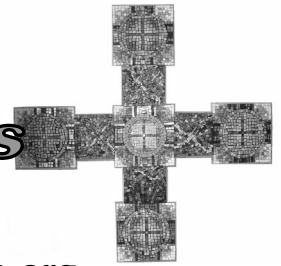




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Mass Schedule

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:

12/26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
12/27: 1Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
12/28: 1Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
12/29: 1Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
12/30: 1Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
12/31: 1Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
1/1: Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7



1/2: Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
1/3: 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17: 23-25
1/4: 1Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
1/5: 1Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
1/6: 1Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a
1/7: 1Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
1/8: 1Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

*We invite you to spend time reading
and reflecting in the Scriptures celebrating the
Word that became flesh at Christmas!*

December 26, 2010

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

Our Lord Jesus was born into our human family! The family is the first school of the Lord's Service! It is here we begin to grow into the men and women that we are called to be. From our mothers and fathers we take our identity and begin to learn how to relate to others. If we have brothers and sisters we receive additional education in what it means to be human and begin to apply what we have learned from our parents.

What does it take to have a Holy Family? I've heard it said that if Christ is going to be our bond of unity, Jesus must reign in each of our hearts! Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary both lived the Will of God in their Hearts and Jesus was at the center of their lives. Jesus grew in wisdom, age and grace before the Eyes of God and Man under their care! This devotion of parents and children is essential for a family to grow in holiness.

What if we grew up in a family that was less than 'perfect' and now we are on our own? The Holy Family is not only our guide; it is our saving Grace! Remember they still live in God's Sight! We can still benefit from their example, their love, and their care! We must recognize what we need and we must be humble enough to ask for their aid! They lived in this world with all its complexities and cruelties. Still with God as their center they were able to accomplish their role as a Holy Family. How can they help you with yours?

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 fly. 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 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, Erkle, 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. Toups 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 Troclair & 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 Billello & 4 generations back, Lloyd Tabor, Sr. & 4 generations back, Sidney Thibodeaux GERALYN DUNCKELMAN,, Diane Kastelic

December 26

Antoine Roger & fly., Vivian Fauchoux & fly., Linley J. Collins, Michelle Kees

December 27

Ida Edlefsen, Simone Tudor & fly., Alfred & Therese Rodrigue

December 28

Mary T. Kees, Ping Gilbert

December 29

Kathleen & Leroy Percle

January 1

Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo Naquin, Dr. Dale Naquin, Norman Martin, Madeline Kraemer, Shirley Mayet, Raymond Boudreaux, Mayola & Dennis Boudreaux, Audrey Chauvin, M/M Clyde Dennis, Michael Dennis, Dorothy G. Gaubert, GERALYN DUNCKELMAN, Guy Legendre, Alcee & Irma Babin

January 2

Nathan Trepagnier

January 3

Andy Poret, Emile Roques, Jr.

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

Weekly Collection	December 4-5	December 11-12	Immaculate Conception
Loose	\$1464.86	\$1506.10	\$596.80
Envelopes	\$3245.00	\$3447.00	Special Collection Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund
TOTAL	\$4709.86	\$4953.10	\$1099.04



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.

St. Thomas' Diocesan Christmas Quota is \$5,475. Your generosity is appreciated!

CHRISTMAS FLORAL MEMORIALS

ARE OFFERED IN HONOR OF:

Albert J. Cheramie	Leo & Ethel Hebert
Alfred & Therese Rodrigue	Leo Naquin
Allen A. Daigle	Linley Collins, Frank and Azelda Musso
Alley and Yaeger Family	Lloyd Tabor & 4 generations back
Andry Family	M/M Alfred J. Bourgeois
Buddy Billello	M/M Francois Aubert
Charlie Minton	M/M George Diedrich, Jr.
Clarence J. Truxillo, Jr.	M/M James Lynn Powell
Darwin Rebstock	M/M James Waguespack
Deceased members of the Barrilleaux & Hebert Families, deceased members of the Giroir & Bourgeois families	M/M Louis Troclair, Sr.
Deceased Members of the Templet & Landry Families	M/M Lucien Thibodeaux
Donald A. Toups, Sr.	M/M Nolen Tregre
Douglas Kees	M/M Oliver Ordoyne
Dr. Dale Naquin	M/M Sid Binion
Durocher & St. Pierre Family	Marjorie Ocampo
Edward & Cecilia Landreneau	Mary H. Bourgeois
Elizabeth Anne Hebert	Mary Jane Billello & 4 generations back
Emile Roques, Jr.	Mary, Teresa, and Lucy Kees
Erkle, Fred, & Rose Rodrigue	Nicholas Robertson
Euclid J. Michel, Sr.	Percy & Eula Mae Gros
Evans fly. & Ledet fly.	Philip Rabalais
George L. Blanchard, Sr.	Ronald Waguespack
GERALYN DUNCKELMAN	Robert Loupe, Sr.
Guy S. Legendre	Roy Melancon, Sr.
J. Van Beary, Jr.	Ruth Boudreaux
Jacob Marcello & the Sal Marcello family	Sam & Lucille Rodrigue
Joffery & Kate Cochennic	Templet, Porche, Becnel, & Gravois Fly.
Joy & Storm Douglas	Terry Bourdreaux
Julius & Pauline St. Amant	Terry Lee
Junius & Claire Hebert	Vicki Morgan
Karl & Denise Smith Kerne, Sr.	Wade Ledet
Kermot P. Ledet, Sr.	Warren & Marlene Waguespack
	William J. Seigle
	Wilton & Agatha Falgout

