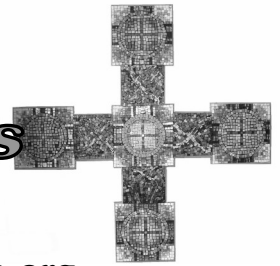




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Mass Schedule

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)

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Readings for the Week:

11/28: Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mat 24:37-44

11/29: Isa 4:2-6; Mat 8:5-11

11/30: Rom 10:9-18; Mat 4: 18-22

12/1: Isa 25:6-10a; Mat 15:29-37

12/2: Isa 26:1-6; Mat 7:21, 24-27

12/3: Isa 29:17-24; Mat 9:27-31

12/4: Isa 30:19-21, 23-26; Mat 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8



12/5: Isa 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9

12/6: Isa 6:1-8; Lk 10:1-9

12/7: Isa 40:1-11; Mat 18:12-14

12/8: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

12/9: Isa 41:13-20; Mat 11:11-15

12/10: Isa 48:17-19; Mat 11:16-19

12/11: Acts 20:17-18a, 28-32, 36; Jn 15:9-17

*We invite you to spend time reading
and reflecting in the Scriptures.*

November 28, 2010

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

As we begin this new Church Year, the readings for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent remind us that we must be ready at a moments notice for the coming of the Lord. While we do not know the day or the hour when we will see Jesus, we can know if we can meet Him with our head held high or hung in shame.

John the Baptist prepared the way before Jesus with a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Besides Our Lord, only Our Lady was Immaculately Conceived into this world. Before we recognize the need of Jesus as Savior, we have to acknowledge our sinfulness and our own personal weakness before God! This is where a lack of humility/ honesty before God will cause us to be surprised when God comes with the truth. This is the reason why some will hang their heads in shame before God. On the other hand, if we acknowledge our sinfulness/ weakness before God we will actually look forward to the Day of His Coming! Why? Because we will anxiously waiting for the Only One who can save us!

How is your soul before God? Are you prepared for what God will say?

God bless you,
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

November 27

Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo Naquin, J. Van Beary, Jr., Donald A. Touns Sr., Dr. Dale Naquin, M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, Ginga Monique Allen, Natalie Tudor, Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet, Carl King, Jr., Ruth Daigle King, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

November 28

Antoine Roger & fly, Vivian Fauchoux & fly., Linley J. Collins, Frank & Azelda Musso, Michael Dennis, Dorothy G. Gaubert, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

November 29

Sue Tabor, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne, M/M James Lynn Powell

November 30

David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

December 1

Geralyn Duncelman, Craig Kees, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

December 2

Fr. Joseph Pilola & fly., David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

December 4

Ida Edlefsen, M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, Dennis Perk, Sr., Angela Montet, Emile Roques, Jr., Hampton Ledet, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

December 5

Linley J. Collins, Frank & Azelda Musso, Dorothy G. Gaubert, Terry Mauer, Nathan Trepagnier, James Chiasson, Fr. Joseph Pilola, David Duplantis, Terri Matherne

December 8

Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet

December 9

Alfred and Therese Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack

Please join us in celebrating the Diaconate Ordination of Bill Duncelman Saturday, December 11 at 10a at St. Joseph Co-cathedral.

FINAL NIGHT of SEMESTER
 Houma Municipal Auditorium
 Wednesday, December 1 7-9p
ADORE

CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS DUE Monday, November 29 @ 3p

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

11/28/2010	THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/05/2010	Dee Dee Broussard & Elaine Falgoust
12/12/2010	Brandie Touns & Lynne Touns
12/19/2010	Amanda Morgan & Sarah Kees
12/26/2010	CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

Weekly Collection November 13-14		TOTAL	\$4052.65
Loose	\$1470.65	Envelopes	\$2582.00

Editor's Note: In the next several issues, the collection report will be reported one week later than usual.



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



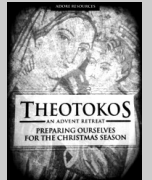
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday, December 7 ~ 7p; Adoration, Rosary and Confession, 6p
 Wednesday, December 8 ~ 6a followed by Men's Bible Study, 12:15p Mass

BRING YOUR BABY JESUS to Mass December 18-19 for the annual Blessing of the crèches!

Advent is a time to prepare. We are waiting for Him, for Christ, for the Messiah to come. Christmas isn't about a day - it's about a person. Christmas is about Christ. And, so we prepare - for Him. We prepare for the one who will show us the face of God.

Fr. Mark Touns has prepared an Advent retreat—Theotokos—which leads you to the stable in Bethlehem with the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.



Order from www.adoreworship.com for \$10 each.

