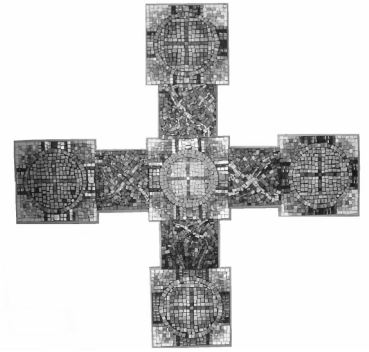


# Community of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Newsletter



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Volume 41, No. 48 All Saints Day and the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 1-8, 2009

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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5p  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a & 7p  
**Mon. & Wed.:** 12:15p  
**Tuesday:** 7p following  
Adoration 6:30p  
(NSU regular session)  
**Thursday:** 8a  
**First Saturday:** 10a  
following Adoration 9a

Reconciliation for 1/2 hour  
before every Mass.

**Regular Office hours:**

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p  
and by appointment

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November 1, 2009

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas  
Community,

The Gospel for All Saints Day is the Beatitudes. They begin "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." A good illustration for the reason why they are 'blessed' may be found in following Sunday's gospel. "A poor widow also came [to the treasury] and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself he said to them, "amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Just 'being poor' is not the 'blessing.' I have seen the 'ugliness' of the 'envy of the poor.' It bears the same look as the 'greed of the rich.' Both bear the sin against the 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment, "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods." In simple words, its wanting what is NOT YOURS. The 'poor in spirit,' however, have a dependence upon God for all things. They do not look upon their neighbor and, out of jealousy, curse what they have or have not. No. They look to God for their life and livelihood. This is the blessing of the 'poor in spirit.'

As we come to the end of the Church year, we are reminded to turn to God

A.) for all that has been

B.) for all that will be.

Trust in God. He will not disappoint you.

God bless you,

Fr. Joey

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR ANGEL TREE

Gift suggestions:

**1.5 year old:** crib toys, rattles, musical toys, soft balls, play phones, play dishes, pull toys

**Ages 2-4 Boys:** mega blocks, farm sets, games

**Ages 2-4 Girls:** bath toys, toy dishes, blocks, games, mega blocks, dress-up clothes

**Ages 5-8 Boys:** Lincoln logs, remote cars, walkie talkies, games, hot wheels

**Ages 5-8 Girls:** dress-up clothes, games, sticker fun, dishes, broom sets, hop scotch, chalk

**Ages 9-12 Boys:** remote cars, plane or car kits, games, remote sports

**Ages 9-12 Girls:** bead kits, art set, hair care kits, purses, jewelry kits, crafts, games

**Ages 13 and up Boys:** watches, electronic sport games, radios

**Ages 13 and up Girls:** purses, jewelry, craft kits, watches, radios, jewelry boxes

## Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree will be set up in the back of church. Take an ornament. Each ornament has the age and gender of a needy child. Please purchase and wrap a gift for that child. All gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 13th. The ornament becomes a tag for the gift. Thank you to all who participate.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**October 31:** Marie Meacham, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Clyde & Michael Dennis, Warren J. Harang, Jr., Louis Fakier, St. Pierre & Durocher flies., Scott Naquin, Nora T. Shaw, Philip Naquin, Dennis Perk, Sr. Angela Montet, Frank Hidalgo, Leo Bonvillain Fly, Luke Chaisson Fly, Merlin Stevens

**November 1:** Ben King, Janice Thiac, Laura Lee Thiac, Helen Feldman, Angela Montet, Emma Louise Brandt Elston, Jacques Griffin, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Byron Thiac, Wade Ledet, Ledet & Raymond flies, Alfred Rodrigue, Jr., Vicki Morgan, Heloise & Joseph Salassi, Juanita Diaz

**November 2:** George Blanchard, Wade Ledet, Helen Feldman, Patrick O'Reilly, Lucien Simpson, Fr. Edward Ramagosa, S.J., Matt Grundon, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Alfred, Therese', & Erkle Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack, Mershal Chapman, Shirley Breaux, Rudolph Sandolph, Sr., Guy Legendre, Irma & Alcee Babin, JoAnn Stabile, Mrs. Ernestine Ellender

