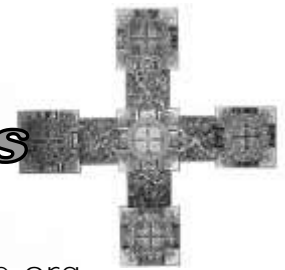




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Mass Schedule

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  
and by appointment

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## Readings for the Week:

12/11: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/12: Zechariah 2:14-17; Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a,  
10ab; Luke 1:26-47

12/13: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32

12/14: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23

12/15: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30

12/16: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8; John 5:33-36

12/17: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

12/18: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke 1:26-38

12/19: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

12/20: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-1:26-38

12/21: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

12/22: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

12/23: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

*We urge you all the more to "Prepare the Way" by  
Daily Scripture Reflection in  
preparation to more fully celebrate  
the Truth of "Word Made Flesh" at  
Christmas.*



December 11, 2011

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

John the Baptist & our Lady both prepare the way of the Lord. John the Baptist prepares humanity by calling them to 'repent,' 'make straight the way of the Lord.' God wants the quickest way into our hearts. Only by our freely opening our hearts & lives to God can we receive all that the Lord wants to give us. What God wants to give us the most is Himself.

This brings us to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She prepares the way of the Lord by her complete acceptance of what it means to be the Mother of God. She will first open up her whole life – not just her body – to the Will of God the Father. By the power of the Holy Spirit, then Jesus entered into her Heart & Life – and like the effect of all children – her life will never, ever be the same again. Still, through all the joyous, luminous, sorrowful, and ultimately glorious times of her life with Jesus, her only Son, she will say, "Yes! Let it be done to me according to your Word!"

May John the Baptist and Our Blessed Mother truly help us to 'prepare the Way' of the Lord into our own hearts & lives!

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

December 10: Paula Legendre, Alfred, Therese, Erkle,

Fred, Rose Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack

December 11: Charles Musso Family,

Geralyn Dunckelman, Lisa Gay Messersmith,

Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr.,

Terry Mauer, Jr., Patty Rodrigue

December 12: Gilbert Fauchoux

December 14: James Falterman Jr. & Fly.

December 15: Phil Timmons & Fly., Jacob Marcello

December 17: Angela Montet, Dennis Perk, Sr., Emile

Roques, Jr., Katherine Peggy Weiss Philiibert,

Eric David Leger

December 18: Linley Collins, Antoine Roger, Vivian

Fauchoux & Fly., Ben & Clara Breaux, Ernest

Thelma Ledet, Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce

Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry

Mauer, Jr., Gilbert Fauchoux

December 19: Wade Ledet, Avery Finney

December 21: Betsy Magee

December 22: Deanna Falcon



## BREATH OF HEAVEN

An outdoor Christmas musical  
 Sun. Dec 11 FREE TICKET  
 Sat. Dec 17 447-3675

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Christmas Floral Memorials are available for a donation of \$25 or more. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews.

## CCD NEWS

December 18-20: CLASSES STILL MEET!!!  
 December 25-January 4: Christmas Holidays  
 December 27: CCD Teachers & Prayer Partners Dinner

There will be NO 10:30a or 7p MASSES on Sunday, December 25. Merry Christmas!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!  
 Call Cynthia at 446.6201 to register. Books are \$11 each.

**an introduction to the**  
*devout life*

A six-week study of the teachings of St. Frances de Sales by Rev. Joseph Pilola.  
 Wednesdays - February 15-March 28 - 6:30-8:30p

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

12/11/2011 Sarah Kees & Windy Rachel  
 12/18/2011 Amy Bridges & Becky Thibodaux  
 12/25/2011 Christmas Holiday ~ NO CLASSES

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

Weekly Collection	November 19-20	Special Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 26-27
Loose	\$1625.80	\$239.14	\$2150.90
Envelopes	\$1812.00	\$461.00	\$2993.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3437.80</b>	<b>\$700.14</b>	<b>\$5143.90</b>

Online Giving November 2011: \$



### 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.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24 5p, 7p Vigil  
 Sunday, December 25 Midnight, 9a  
 No Sunday 10:30a, 7p masses



When doing your Christmas shopping, don't forget to stop by the Diocesan New Evangelization Outreach Booth at Southland Mall through December 23.