10th Grade Confirmation Retreat Sunday, November 28 12 noon-7p

Wrapped Angel Tree Gifts Due weekend of December 11-12




CCD Teachers and Prayer Partners Christmas Dinner Tuesday, December 21, 7p Cafe



HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS	NEW YEAR'S
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Fri., DEC. 24 5P, 7P VIGIL	Sat., JAN. 1 10 A
Sat., DEC. 25 MIDNIGHT, 9A	(FIRST SATURDAY MASS)
THERE WILL BE NO 5P SUNDAY VIGIL.	OBIGATION IS SET ASIDE BECAUSE IT IS ON A SATURDAY.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 12 noon 10th gr. Confirmation Retreat 5p Conf. Class (9th, 11th) 7p Mass	29 12:15p Mass 3p Deadline to submit Christmas Mass Intentions 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th)	30 10a Women's Bible Study 11a NOBA 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th) 6p Adoration, Divine Mercy, and Reconciliation 7p Mass	December 01 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass Angel Tree Drive	02 8a Mass	03  Happy Birthday, Fr. Joeyl	04 9a First Sat. Devotions 5p Mass
05 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p Conf. Class (9th-11th) 7p Mass	06 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th)	07 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th) 6p Adoration, Rosary, and Reconciliation 7p <i>Immaculate</i> <i>Conception Vigil</i> Mass	08 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i> 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass Angel Tree Drive	09 8a Mass Campus Ministry Christmas Party	10	11 10a Diaconate Ordination of Bill Duncelman, St. Joseph 5p Mass SPECIAL COLLECTION <i>Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund</i> GIFTS DUE!!!

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

December 12: Angel Tree Gifts DUE!
 December 18-19: Blessing of the crèches;
 BRING YOUR BABY JESUS TO MASS!
 December 21: CCD Teachers and Prayer Partners Dinner,
 7p, Café
 December 23: Christmas Decorating following
 8a Mass; Office closes at noon
 December 24: Office closed, Christmas Vigil Mass 5p, 7p
 December 25: Christmas Masses—midnight, 9a
NO 5p Sunday Vigil
 December 26: Feast of the Holy Family Sunday Mass
 10:30a, 7p

*Give the Gift of Christmas to a child
 who has none ~ 2010 Angel Tree*

We invite you to please take an ornament from the Angel Tree that will be set up in the back of church from November 20-December 12. 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 12th. The ornament becomes a tag for the gift. Age appropriate gift suggestions can be found on the back counter of the Chapel.



**Traveling Relic Display of
 Our Lord's Life & Passion and 30 Saints**
Fri., Dec. 3: 10a, 6p
Sat., Dec. 4: 10a Sun., Dec. 5: 7p
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chackbay

All relics on display have official Church documentation for public veneration.
 A love offering will be collected. www.catholicsaintrelics.com

Christmas Floral Memorials are now available for donations of \$25 each. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews. They may be dropped in a weekend collection or brought by the Office. All memorials are due by December 12.



	November 27, 5P	November 28, 10:30A	November 28, 7P	December 4, 5P	December 5, 10:30A	December 5, 7P
Comm.	Kevin Leboeuf	Debbie Reulet	10 th Gr. Conf.	Mike Sobert	Sue Blanchard	Mitch Chiasson
Word 1 Word 2	Emily Waguespack Volunteer	Ben Roth Jerry Barbera	10 th Gr. Conf. 10 th Gr. Conf.	Richard David Scott Beslin	Sarah Kees Connie Daigle	Bonnie Bourg Mary Cavalier
Body 1 Body 2	Lionel Adams	Leslie Clement Sandra Clement	Joy Martinez Lisa Chiasson	Emily Waguespack	Alice Ledet Bill Duncelman	Mary T. Kees Kristen Hernandez
Blood 1 Blood 2 Blood 3 Blood 4	Michelle Garrad Gene Roth	Linda Oncale Violet Chiasson Loretta Andry Eve Evans	Bobbie McDonald Dana Morvant Kristi Badeaux volunteer	Emily Adams Elizabeth Perez	Mary Jo Kees Robin Lopez Ricky Blanchard Volunteer	Stephanie Ordoyne Jordan Hernandez Leslie Saia Ralph Saia
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Corey Shaw Tristan Duplass	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot	Elizabeth Garrad	Philip Roth Riley Piper	Volunteer Volunteer

Advent Wreath Prayers

contributed by Daria Sockey
<http://www.domestic-church.com/>
Week 1



Let us pray.

Stir up your might we beg you Lord, and come, so that we may escape through your protection and be saved by your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. *Amen.*

Week 2

Let us pray.

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the Same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*"Since God chose you to be the
 holy people He loves, you must
 clothe yourselves with
 tenderhearted mercy, kindness,
 humility, gentleness, and patience."*
 Colossians 3:12

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