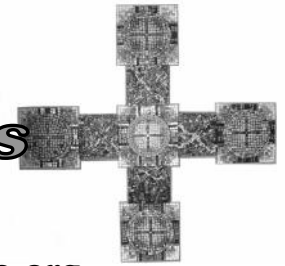




# Community of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Newsletter



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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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**In Case of Emergency:**

446-4389 Answering Service

**Facebook Groups:**

St Thomas Aquinas Campus Ministry  
The Community of St. Thomas Aquinas CCD

**Readings for the Week:**

7/24: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30;  
Matthew 13:44-52

7/25: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28

7/26: Sirach 44:1, 10-15; Matthew 13:16-17

7/27: Exodus 34:29-35; Matthew 13:44-46

7/28: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Matthew 13:47-53

7/29: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37;

John 11:19-27; Luke 10:38-42

7/30: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Matthew 14:1-12

7/31: Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35:37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

8/1: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:22-36

8/2: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36

8/3: Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35;  
Matthew 15: 21-28

8/4: Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23

8/5: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28

8/6: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19;

Matthew 17:1-9

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



July 24, 2011

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we move through the Sundays of Ordinary time, keep in mind the different lessons presented to us through the Gospels are meant for our regular Spiritual Growth. In a way, this is why the regular color of this season is green.

The Gospel for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday reminded us that while there are good and bad people even in the midst of the field of the Lord, the Lord will judge them at the end of all time. But notice the advice of the householder when the servants want to pull the weeds up from among the good plants. 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. let them grow together until harvest; then I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning but gather the wheat into my barn." Why doesn't God act more quickly to the evil in the midst of our communities and families? Perhaps, He is watching out for us and knows the evil present, but He wants to make sure the innocent are safe. In the following parable Jesus states, "The kingdom of God is like a small mustard seed that grows into the largest of shrubs." He also uses the image, "The kingdom of God is like yeast which makes all the bread dough to rise." It seems the good are destined to flourish by the Grace of God and the evil are to be ultimately destroyed.

The Gospel for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday tells us the same with a different image. "The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away." (I hope God is either Filipino or Cajun – neither throw much away when it comes to food. It's all good!) May we all be chosen by the Lord.

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

**July 23:** Alaina Buteau & Fly, Emile Roques, Jr., Samuel A. "Buddy" Montero, Jr.

**July 24:** Linley Collins, Frank & Azelda Musso, Antoine Roger, Vivian Faucheux & fly., Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr., Wilson Voisin, Sr.

**July 25:** Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, fly., Souls in Purgatory

**July 27:** Cody Buteau & Fly

**July 28:** Matthew Marcello, Erin Coleman

**July 30:** Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr., J. Van Beary, Jr., Donald A. Toups Sr., Angela Montet, Dennis Perk, Sr.

**July 31:** The Medjugorje pilgrims, Karl and Denise Kerne

**August 1:** David & Nancy Smith, Beverly Ray & fly., Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr.

**August 3:** Jacob Marcello, Andy Poret, Lafourche Parish teachers, staff, and students

**August 4:** Melissa Babin Riche & Taylor, Lafourche Parish teachers, staff, and students

## **EMERGENCY HOMEOWNERS' LOAN PROGRAM**

Is a program to help homeowners at risk of foreclosure. The pre-application worksheet deadline is **Friday, July 22** for more info go to [www.FindEHL.org](http://www.FindEHL.org) or call 1-855-FIND-EHLP.

## **Married Couples Retreat September 17-18 St. Joseph's Abbey**

Visit [www.faithandmarriage.org](http://www.faithandmarriage.org) for more information.

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

Weekly Collection	July 2-3	July 9-10
Loose	\$1077.02	\$2016.57
Envelopes	\$3233.00	\$4126.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4310.02</b>	<b>\$6142.57</b>



*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, Courtney Pierce, Amy Langford, Jane Pitre, Gail Boucigard, Michelle Allemand Rupp, Aaron Melvin Fly., Dena Peltier, Yvette Cabello, Jane Andry Soulant, Robin Ford, & Deanna Falcon.  
 To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.