Anyone interested in lending a hand with this outreach, call Tim at 850-3135.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 24-25 supporting Diocesan Charities

BRING YOUR BABY JESUS to Mass

December 17-18

for the annual

**Blessing of the crèches!**



**It's beginning to look a lot like CHRISTMAS!**

Your help is needed to prepare the sanctuary for Christmas. Decorating will begin following 8 a.m. Mass on Thursday, December 22.

Families and Students needing service hours are strongly encouraged to help!

CCD Teachers & Prayer Partners Christmas Dinner  
**Tuesday, December 27, 7p Cafe**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass	<b>12</b> 12:15p Mass 3p Christmas Mass Intentions Due 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th grade)	<b>13</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass <i>Christmas Floral                      Memorials Deadline</i>	<b>14</b> 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	<b>15</b> 8a Mass	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5p Mass
<b>18</b> 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass	<b>19</b> 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th grade)	<b>20</b> 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass	<b>21</b> 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	<b>22</b> 8a Mass 9:30a Christmas Decorating <i>Come earn                      service hours!</i> 6:30p SHARE Group  Office closes at noon!	<b>23</b>          OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b> 5p Christmas Vigil Mass 7p Christmas Vigil Mass  O Come Let Us Adore Him!

**Upcoming Dates To Remember:**  
 December 22-Office closes at noon  
 December 23, 26, 30- Office Closed  
 December 27, 28, 29- Office closes at noon  
 December 24: Christmas Vigil Masses 5p, 7p  
 December 25: Christmas Masses, 12 midnight, 9a  
 ~ No 10:30a or 7p Masses ~  
 December 25-January 3: No Confirmation/CCD Classes  
 December 27: CCD Teachers/Prayer Partners Dinner, 7p

**Have you returned your Angel Tree Gift?  
 Angel Tree gifts are due back to  
 St. Thomas by December 7.**

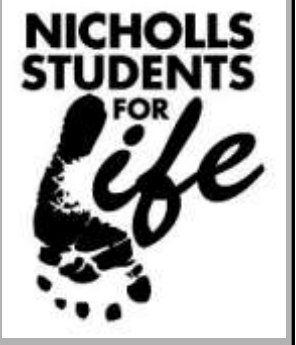
The angel ornament becomes a tag for the gift. Age appropriate gift suggestions can be found on the back door of the Chapel. Please call Violet at 985.414.4940 if you would like to help deliver on December 17.

**Show your Colonel Catholic Pride!**

Colonel Catholic T-shirts and hoodies are being sold through Campus Ministry.  
 Shirts \$12 Hoodies \$25  
 Call Monique at 446.6201 to pre-order yours.  
 ONLY pre-orders and payments will be accepted.



Forms and payments can be dropped off to the Parish Office. ONLY pre-orders and payments will be accepted.  
 Make checks payable to Nicholls Students for Life.  
 S-XL Shirts \$12 ~ 2XL-3XL Shirts \$14



**CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS DUE  
 Monday, December 12 @ 3p**

	December 10, 5P	December 11, 10:30A	December 11, 7P	December 17, 5P	December 18, 10:30A	December 18, 7P
COMMENTATOR	Emily Waguespack	Jerry Barbera	Volunteer	Merwyn Melvin	Sheila Plater	Rebecca Templeton
WORD 1	Richard David	Sheila Plater	Bonnie Bourg	Louise Melvin	Sarah Kees	Wade Rodrigue
WORD 2	Jenna Graham	Ben Roth	Mary Cavalier	Scott Beslin	Connie Daigle	Sally Sobert
BODY 1	Lionel Adams	Bill Duncelman	Bill Duncelman	Elizabeth Perez	Bill Duncelman	Bill Duncelman
BODY 2		Violet Chiasson	Lisa Chiasson		Mary Jo Kees	Joy Martinez
BLOOD 1	Charles Caillouet	Leslie Clement	Stephanie Ordoyne	Mike Sobert	Jeff Daigle	Bobbie McDonald
BLOOD 2	Gretchen Caillouet	Sandra Clement	Volunteer	Michelle Garrard	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	Elizabeth Garrad	Joey Loupe Madison Viosca	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot


**All ministers are reminded to sign up for Christmas Masses in the Sacristy.**

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