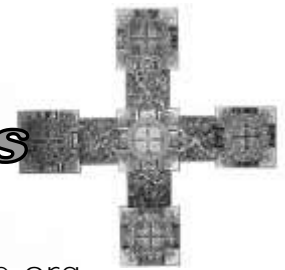




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Mass Schedule

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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## Readings for the Week:

12/25: Isaiah 9:1-6; Timothy 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14; Isaiah  
52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 2:15-20  
12/26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22  
12/27: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8  
12/28: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18  
12/29: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35  
12/30: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14; Colossians 2:12-21;  
Luke 2:22-40  
12/31: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18  
01/01: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21  
01/02: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

01/03: 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34  
01/04: 1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42  
01/05: 1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51  
01/06: 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11  
01/07: 1 John 5:14-21; John 2:1-11

*As the year winds down to make room for new experiences,  
we urge you to refresh your relationship  
with the Father through Daily  
Scripture Reflection to more fully  
celebrate the Truth of the "Word  
Made Flesh" at Christmas.*



December 25, 2011

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

This Christmas falls on Sunday which means the feast of Mary, Mother of God will fall on the following Sunday. Together, these feasts bring forth two aspects of the same mystery—the Person of Jesus Christ.

The celebration of Christmas reminds us that Jesus Christ is God-made-man. God wanted to make a covenant with the human race that we could never break; so, He wrote that covenant in our very flesh. The reality **of God becoming human is called the "Incarnation."** It actually refers to the process by which the Son of God came to us "in flesh." St. Irenaeus would later write, "God became man so man could become like God." We are most like God, not in cosmological, supernatural power, but in the humble power of love, which is strong enough to change the human heart, **but 'weak & gentle' enough NOT to do it without our permission.**

The celebration of Mary, Mother of God, reminds us that her child Jesus is also the Son of God. He comes with the power of God to save us. He will do it by the frailty of His humanity by dying on the Cross, but will do it by the strength of His will to complete the will of Our Heavenly Father. Only a great love will give any man the strength to die for another, but it takes Divine Love to do it for sinners—the "enemies of God." In His Power as God, the death of Jesus on the Cross has not only the power to forgive sins, but His Great Love can move our hearts to be reconciled to God, therefore, overcoming our sins and selfishness.

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 24:** Raymond Boudreaux, Mayola & Dennis Boudreaux, Audrey Chauvin, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Mary Richard, GERALYN DUNCKELMAN, Emile Roques, Jr., Delta Shaw, Alfred, Therese, Erkle, Fred, Rose Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack, Mr. and Mrs. James Waguespack, Warren and Marlene, Karl and Denise Kerne, Douglas Kees, Rebecca Tabony, Deceased EDW Classmates class of 1972

**December 25:** Wade Ledet, Streamline Industries: Employees, Customers, fly., Souls in Purgatory, Kathleen Crandall & Fly., Simone Tudor & Fly., Jacob Marcello, Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr., Andrew John Melvin, Emelda Adams, Anthony Adams, Beulah P. Melvin, O.T. Melvin Jr., Brenda Adams Galjour, J. Van Beary, Jr., Donald A. Toups Sr., Deanna Falcon, Mary M. Danos, Wayne Toups, Lena Benoit, Henry Smith, Evelyn Myers, Larry Granier, Archbishop Phillip Hannan, Mr. & Mrs. Evis Adams, Vicki Morgan, Terry Boudreaux, Ruth Marie Boudreaux, M/M Oliver Ordoyne, Patty Rodrigue, Gilbert Fauchoux, Justin Bergeron, Ricky Benoit, Isabella Levron, Elvine Peltier, Alton A. Landry

**December 28:** Michelle Kees, Mary T. Kees, Ping Gilbert

**December 29:** Julia Brown, Therese and Alfred Rodrigue

**December 31:** Raymond Boudreaux, Mayola & Dennis Boudreaux, Audrey Chauvin, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Angela Montet, Dennis Perk, Sr., Delta Shaw, Ronald Waguespack, Alfred, Therese, Erkle, Fred, and Rose Rodrigue, Kees fly.

**January 1:** Terry Mauer, Jr., Mae Crochet, Russel and Ruth Chiasson, Alton A. Landry

**January 3:** Emile Roques, Jr.

**January 5:** **Ron O' Connell**, Cindy Lamberty


Christmas Floral Memorials are offered in honor of:

