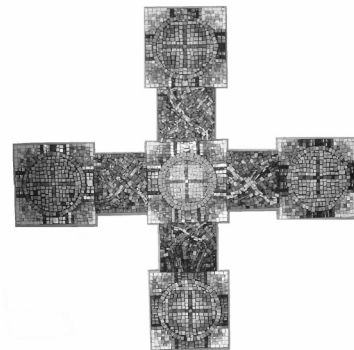


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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5p  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a & 7p  
**Mon. & Wed.:** 12:15p  
**Thursday:** 8a  
**First Saturday:** 10a  
following Adoration 9a

Reconciliation for 1/2 hour  
before every Mass.

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Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p  
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December 27, 2009

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

When you look at our feast days as they occur—Christmas, Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, and the Epiphany—a pattern emerges. As the Word becomes Flesh and dwells among us, Jesus establishes a ‘family connection’ between God and the human race. The reason we call Mary the Mother of God is because the humanity and the divinity is so perfectly intertwined in Jesus her Son. The Epiphany is the celebration that Our Lord’s coming is not only for the country of Israel and the Jewish people, but, in actuality, for all nations and all peoples.

This emerging pattern should tell us the goal and the direction of our life in Christ. Our Christian consciousness should constantly grow beyond that of ourselves and our individual families. Our hearts should also include people of our whole nation and those people who live in other countries as well.

The importance of knowing that we are One Family in God will affect how we pray, how we act, and how we see ourselves in relationship to others.

Hopefully, it should also tell us that we truly belong and need not feel alone in this world. We need to ask ourselves if there really exists anything that is beyond our concern, our prayers, or our capacity to care. It appears that anything and every thing that concerns us human beings also matters to God—shouldn’t we care too?



Your fellow servant,

Fr. Joey

## **The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line**

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. The telephone numbers are: 985) 873-0026 or toll free 1-866-444-4241.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**December 26**

Marie Meacham, Warren J. Harang, Jr., Clyde & Michael Dennis, St. Pierre & Durocher fly., Dennis Perk, Sr., Angela Montet, Guy Legendre, Irma & Alcee Babin, Margaret Chiasson

**December 27**

Janice Thiac, Linley J. Collins, Simone Tudor & fly. Emma Louise Brandt Elston, Jacque Griffin, Dr. Philip Rabalais, Danny Quebedeaux, Nancy Offan

**December 31**

Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P. Naquin, Dr. Dale J. Naquin, Scott Naquin, Nora T. Shaw, Philip Naquin, Mark & Wade Gravois, Ruby & Joe Gravois, Frank Hidalgo, Louis Fakier, Emmeline Martin, Isabella Levron, Eliven Peltier

**January 1**

Dr. Philip Rabalais

**January 2**

Helen Feldman, Melba Boudreaux

**January 3**

Janice Thiac, Dr. Philip Rabalais, JoAnn Stabile, Emile Roques

**January 4**

Douglas Kees

**January 7**

Grant Hebert

**We welcome  
Mrs. Brandie Toups as  
the new lead teacher  
for our Children's  
Liturgy program!**

Weekly Collection	December 12-13	Immaculate Conception Collection
Envelopes	\$6,519.00	\$281.53
Loose	\$1,591.59	Special Collection Priests Retirement
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,110.59</b>	<b>\$1,680.40</b>

**Due to the Christmas holiday, the collection for Dec. 19-20 will be posted in the next edition of our newsletter.**

**Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:**  
Gayle Richard, Brad Hymel, K.T. Snyder, Peter Cancienne, Betty Reese, Casey Gautreaux, Cameron Steib, Donna Ordoyne, Carol Richard, Caitlin Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin Gautier, Mia Chiasson, Almee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike Zimmerman, Grant Hebert, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue, Lorraine and Marco Bourgeois, Virgie Guidry and Mrs. Verna Mae Jones.



*To add or remove a name from this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.*

**CHRISTMAS FLORAL MEMORIALS  
ARE IN HONOR OF:**

- |  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Albert J. Cheramie                         | M/M James Waguespack             |
| Alfred, Therese, Erkle,<br>& Fred Rodrigue | M/M Jeffery Cheramie             |
| Allen Daigle                               | M/M Joseph A. Bilello            |
| Beary & Foret Fly.                         | M/M Nolan Bourgeois              |
| Bill Seigle                                | M/M Roland Barrilleaux, Sr.      |
| Clarence J. Truxillo, Jr.                  | M/M Oliver Ordoyne               |
| Clyde and Michael Dennis                   | M/M Wallace Giroir               |
| Dave McDonald                              | M/M Wilton Hebert                |
| Denise and Karl Kerne                      | Mamie & Van Bourgeois            |
| Donald A. Toups, Sr.                       | Mark Voisin, Sr.                 |
| Douglas Kees                               | Mary Jane Bilello                |
| Edward & Cecelia<br>Landreneau             | Michael Grace Kees               |
| Emile Roques                               | Nicholas Robertson               |
| George H. Diedrich                         | Percy & Eula Mae C. Gros         |
| Guy Legendre                               | Ronald Waguespack                |
| Horace Rodrigue, Sr.                       | Ruth Boudreaux                   |
| J. Van Beary, Jr.                          | Ruth Chiasson                    |
| Lamry "Pete" Crochet                       | Sam & Lucille Rodrigue           |
| Leo Naquin                                 | Sid Binion                       |
| Dr. Dale Naquin                            | Terry Boudreaux                  |
| Lloyd Tabor, Sr.                           | Toups & Dill Fly.                |
| Louis J. Oncale                            | Vicki Morgan                     |
| M/M James Lynn Powell                      | Wade Ledet                       |
|  | Warren and Marlene<br>Waguespack |



