular semester)
Thursday: 8a
First Saturday: 10a

Reconciliation:

1/2 hour before every Mass and
by appointment

Adoration:

First Saturday: 9a
Tuesday: 6p
(during regular semester)

Regular Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p
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Readings for the Week:

1/22: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
1/23: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30
1/24: 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mark 3:31-35
1/25: Acts 22:3-16; Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18
1/26: 2 Timothy 1:1-8; Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:21-25
1/27: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34
1/28: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17, Mark 4:35-41
1/29: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28
1/30: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

1/31: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3;
Mark 5:21-43
2/1: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6
2/2: Malachi 4:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40
2/3: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29
2/4: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

*We invited to spend prayerful
time reflecting in the Scriptures.*



January 22, 2012

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

In the gospels for the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Ordinary Time, we have an interesting contrast between Jesus' calling of the apostles to be "fishers of men" and the first exorcism of His public ministry. Take note of Jesus' reaction to these events and what others do after their encounter with Him.

In the calling of the apostles from their nets to a "new kind of fishing," we do not get the impression that Peter, Andrew, James, and John know a lot about Jesus. Jesus is simply walking along the shore preaching the Gospel. He comes upon them, calls them into His service. They listen, obey, follow Him, and their lives are forever changed.

In the exorcism we read about on the 4th Sunday, the possessed man seems to "know" Jesus; yet, is rebuked by Jesus for his "knowledge." Jesus recognizes the evil source of that knowledge, tells it to be quiet, and orders it to leave. The demon obeys, but will never follow the Lord.

So, whether we recognize Jesus or not, whether we are obey Him or not, does not make us any different than the demons. The key is will we *continue* to obey Him and follow Him. May each of us listen to the call of the Lord in our hearts not just once, but always!

Peace,
Fr. Joey

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is a personal parish established to provide a Christian environment to the students, faculty and staff of Nicholls State University. Our community is blessed by local families who have joined our church, bringing their gifts and talents to build a vibrant and life-giving assembly. Together we seek to Promote the Gospel, advance an inclusive setting where diversity is welcomed and respected, encourage participation and dialog from all, and serve as a leader in merging the ideals of campus ministry and the parish faith community through the sharing of Christian values.

We stand committed to support and encourage one another in the love of Christ, and to carry the presence of Christ to this university and all the world. May it be said of us as it was said of the early Church, **"See how they love one another."**

MASS INTENTIONS

January 21

Emile Roques, Jr., Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin,
Joseph Robinson, Sam and Lucille Rodrigue

January 22

Terry Mauer, Jr., Deanna Falcon, Carol Kerne, James and
Violet Chiasson

January 23

Geralyn Dunckelman, Stephen and Mary T. Kees

January 25

Mary M Danos, Sal Marcello Fly

January 26

Leroy Percle, Mary Jo Kees, Pookie Bourgeois

January 28

Angela Montet, Dennis Perk, Sr., Lena Benoit

January 29

Terry Mauer, Jr., J. Van Beary, Jr., Donald Toups, Sr.,
Henry Smith, Evelyn Myers, Larry Granier, Archbishop
Phillip Hannan, Ricky Benoit, Linley Collins, Frank &
Azelda Musso, Athos Giacchetti, Nora O'Connell, Ethan
Kees

January 30

Stephen and Mary T. Kees

January 31

Denise and Karl Kerne

February 2

Paul Blaise Kerne

2012-2013 Confirmation and CCD Registration

will begin February 1. All current students will receive
packets in class. **"NEW" students and parishioners with Catholic
school students entering 2nd, 10th, or 11th grades are welcome to
pick up applications in the back of the Chapel or on the website.**

Spirituality February 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7, 14
6:30-8:45p
with Mr. Vince Scozzari Pastoral Center Conference Hall
\$20 for all sessions



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January 21-22



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Friday, January 20
St. Thomas Café

Pre-registration required
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From what God has given, you have shared...

Weekly Collection	December 31- January 1	January 7-8
Loose	\$2300.74	\$1478.45
Envelopes	\$8410.00	\$3673.00
TOTAL	\$10610.74	\$5156.45

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese,
Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley,
Johanna Crawford, Mia Chiasson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder,
Mike Zimmerman, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, Lorraine and Marco
Bourgeois, Virgie Guidry, Mary Duplantis, Francis Bolten Dumez,
Kitty Ockmond, Serena Baudoin, Chavonne Guidry, Amy Langford,
Jane Pitre, Gail Boucigard, Michelle Allemand Rupp, Aaron Melvin Fly.,
Dena Peltier, Yvette Cabello, Robin Ford, Joseph Louviere,
Christy Labat, Lester Thibodaux & Rose Dunckelman.

To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.

Are you being called to lead our children?

