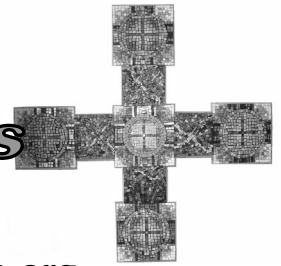


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Mass Schedule

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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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

FRI., DEC. 24 5P, 7P VIGIL
SAT., DEC. 25 MIDNIGHT, 9A



NEW YEAR'S

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SAT., JAN. 1 10 A
(FIRST SATURDAY MASS)
OBLIGATION IS SET ASIDE BECAUSE IT IS ON A SATURDAY.

December 12, 2010

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

Both John the Baptist and Joseph the husband of Mary had unique but extremely important roles in preparing the world for the coming of the Savior. In both the gospel readings for these two upcoming Sundays we see that both needed time and Divine Guidance to accept who Jesus is and what they needed to do in order to fulfill the plan of God concerning Him. Both are honorable men who tried to be pure in the Eyes of God though through their own human limitation needed God's assistance to do the Father's Will.

We are not any different today. For those of us who strive to be honorable in God's Sight, we still need the Divine Assistance to know and to do God's Will! Jesus says, "Blest is the man who finds no stumbling block in me." As the Lord reveals Himself to us, are we ready to make the sacrifices and/or make the necessary changes in our thinking and in our lives in order to do God's Will for each of us?

John the Baptist AND Joseph were essential in the plan of God for the World. Why do we believe that we are any less important?

God bless,
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 11

Clayton Hebert, M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet, Irma D. Daigle, Marguerite Bartell, GERALYN DUNCKELMAN, Bill Dunckelman, Guy Legendre, Alcee & Irma Babin

December 12

Antoine Roger & fly., Vivian Faucheux & fly., Dorothy G. Gaubert

December 14

James Falterman, Jr. & fly.

December 15

Sal Marcello & fly.

December 16

Phil Timmons & fly., Jacob Marcello

December 18

M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet, Emile Roques, Jr., Ginga Monique Allen, Guy Legendre, Alcee & Irma Babin

December 19

Wade Ledet, Clarice Gwosdz

December 23

GERALYN DUNCKELMAN

December 24-25

Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo Naquin, Norman Martin, Dr. Dale Naquin, Alfred Gaudet, Jr., Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet, Nelson & Lena Constant, Madeline Kraemer, Shirley Mayet, Raymond Boudreaux, Mayola & Dennis Boudreaux, Audrey Chauvin, Andrew Adams, Ronald Waguespack, Alfred, Therese, Erle, Fred, and Rose Rodrigue, M/M James Waguespack, Warren & Marlene Waguespack, Ida Edlefsen, M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, J. Van Beary, Jr., Donald A. Touns Sr., Kathleen Crandall & fly., Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, fly., Souls in Purgatory, Alfred Gaudet, Jr., Dennis Perk Sr., Angela Montet, Wade Ledet, Loretta Voiron, Andy Poret, Dorothy G. Gaubert, Emile Roques, Jr., Nathan Trepagnier, Guy Legendre, Alcee & Irma Babin, Douglas Kees & 4 generations back, Karl & Denise Smith Kerne, Sr. & 4 generations back, Ethel Trosclair & 4 generations back, Rebecca Tabony & 4 generations back, Nancy Barker Lagarde & 4 generations back, Ruth Boudreaux, Terry Boudreaux, Mrs. Oliver Ordoyne, Vicki Morgan, Mary Jane Bilello & 4 generations back, Lloyd Tabor, Sr. & 4 generations back, Sidney Thibodeaux & 4 generations back

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

12/12/2010 Brandie Touns & Lynne Touns
 12/19/2010 Amanda Morgan & Sarah Kees
 12/26-1/2 CHRISTMAS BREAK

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

Weekly Collection	November 20-21	Special Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 27-28
Loose	\$ 1396	\$ 427.50	\$ 1400.15
Envelopes	\$ 2319	\$ 528.00	\$ 2483.00
TOTAL	\$ 3715	\$ 955.50	\$ 3883.15



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.

CCD News

Classes will meet through December 21 and will resume January 2. "Christmas Break" will be December 26-28.