**November 4:** Joseph LaRose, Jr., James Crandall & fly.

**November 5:** Graciella Mae Smith & fly.

**November 6:** Dr. Philip Rabalais

**November 7:** Marie Meacham, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Antoine Roger & Vivian Fauchaux fly, Warren J. Harang, Jr., Clyde & Michael Dennis, Roy Delaune, Wilma Henry, St. Pierre & Durocher flies., Philip Naquin, Guy Legendre, Irma & Alcee Babin, Anthony J. Rouse, David Reed, Mark & Wade Gravois, Ruby & Joe Gravois, Melba Boudreaux

**November 8:** Charles Musso, fly., Stephen Mule, Janice Thiac, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Vicki Morgan

**November 11:** Rebekah Ray & fly., All American Veterans and Service Men and Women

**November 12:** Clarence Durocher, Sr.

### Flower Memorials:

*Philip Rabalais, Ernest & Ernestine Ellender, Stephanie Maud, Bill Hackney, Stephen & Stephanie Schmedtje, Erexine & Raphael Rabalais, Corinne & Woodrow Defelice, Wilton Joseph Thibodaux, Margaret Charridy, M/M Ernest Howes, M/M Lionis Thibodaux & Fly, M/M John Charridy, M/M Kenneth Howes, Alfred, Therese, Erkle, & Fred Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack, M/M James Waguespack, Marlene Waguespack, Michael Grace Kees, Clarence J. Truxillo, Jr., M/M Frederick W. Brown, Aelvine & Edward Rodrigue, Ruby & Golbert Fauchaux, Zander Touns-Stivers, Frank Hidalgo, Mary Jane Bilello, Vicki Morgan, Terry Boudreaux, Ruth Marie Boudreaux, Horace Rodrigue, Sr., M/M Oliver Ordoyne, Donald A. Touns Sr, M/M Edwin J. Touns, Sr., Edwin J. Touns Jr., M/M John Van Beary, Sr., Mamie & Van Bourgeois, J. Van Beary Jr, Karl & Denise Kerne, Michael Grace Kees, Emile Roques, Nicholas Robertson, Heloise & Joseph Salassi, Juanita Diaz, M/M James Lynn Powell*

Weekly Collection	Oct 17-18	Mission Sunday	Philippines	October 24-25
Envelopes	\$2257.00	\$490.00	\$744.00	\$4155.00
Loose	\$1402.39	\$502.62		\$1479.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3659.39</b>	<b>\$992.62</b>	<b>\$744.00</b>	<b>\$5634.10</b>

**Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:**

Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese, Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Donna Ordoyne, Carol Richard, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin Gautier, Mia Chiasson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike Zimmerman, Grant Hebert, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, Lorraine and Marco Bourgeois, and Mrs. Verna Mae Jones.

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



**Time for a Change...  
Before going to bed on  
Sat., Oct. 31, set your clocks  
BACK one hour as Daylight  
Savings Time is ending!**

**Tuesday, November 3 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**



**Quality Hotel**  
210 S. Hollywood Rd., Houma  
Rev. Shenan Boquet, presenter  
**\$12 includes meal, drink, and tip**

**Morning of Renewal**  
**Saturday, November 7, 2009**  
**8 a.m.-noon**

Donations are \$10 each or \$15 per couple

Contact the St. John rectory at 447-3995.