### **Discovering God's Glorious Plan for YOUR Life**



*Harang Auditorium 310 North Canal Blvd.*

**An Inspiration Evening with Christopher West & Mike Mangione**  
 Fri, Aug. 5 6:30p *Must be at least 17 years old*

**Married Couples Conference with Christopher West & Most Reverend Sam G. Jacobs**  
 Saturday, August 6 8:30a-5:30p

**Register at [www.htdiocese.org/co](http://www.htdiocese.org/co)**



**Monday, August 15**

**Feast of the Assumption**

The Holy Day of Obligation is set aside because the feast falls on a Monday.



**We invite you to share...**

*time, talent, & treasure*

**ministry sign-up forms are available at each entrance to the Church and Online at <http://stthomasthibodaux.org/stewardship>**



**Novena in Honor of St. Anne**

**July 17-26 6:30 p**

**Calvary Grotto, St. Joseph Cemetery**

**Mass followed by prayers and meditation**


We welcome all of our teachers and students for the 2011-2012 religious education year.

**Classes begin August 7, 8, and 9**

1st-4th Mondays 5:30-6:45p 5th-8th Tuesdays  
 9th-11th Sundays 5-6:45p



**Back to School Dance details coming soon!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy 7p Mass	25 12:15p Mass	26	27 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	28 8a Mass	29	30 5p Mass
<b>St. Anne Novena, Calvary Grotto, St. Joseph Cemetery</b>						
31 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy 7p Mass	August 01 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep	02	03 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	04 8a Mass	05  First Day of School, Lafourche Parish Schools 6:30p An Inspirational Evening w/ Christopher West, Harang Auditorium (Thibodaux Civic Center)	06 9a First Saturday Devotions 8:30a Married Couples Conference w/ Christopher West, Harang Aud. (Thibodaux Civic Center) 5p Mass

### Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- August 7-9: 2011-2012 Confirmation/CCD begins
- August 11: SHARE Divorced and Separated Group, 6:30p
- August 13: Man of God Mini-conference
- August 17: Nicholls classes resume
- August 22-26: aNEW Experience, St. Ann Bourg 7-9p
- August 25: Campus Ministry Welcome Back Week
- August 25: SHARE Divorced and Separated Group, 6:30p
- August 27: Woman of God Mini-conference

### Have you tried ?



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#### Prayer for a New School Year

Father,  
We thank you for the opportunity to begin a new school year and we ask that you bless the teachers, the students, and their families. We pray that you will guide us in all ways, and that we will seek your will in everything that we do. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Amen.

### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!!!

Servers have to have made their first communion. Contact the Office at 446-6201 for more info!



The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration is held every year in October honoring all married couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and more years of marriage. Anniversaries will also be celebrated in the church parish.

If your family is celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage, visit <http://stthomasthibodaux.org/anniversaries> or contact Cynthia at 446-6201 to register for this event by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 12.**

#### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Prayer Service



Sunday, October 9, 2011 • 2pm  
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral

	July 23 5P	July 24, 10:30A	July 24, 7P	July 30, 5P	July 31, 10:30A	July 31, 7P
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Mike Sobert	Brandie Toups	Mary Cavalier	Emily Waguespack	Sue Blanchard	Rebecca Templeton
<b>WORD 1</b>	Kevin LeBoeuf	Ben Roth	Sally Sobert	Richard David	Sarah Kees	Mitch Chiasson
<b>WORD 2</b>	Emily Waguespack	Jerry Barbera	Beth Marcello	Jenna Graham	Connie Daigle	Joseph Joseph
<b>BODY 1</b>	Gene Roth	Bill Dunckelman	Bill Dunckelman	Lionel Adams	Bill Dunckelman	Bill Dunckelman
<b>BODY 2</b>		Alice Ledet	Lisa Chiasson		Alice Ledet	Joy Martinez
<b>BLOOD 1</b>	Michelle Garrard	Linda Oncale	David Boudreaux	Charles Caillouet	Mary Jo Kees	Lisa Chiasson
<b>BLOOD 2</b>	Louise Melvin	Sandra Clement	Lynette Boudreaux	Gretchen Caillouet	Robin Lopez	Brian Bartell
<b>BLOOD 3</b>		Loretta Andry	Bobbie McDonald		Ricky Blanchard	Sally Sobert
<b>BLOOD 4</b>		Eve Evans	Loyd Nuesslein		Bert Andry	Mary T. Kees
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