Children's liturgy (10:30a Mass) is in need of more
teachers for the Spring schedule. If you are
interested, please call Melissa at 859.9559. You
must have/obtain a current Safe Environment status.

The Bayou Catholic is
changing formats to a monthly
magazine starting next month.
If you were previously
receiving the mailing, that has
now stopped. New issues will be placed in magazine racks in the
Café starting this February.



an introduction to the
devout life



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

February 15, 29

March 7, 14, 21, 29

Call Cynthia at 446.6201 to
register. Books are \$11 each.

A six-week study of the teachings of
St. Frances de Sales by Rev. Joseph Pilola.

Seder Meal, April 04, 6:30p, Café, Call 446.6201 to register.

CCD NEWS

February 1: 2012-2013 Confirmation and CCD
Registration begins
February 5 & 12: No 9th-11th Confirmation Classes
February 19-21: Mardi Gras Break—No Classes!
February 27-April 2: Catholic School First
Communicants join 2nd Grade CCD Class
March 24: Mandatory Bishop's Retreat
9a-3p, Christ the Redeemer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 <i>Special Collection for the Church in Latin America</i> 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass ABA EDUCATION WEEKEND	23 12:15p Mass 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th gr.)	24 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass <i>Tuesdays with Thomas</i>	25 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	26 8a Mass	27 Woman of God Conference, Pastoral Center LCCS Conference	28 <i>Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas</i> Woman of God Conference, Pastoral Center 5p Mass <i>Pennies for Priests Bake Sale</i> LCCS Conference ABA COMMITMENT WEEKEND
29 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass <i>Pennies for Priests Bake Sale</i> LCCS Conference ABA COMMITMENT WEEKEND	30 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th gr.)	31 10a Women's Bible Study 11a Not On Bread Alone 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass <i>Tuesdays with Thomas</i> 6:30p Prayer & Song Series, Lumen Christi	February 01 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 2012-2013 Confirmation and CCD Registration begins	02 8a Mass	03	04 5p Mass

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- February 7: Man of God Gathering, Pastoral Center
- February 15: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- February 21: Happy Mardi Gras! Office Closed
- February 22: Ash Wednesday Masses 6a, 12:15p, 7p
- February 22: Ash Wednesday; Office Closed
- February 24-26: Awakening #31 Retreat
- February 29: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- March 2-3: Man of God Conference, Pastoral Center
- March 07: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- March 14: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- March 20: Woman of God Gathering
- March 21: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- March 28: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café**
- April 04: Seder Meal, 6:30p, Café, Call 446.6201 to register**

YOUR GIFT STRENGTHENS *Commitment Weekend 2012*

The Annual Bishop's Appeal is here again! When you offer a gift of prayer or monetary donation to the ABA, 100% of your gift stays in Our Diocese to strengthen *your* parish, *your* community, and *yourself*.

You are asked to prayerfully consider making a commitment to help support the over 20 different Diocesan ministries affected by the ABA. Please return the personalized commitment card (which you received in your home mail) in the collection on January 28-29 or use the provided envelopes to mail it in to the Diocese.

St. Thomas has had the largest percentage of active participation in the Diocese the past few years. Thank you for your gift of generosity. OUR ESTABLISHED PARISH GOAL FOR 2012 IS \$15,000(DIOCESAN GOAL \$875,000) IN PAID COMMITMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

If you would like additional information, please visit WWW.HTSTEWARDSHIP.ORG



Ecumenical Prayer Service in honor of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**

Sunday, January 22 3p. St. Luke

	January 21, 5P	January 22, 10:30A	January 22, 7P	January 28, 5P	January 29, 10:30A	January 29, 7P
Commentator	Emily Waguespack	Sue Blanchard	Volunteer	Merwyn Melvin	Debbie Reulet	Rebecca Templeton
Word 1	Christine Graham	Sarah Kees	Rebecca Templeton	Mike Sobert	Ben Roth	Mitch Chiasson
Word 2	Jenna Graham	Connie Daigle	Pamela Barker	Lionel Adams	Jerry Barbera	Joseph Joseph
Body 1	Lionel Adams	Bill Duncelman	Bill Duncelman	Michelle Garrad	Bill Duncelman	Bill Duncelman
Body 2		Alice Ledet	Lisa Chiasson		Sandra Clement	Joy Martinez
Blood 1	Mike Sobert	Mary Jo Kees	Stephanie Ordoyne	Louise Melvin	Linda Oncale	Lisa Chiasson
Blood 2	Charles Caillouet	Eve Evans	Wade Rodrigue	Gretchen Caillouet	Violet Chiasson	Brian Bartell
Blood 3		Ricky Blanchard	Volunteer		Bert Andry	Sally Sobert
Blood 4		Bert Andry	Volunteer		Eve Evans	Mary T. Kees
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