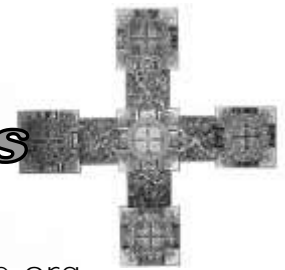




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Mass Schedule

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

Eucharistic 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:

2/5: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mark 1:29-39

2/6: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56

2/7: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13

2/8: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23

2/9: 1 Kings 1:4-13; Mark 7:24-30

2/10: 1 Kings 11:29-32, 12:19; Mark 7:31-27

2/11: 1 Kings 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10

2/12: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-
11:1; Mark 1:40-45

2/13: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

2/14: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

2/15: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26

2/16: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33

2/17: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34-9:1

2/18: James 3:1-10; Mark 2:2-13

*As we prepare for the season of
Lent, we invited to spend
prayerful time reflecting in the
Scriptures.*



February 5, 2012

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

In the Gospels for both the 4th and 5th Sundays of Ordinary Time, we have heard of demonic possession. For many people, this is a scary topic. Some of our **“modern thought” is to excuse as the “primitive superstition of times past. The Church wants us to know that the evil spirits do exist. They are not an invention of early society who didn’t understand mental illness or some physical disorder. Evil is not just a result of bad ‘choices or a ‘lack of education. There is an ancient enemy of God and everything that is good. It is not God’s equal though it thinks it is.** In its hate of God, it tries to disrupt everything that is good, right, and just.

Because all human beings are made in the image & likeness of God, it hates us, too. It cannot make us *do* evil, but it knows us so well it plays on our weaknesses and inner desires to tempt us into doing evil thereby sinning against God. It has an influence over humanity because of the effects of the Original Sin of Adam and Eve. The Scriptures tell us because we sin, death has entered our world.

Jesus has overcome sin & death by his death on the Cross. In his lifetime on earth, Jesus had power over all demonic influence – when he was tempted in the desert and when it actually possessed others. Jesus is alive and well and still **acting on our behalf. Should we be afraid of ‘demons’? Hey, we got Jesus! We should, however, be aware of how dangerous evil is and avoid it like we would a wild animal that would have us for dinner. Be good. Don’t worry. Stay with Jesus and live forever!**

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

February 4: Emile Roques, Jr., Dominic Battaglia, James Gregory
 February 5: Terry Mauer, Jr., Russel & Ruth Chiasson, Marcello fly, Frank & Azelda Musso, Antoine & Vivian Faucheux & fly., Dylan Cortez
 February 6: Therese Gaubert
 February 9: Craig and Mary Jo Kees
 February 10: Guy Legendre, Alcee & Irma Babin
 February 11: Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Sam and Lucille Rodrigue, Dennis Perk, Sr., Leah Michelle Ray & fly.
 February 12: Terry Mauer, Jr, Alton A. Landry, Charles Musso fly.
 February 13: Wayne Toups, Benjamin Lehnertz
 February 14: Jared Kees, Nicholas Joseph Falterman & fly., James & Jean Timmons & fly.
 February 16: Gay Lawrence

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

February 05...Eve Evans & Noella Landreneau
 February 12...Wendy Babin & Dee Dee Broussard

2012-2013 Confirmation and CCD Registration

is currently underway. All current students received 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.**



ATTENTION 5p Parishioners!

The Krewe of Ambrosia will roll starting a 5:30p on Saturday, February 11. We will still have 5p Mass that evening. Please be aware of the parade when planning what time you arrive for Mass and where you park. The parking lots along Audubon will be off-limits.

CAMPUS MINISTRY February Events

CORNER

- 02...Key Dispositions, 1p
- 07...Tuesdays with Thomas, 6-8p
- 08...Movie Nite—Courageous, 7p
- 09...Key Dispositions, 7p
- 14...Adoration 7a-7p; Tuesdays with Thomas, 6-8p
- 14...Valentine's Day Dinner, 8p**
- 15...Introduction to the Devout Life, 6:30p
- 16...Pizza Study, 11a-1p; Key Dispositions, 7p
- 24-26...Colonel Awakening Retreat #31
- 28: Not On Bread Alone, 11a-1p
- 29: Introduction to the Devout Life, 6:30p

From what God has given, you have shared...

| Weekly Collection | January 15-16 | January 22-23 | Church in Latin America |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| Loose | \$2731.00 | \$1875.00 | \$598.70 |
| Envelopes | \$1454.03 | \$2976.00 | \$694.00 |
| TOTAL | \$4185.03 | \$4851.00 | \$1292.70 |

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

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

an introduction to the *devout life*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

February 15, 29 March 7, 14, 21, 29
 Call Cynthia at 446.6201 to register.