GERALYN DUNCKELMAN, Warren J. Harang, Jr, Elizabeth Anne Hebert, Leo & Ethel Hebert, Julius & Pauline St. Amant, Andrew John Melvin, Emelda & Anthony Adams, Beulah & OT Melvin Jr, Brenda Adams Galjour, Ruth & Russell Chiasson, Ledet Fly., Evans Fly., Jacob Marcello, Dr. & Mrs. J.J. Mire, Bert Andry fly., Johnny P. Defelice, Jr., Euclid J. Michel, Sr., Thomas J. Daigle, M/M James Lynn Powell, Wade Ledet, Ledet Fly., Raymond Fly., Guy Legendre, Irma & Alcee Babin, Dominick Driscoll, Douglas Kees, Denise and Karl Kerne, In honor of the Holy Family, Deceased members of the Giroir & Bourgeois families, Deceased members of the Barrilleaux & Hebert families, Donald A Toups, Sr., J. Van Beary, Jr., Mamie & Van Bourgeois, Beary & Foret Fly., Toups & Dill Fly., Clarence J. Truxillo, Jr., Emile Roques, Nicholas Robertson, M/M Lucein Thibodaux, M/M Nolen Tregre, Joy & Storm Douglas, M/M Fernand Naquin, M/M Daniel Richard, Ruth Lagarde, Sybil Rutter, M/M Marcellin Thibodaux, Anna Guillot, Jenny Tregre, Ronald Waguespack, Alfred, Therese, Erkle, Fred and Rose Rodrigue, Mr & Mrs James Waguespack, Warren and Marlene Waguespack, Francois and Winnie Aubert, Ruth Boudreaux, Vicki Morgan, Terry Boudreaux M/M Oliver Ordoyne.

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

Weekly Collection	December 3-4	December 10-11	Special Collection Immaculate Conception \$9458.80
Loose	\$1865.10	\$1957.67	Special Collection Religious Retirement \$1121.51
Envelopes	\$3679.00	\$3541.00	
TOTAL	\$5544.10	\$5498.67	

**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.

**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!

**St. Thomas' mandatory Christmas contribution to the Diocese is \$5940.00.**

Your generosity is always appreciated.



Are you being called to lead our children?

Children's liturgy (10:30a Mass) is in need of more teachers for the Spring schedule. If you are interested, please call Melissa at 859.9559. You must have/obtain a current Safe Environment status.

## CCD NEWS

December 25-January 4: Christmas Holidays  
December 27: CCD Teachers & Prayer Partners Dinner  
January 8-10: Classes Resume

an introduction to the

*devout life*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!  
Wednesdays ~ February 15-March 28  
Call Cynthia at 446.6201 to register.


A six-week study of the teachings of St. Frances de Sales by Rev. Joseph Pilola.



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 <b>Merry Christmas!</b> 9a Mass NO 10:30a Mass No Children's Liturgy NO 9th-11th gr. Confirmation NO 7p Mass	26 OFFICE CLOSED 12:15p Mass NO 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th gr.)	27 10a Women's Bible Study OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON NO Middle School CCD (5th-8th gr.) 7p CCD Teachers and Prayer Partners Christmas Dinner	28 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON 12:15p Mass	29 8a Mass OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON	30 OFFICE CLOSED	31 5p Mass
January 01 <b>Happy New Year!</b> 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy NO 5p 9th-11th gr. Confirmation 7p Mass	02 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th grade)	03 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th grade) 6p Adoration & Mass	04 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass Public school students return to class.	05 8a Mass	06	07 9a First Saturday Devotions 5p Mass

**Upcoming Dates To Remember:**  
 January 9: Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Night Prayer Resumes  
 January 15-17: No Confirmation/CCD Classes

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**  **Friday, January 20**  
**St. Thomas Café**  
 Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package Pre-registration required  
 \$139 + Osteoporosis for \$10 more 1-800-324-1851  
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Refresh your relationship with the Father in the New Year!  
 Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Night Community Prayer will resume on January 9, 2012.  
 Meanwhile, please visit [www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org)

If you are interested in cantoring and/or lecturing for Morning or Night Prayer at St. Thomas, please contact Mary at 480.621.2179 or [mary@MaryMotherChurch.me](mailto:mary@MaryMotherChurch.me).

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


**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**  
 12/25/2011 Christmas Holiday ~ NO CLASSES  
 01/01/2012 New Year's Holiday ~ NO CLASSES

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

Dear Friends from St. Thomas,  
 I would like to thank you for your prayers. I am continuing to do well and wish each of you Best Wishes for a Holy & Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Continue to pray for me as I pray for you! I will remember you and your loved ones in a special way at my Christmas Mass.  
 Sincerely, Fr. Warren Chassinol

	December 31, 5P	January 1, 10:30A	January 1, 7P
COMMENTATOR	Kevin LeBoeuf	Brandie Toups	Joseph Joseph
WORD 1	Emily Waguespack	Ben Roth	Rebecca Templeton
WORD 2	Christine Graham	Jerry Barbera	Mitch Chiasson
BODY 1	Gene Roth	Bill Duncelman	Bill Duncelman
BODY 2		Alice Ledet	Mary T. Kees
BLOOD 1	Lionel Adams	Linda Oncale	Stephanie Ordoynne
BLOOD 2	Emily Adams	Sandra Clement	Wade Rodrigue
BLOOD 3		Loretta Andry	Brian Bartell
BLOOD 4		Eve Evans	Loyd Nuesslein
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Celebrate the True Reason for this Season!  
 Merry Christmas from Fr. Joey, Deacon Bill, the staff, and the Community of St. Thomas Aquinas



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

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

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