The S.H.A.R.E. Divorced and Separated Group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the Library starting at 6:30p.

CCD News

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

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST

(TEC #63) is January 21-23, 2011

Early Registration Deadline: December 30

LATE Registration Deadline: January 7

PLEASE JOIN THE MARIAN SERVANTS OF THE WORD AS THEY LIFT UP FR. JOEY IN PRAYER ON MON., DEC. 27.



Join us for a dance fit for a King
Ballroom Basics' EPIPHANY DANCE
Saturday, January 8 6:30p Café



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:30a Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> NO Conf. Class 7p Mass <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	27 OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON 12:15p Mass NO Elem. CCD (1st-4th)	28 NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON NO Middle School CCD (5th-8th)	29 NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON	30 8a Mass EARLY Registration Deadline TEC #63 OFFICE CLOSED	31 OFFICE CLOSED	January 01 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! 9a First Sat. Devotions; <i>Mary, Mother of God Mass</i> 5p Mass
02 10:30a Mass <i>No Children's Liturgy</i> 5p Conf. Class (9th-11th) 7p Mass NO CLASS MASS <i>Solemnity of the Epiphany</i>	03 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30p Elem. CCD (1st-4th)	04 10a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Middle School CCD (5th-8th)	05 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	06 8a Mass	07 LATE Registration Deadline TEC #63	08 5p Mass 6:30p Epiphany Dance

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

January 13: SHARE Divorce/Separated Group, 6:30p, Library
 January 16-18: NO Confirmation or CCD classes, MLK Holiday
 January 17: Office closed, MLK Holiday
 January 19: Nicholls spring semester classes begin
 January 21: LifeLine Health Screenings
 January 21-22: Woman of God Conference, Pastoral Center
 January 21-23: Teens Encounter Christ Retreat, Lumen Christi
 January 26: Eric Genulis Concert, St. Thomas, 6:30p
 January 27: SHARE Divorce/Separated Group 6:30p, Library
 January 28: Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
 January 28-29: Man of God Conference, Pastoral Center
 January 29-30: St. Thomas Parish 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Grand Isle

The Epiphany Blessing (January 2) is a blessing upon the home and those who inhabit it.

The blessing of a piece of chalk that is then used to write a formula above the entry of the house. The formula incorporates the current year with the initials of the wise men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. This Epiphany, it would be written this way: **20 + C + M + B + 11** followed by sprinkling the door with holy water.

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 from the Community of St. Thomas!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will not meet on December 26 or January 2. Have a Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 24-25 supporting Diocesan Charities

	December 24 and 25 th 5p, 7p, 12a, 9a	December 26, 10:30A	December 26, 7P	January 1, 5P	January 2, 10:30A	January 2, 7P
Comm.	Please sign up in the Sacristy for Christmas and Mary, Mother of God Masses There will be NO 5p Sunday Vigil on Saturday, December 25.	Debbie Reulet	Joseph Joseph	David Richard	Jerry Barbera	Rebecca Templeton
Word 1 Word 2		Sarah Kees Katie Acosta	Sally Sobert Bonnie Bourg	Scott Beslin Volunteer	Sheila Plater Ben Roth	Mitch Chiasson Wade Rodrigue
Body 1 Body 2		Alice Ledet Mary Jo Kees	Mary T. Kees Kristen Hernandez	Lionel Adams	Linda Oncale Violet Chiasson	Bobbie McDonald Martha Thomassie
Blood 1 Blood 2 Blood 3 Blood 4		Jan Torres Robin Lopez Ricky Blanchard Joshua Clement	Stephanie Ordoyne Wade Rodrigue Brian Bartell Jordan Hernandez	Elizabeth Perez Emily Waguespack	Leslie Clement Sandra Clement Loretta Andry Eve Evans	Lisa Chiasson Kristie Badeaux Sally Sobert Joy Martinez
Altar Servers		Philip Roth Riley Piper	Volunteer Volunteer	Elizabeth Garrad	Brandon Scelfo Patrick Savoie	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot

Prayer to the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our family sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.



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