## FALL RETREAT

Campus Ministry is hosting the Fall Retreat in Grand Isle from Fri., Nov. 6 at 7p to Sun., Nov. 8 at 10a.  
To register, contact Roch at 446-6201 X31 or roch@dumboxproductions.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>01</b> 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5-6:30p Conf. Class 7p Mass Class Mass (7th hosts)	<b>02</b> 12:15p Mass 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants	<b>03</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 11:30a, Food for the Journey 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p; 7p Adoration/ Mass 8p TOB Wk. 8	<b>04</b> 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 6p RCIA The Mass in Sign	<b>05</b> 8a Mass	<b>06</b> 7:30 a, Serra Club Mass, St. Charles Borromeo Awakening Retreat, Grand Isle	<b>07</b> 9-11 a, First Sat. Devotions (Fr. Todd) 5p Mass (Fr. Todd) Awakening Retreat, Grand Isle
<b>08</b> 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5-6:30p 9-11th Conf. Class 7p Mass	<b>09</b> 12:15p Prayer Service 2p Bulletin Committee 5:30-6:45p, CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants	<b>10</b> 10a <i>Cancelled-Women's Bible Study</i> 5:30-6:45p CCD 6:30p, 7p Adoration/ Prayer Service	<b>11</b> Deadline to turn in Christmas Card Designs 6a <i>Cancelled-Men's Bible Study</i> 12:15p Prayer Service 6p <i>Cancelled RCIA</i>	<b>12</b> 8a Prayer Service 7p, Open Mic Night	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9a Tailgating 5p Mass

**Children's Liturgy**



Volunteers are sought to lead the **Liturgy for Children** at the 10:30 mass on Sundays. For more information, contact the parish office. All volunteers must have/achieve current status on Safe Environment Training.

Nov. 1 ~ Noella/Dee Dee  
 Nov 8~ Lynda/DeeDee  
 Nov 13 DeeDee/Jan

**CCD NEWS**

Sunday, November 1  
**Class Mass, 7p**  
**9-11th must attend**  
**(7th Grade hosts)**

Tuesday, November 24  
**Mid-year CCD Teacher Adoration, Mass, and Meal, 6-9p, Chapel and Caf **

Saturday, November 21–  
 Sunday, November 22  
**11th Gr. Confirmation Retreat, Lumen Christi**

Sunday, November 29  
**10th Gr. Confirmation Retreat, St. Thomas**  
**12 noon-7p Class Mass (10th hosts)**



**Christmas Memorials**

will be accepted through Wed., Dec. 9 at noon. Please drop it in a weekend collection in a sealed envelope or come by the Office.



**Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

	Oct. 31, 5p	Nov. 1, 10:30a	Nov. 1, 7p	Nov. 7, 5p	Nov. 8, 10:30a	Nov. 8, 7p
Commentator	Ken Crochet	Charlene Melvin	CCD	Joel Champange	Jerry Barbera	Becky Yates
Word 1	Emily Waguespack	Ben Roth	CCD	Mike Sobert	Sarah Kees	Wade Rodrigue
Word 2	Joel Champange	Connie Daigle	CCD	Scott Beslin	Charlene Melvin	Mitch Chiasson
Body 1	Lionel Adams	Robin Lopez	Lisa Chiasson	Beth Folse	Jeff Daigle	Stephanie Ordoyne
Body 2		Alice Ledet	Josh Clement		Sandra Clement	Bonnie Bourg
Blood 1	Emily Adams	Linda Oncale	Dana Morvant	Emily Waguespack	Jared Lasserre	David Boudreaux
Blood 2	Mike Sobert	Renee Barrileaux	Bobbie McDonald	Michelle Garrad	Mary Jo Kees	Lynette Boudreaux
Blood 3		Loretta Andry	Erin White		Leslie Clement	Loyd Nuesslein
Blood 4		Jeff Daigle	Wade Rodrigue		Volunteer	Mary T. Kees
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Riley Piper	Jenna Graham	Elizabeth Garrad	Philip Roth	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot
Music Ministers	Pam Labat	Teddy Baudoin	Abundant Praise	Anne Savoie	Bobble Pitre and E.J. Toups	Abundant Praise

**PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF THE WORD**

O God, who calls us out of darkness into your own wonderful light, we owe you our thanks at all times. You satisfy the hunger in our hearts with the sweet nourishment of your Word. When we gather together in this Church you remind us again and again of your wondrous words and works. We pray that in this church we may listen to the voice of your Son, so that, responding to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we may not be hearers only but doers of your Word. Thus, we will walk in the ways of Christ, following him faithfully until we reach eternal life. Amen.

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