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

Have you returned *your* commitment card yet?

YOUR GIFT STRENGTHENS—The Annual Bishop's Appeal is still going strong! If you have not done so yet, 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 any weekend collection 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 for 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.

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



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Ash Wednesday Masses

Wednesday, February 22 6a, 12:15p, 7p

CCD NEWS

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 |
|---|--|---|---|---|-----------|---|
| 05 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> NO 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass ABA FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND | 06 12:15p Mass 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th gr.) | 07 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass <i>Tuesdays with Thomas</i> Man of God Gathering, Pastoral Center | 08 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 7p Movie Nite— Courageous | 09 8a Mass | 10 | 11 All parking along Audubon (including the back lot) will be UNAVAILABLE! 5p Mass 5:30p Krewe of Ambrosia ABA THANK YOU WEEKEND |
| 12 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> Krewe of Shaka NO 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass ABA THANK YOU WEEKEND | 13 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th gr.) | 14 7a-7p All Day Eucharistic Adoration 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Mass 8p Valentine's Day Dinner <i>Tuesdays with Thomas</i> | 15 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 6:30p Introduction to the Devout Life #1 | 16 8a Mass 11a-1p Pizza Study 7p Key Dispositions | 17 | 18 5p Mass |

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

February 21: Happy Mardi Gras! Office Closed
 February 22: Ash Wednesday—Masses 6a, 12:15p, 7p
 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 17: Male Spirituality for Women ONLY, 10a-2p
 March 19: St. Joseph's Altar
 March 20: Woman of God Gathering
March 21: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café
 March 24: Introduction to Jesuit Spirituality, 10a-2p
 March 26: First Reconciliation Retreat, 5:30p
March 28: Introduction to the Devout Life Course, 6:30p, Café

What is YOUR role in the New Evangelization?

2012 has been declared the Year of New Evangelization in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

Blessed John Paul II, who coined the expression, said that it is a commitment for bishops, priests, and faithful to face the world in which we live with "... a new evangelization; new in ardor, methods and expression." This is a call to see the world differently, to change our minds and it is an appeal to the heart. *The mission of Jesus is now in our hands and its proclamation now depends on what we do with it. We are the Church and our world awaits the Gospel which we will bring.*

- **Invite someone to Mass or Bible Study.** Call them. Pay them an unexpected visit. Set up a Facebook Event or use Twitter.
- **Put a Christian Bumper Sticker on your car.** There is an unlimited number of people who will see the stickers each day.
- **Witness with what you wear.** Dress with modesty. Wearing a Christian T-shirt helps you minister without words.
- **Don't be afraid to share your faith at any time or in any circumstance.** You never know when simple sharing can change a life.
- **Go on a prayer walk through your neighborhood.** Say the Rosary or a Chaplet for your friends and neighbors. Invite them to join in.
- **Live a life that pleases God.** We live in the world, but we shouldn't be as the world. Let people see the difference in your life!



Spend Valentine's with the One Who Loves You BEST!
 All Day Eucharistic Adoration available
 Tuesday, February 14 7a-7p

| | February 4, 5P | February 5, 10:30A | February 5, 7P | February 11, 5P | February 12, 10:30A | February 12, 7P |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Commentator | Mike Sobert | Jerry Barbera | Volunteer | Scott Beslin | Sheila Plater | Rebecca Templeton |
| Word 1 | Kevin LeBoeuf | Sheila Plater | Bonnie Bourg | Louise Melvin | Sarah Kees | Wade Rodrigue |
| Word 2 | Richard David | Ben Roth | Mary Cavalier | Elizabeth Garrad | Connie Daigle | Sally Sobert |
| Body 1 | Gretchen Caillouet | Bill Dunckelman | Bill Dunckelman | Emily Waguespack | Bill Dunckelman | Bill Dunckelman |
| Body 2 | | Violet Chiasson | Lisa Chiasson | | Mary Jo Kees | Joy Martinez |
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| Blood 2 | Louise Melvin | Sandra Clement | Volunteer | Mike Sobert | Sue Blanchard | Lisa Chiasson |
| Blood 3 | | Loretta Andry | Erin White | | Ricky Blanchard | David Boudreaux |
| Blood 4 | | Mary Jo Kees | Loyd Nuesslein | | Alice Ledet | Lynette Boudreaux |
| Altar Servers | Elizabeth Garrad | Robby Loupe Brandon Scelfo | Volunteer Volunteer | Lionel Adams | Joey Loupe Madison Viosca | Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot |


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