Wrapped Angel Tree Gifts Due weekend of December 11-12



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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION December 11-12
 Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund**



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
 December 24-25 supporting Diocesan Charities**

Families who are "homeschooling" for CCD this year should contact Wade at 446-6201 or mrrodrigue@yahoo.com to make an appointment for the Midterm Assessment.

There will be NO 5p SUNDAY VIGIL on Saturday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on Sunday, December 26 at 10:30a and 7p. Merry Christmas!

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>12 Christmas Florals and Angel Tree Gifts Due! 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p Conf. Class (9-11th) 7p Mass SPECIAL COLLECTION Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund</p>	<p>13 12:15p Mass 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th)</p>	<p>14 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th)</p>	<p>15 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass</p>	<p>16 8a Mass</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 5p Mass Blessing of the crèches </p>
<p>19 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 5p Conf. Class (9th-11th) 7p Mass Blessing of the crèches </p>	<p>20 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th)</p>	<p>21 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th) 7p CCD Teachers and Prayer Partners Dinner</p>	<p>22 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass</p>	<p>23 8a Mass <i>Christmas Decorating immediately to follow</i> OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON</p>	<p>24 5p Christmas Vigil 7p Christmas Vigil 12 midnight Christmas Mass OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25 OUR KING IS BORN!!! MERRY CHRISTMAS! 9a Christmas Mass NO 5p SUNDAY VIGIL</p>

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

December 26-28: No Confirmation or CCD classes
Merry Christmas!
December 27: Marian Servants Day of Prayer for Fr. Joey
December 30: Early Registration Deadline TEC #63
December 30-31: Office Closed—Happy New Year!
January 1: First Saturday Devotions—Adoration 9a
Mary, Mother of God Mass, 10a
(Obligation set aside because it falls on a Saturday.)
January 2-4: Confirmation and CCD classes resume
January 7: LATE Registration Deadline TEC #63

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOU!

In order to continue offering Children's Liturgy services, we need to form a bank of available teachers.

Contact Melissa at loupetc@charter.net by Tuesday, December 28 to join us!

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 23. Families and students needing service hours are strongly encouraged to help!



TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC #63) is January 21-23, 2011
Early Registration Deadline: December 30
LATE Registration Deadline: January 7

	December 11, 5P	December 12, 10:30A	December 12, 7P	December 18, 5P	December 19, 10:30A	December 19, 7P
Comm.	Emily Waguespack	Jerry Barbera	10 th grade Conf.	Volunteer	Brandie Toups	Joseph Joseph
Word 1 Word 2	Lionel Adams Charles Caillouet	Katie Acosta Ben Roth	11 th grade Conf. 4 th /5 th grade CCD	Mike Sobert Kevin LeBoeuf	Connie Daigle Sue Blanchard	Kristi Badeaux Martha Thomassie
Body 1 Body 2	Gretchen Caillouet	Linda Oncale Loretta Andry	David Boudreaux Bobbie McDonald	Gene Roth	Ricky Blanchard Bill Duncelman	Mary T. Kees Joy Martinez
Blood 1 Blood 2 Blood 3 Blood 4	Gene Roth Mike Sobert	Violet Chiasson Joshua Clement Leslie Clement Sandra Clement	Lisa Chiasson Lynette Boudreaux Sally Sobert Joy Martinez	Emily Waguespack Michelle Garrad	Robin Lopez Mary Jo Kees Jeff Daigle Loretta Andry	Ralph Saia Leslie Saia Erin White Loyd Nuesslein
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Brandon Scelfo Patrick Savoie	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot	Elizabeth Garrad	Philip Roth Riley Piper	Volunteer Volunteer

Ministers and servers are asked to volunteer for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Liturgies in the Sacristy.

Advent Wreath Prayers

contributed by Daria Sockey
<http://www.domestic-church.com/>
Week 3



Let us Pray.

We humbly beg you, O Lord, to listen to our prayers; and by the grace of your coming bring light into our darkened minds. Who lives and reigns forever and ever. *Amen.*

Week 4

Let us pray.

Stir up your might, we pray You O Lord, and come; rescue us through Your great strength so that salvation, which has been hindered by our sins, may be hastened by the grace of Your gentle mercy. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 Lord's Day.**

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