**8th-12th graders**

**St. Thomas' Registration due:  
Fri., Feb. 12**

**Cost: \$45 includes  
St. Thomas event shirt**

**As the Diocesan celebration for the Year of the Word draws to a close, continue to draw near to His Word remembering that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**



**Bishop Jacobs' 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat**

**Saturday, January 9, 2010  
9a-3p St. Thomas Aquinas**

**All 11th Graders MUST ATTEND!  
Wear your red Confirmation shirt!**



**Stroke, Vascular Disease & Heart Rhythm Package  
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**Friday, January 8  
St. Thomas Café**

**Pre-registration required  
1-800-324-1851  
Source Code: HSC5313**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10:30a Mass NO Children's Lit. NO Conf. Class 7p Mass	28 12 noon Office closes 12:15p Mass NO CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants	29 12 noon Office closes NO CCD NO 7p Mass	30 12 noon Office closes 12:15p Mass	31 Office closed 5p Vigil Mass	01 10:30a Mass <b>Happy New Year 2010!</b> Office closed	02 9a First Saturday Devotion, Adoration and Mass 5p Mass
				<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>		
03 10:30a Mass NO Children's Lit. NO Conf. Class 7p Mass	04 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Committee NO CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants	05 Lafourche Parish Schools classes resume NO CCD NO 7p Mass	06 12:15p Mass	07 8a Mass	08	09 9a-3p 11th Gr. Bishop's Retreat, St. Thomas <b>MANDATORY</b> 5p Mass

**Upcoming Dates To Remember:**

January 10: CCD resumes  
January 17-19: NO CCD; MLK holiday  
January 20: Nicholls classes resume  
January 25: Tuesday evening Mass resumes

Please keep the missionaries headed to Saltillo, Mexico in your prayers as well as those they will be witnessing to and serving.

**Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance**

Spring Sessions 2010  
OLOPS—Chackbay, 529 Hwy. 20  
Feb, 4, 25, March 25, April 22, May 6  
6:30-8:30p

~ **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** ~  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



THURS., DEC. 31—5P VIGIL    FRI., JAN. 1—10:30A

**Man and Woman of God Gathering**  
Tuesday, January 12 6p includes meal

*Woman of God* Annunziata, Houma  
Bishop Jacobs, speaker



Please continue to keep Bishop Jacobs, Fr. Joey, all other priests, and seminarians in your prayers as we continue celebrating the "Year of the Priest" through June 2010.

Dec. 26, 5p    Dec. 27, 10:30a    Dec. 27, 7p    January 2, 5p    January 3, 10:30a    January 3, 7p


**THIS IS THE CORRECT SCHEDULE FROM THE PURPLE MINISTERS SCHEDULE!**

Commentator	Emily Waguespack	Sheila Plater	Joseph Joseph	Joel Champange	Sheila Plater	Debbie Reulet
Word 1	Scott Beslin	Sue Blanchard	Christine Graham	Emily Waguespack	Sue Blanchard Brandie Toups	Rebecca Templeton
Word 2	Ken Crochet	Brandie Toups	Wade Rodrigue	Richard David		Wade Rodrigue
Body 1	Mike Sobert	Alice Ledet	Becky Yates	Lionel Adams	Alice Ledet	Lisa Chiasson
Body 2		Jared Lasserre	Stephanie Ordoyne		Jared Lasserre	Bonnie Bourg
Blood 1	Gene Roth	Violet Chiasson	Joy Martinez	Gene Roth	Violet Chiasson	Sally Sobert
Blood 2	Claudia Bourgeois	Jan Torres	Dana Morvant	Emily Adams	Jan Torres	Bobbie McDonald
Blood 3		Volunteer	Erin White		Ricky Blanchard	Stephanie Ordoyne
Blood 4		Robin Lopez	Mary T. Kees		Jeff Daigle	Josh Clement
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Corey Shaw	Jenna Graham	Elizabeth Garrad	Philip Roth	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot

**Prayer for the Year of the Priest**  
 Heavenly Father,  
 Please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out your mission for the Church each day. Keep our priests close to You and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your Holy Name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them.  
*Amen.*

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