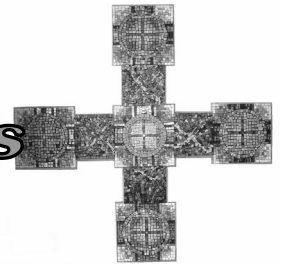


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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5p

Sunday: 10:30a & 7p

Mon. & Wed.: 12:15p

Tuesday: 7p

Thursday: 8a

Fridays in Lent: 6:30p

First Saturday: 10a

Reconciliation:

1/2 hour before every Mass
and by appointment

Adoration:

Tuesday: 6:30p

Fridays in Lent: 6p

First Saturday: 9a

Regular Office hours:

Monday-Friday 9a-3:30p
and by appointment

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What is prayer, really? Does God really speak to people? Does he want to speak to me? How do I hear God's voice? I want pray more, but I can't find the right time or place. When I go to pray, I always get distracted.

FREE!!!

**OREMUS
LET US PRAY**

**\$20 if you want
workbook**

is a new 10-part presentation on prayer given by Fr. Mark Toups that addresses these and so much more.

NICHOLLS STUDENTS

**Tuesdays, Feb. 23 + Mar. 2, 9, 16,
23, 30 + Apr. 13, 20, 27 + May 4**

~ 8-9p

Register by February 19.

PARISH-WIDE Mondays

**April 12, 19 + May 3, 10, 17, 24 +
June 7, 14, 21, 28 ~ 7-8 p**

Register by March 19.

February 21, 2010

Dear St. Thomas Aquinas Community,

When Jesus began his public ministry we must keep in mind it was after his 40 days and 40 nights in the desert where He faced temptation by the Devil. He was tempted not so much to prove he was the Son of God as the devil says. But rather the temptation is NOT to be an obedient Son of Man. That is, to be a human being with all its limitations. He resisted strong in His Faith that the Father knew what He was doing by sending Jesus to us in all His Humanity.

In my study of psychology, I find it a curious but a constant reality that we human beings do not like our restrictions. Ever since we are children we hate being told 'NO! You can't do that!' Part of our adolescent rebellion is based in this childish notion. I've seen a bumper sticker that read, "Two years old is when a child is able to 'NO' better!" Hopefully, as we grow older and wiser we realize there are some things in this world that we simply have to accept - the law of gravity, for instance, how about the fiction of time travel. (No, Virginia, you can't travel to the past and change things), and finally age alone does not bring wisdom. Wise people and old people are not the same thing.

The Saints victory of the XLIV Superbowl should tell us something. No 'wouda's, coulda's, or shoulda's' will bring you success in life. Only an acceptance of what is past is past and hard work in the present with the right people can move you forward to a bright and promising future! Oh! Yeah! Drew Brees said it all, when he said "God is Great! Faith, Hope, and Love bring you to your final result. And the greatest of these is love!"

Your fellow servant,

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

February 20

Melba Boudreaux, Harry Bonvillain Fly,
Anthony Perez Fly, Clyde & Michael Dennis

February 21

Dr. Philip Rabalais, Antoine Roger Fly, Vivian
Faucheux Fly

February 23

Therese Ray Fly

February 24

Mr & Mrs James Lynn Powell

February 25

Streamline Industries: Employees,
Customers, fly, Souls in Purgatory

February 27

Emile Roques, Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo
Naquin, Dr Dale Naquin, Clyde and
Michael Dennis, Dennis Perk Sr, Angela
Montet, Donald A. Toups, Sr, J. Van Beary, Jr,

February 28

Linley J. Collins, Betty St. Pierre

March 1

Ida Edlefsen

March 2

Terry Boudreaux

March 3

Kendall Oncale

March 5

Dr. Philip Rabalais

Easter Memorials

are available for a \$25 donation.
You may place it in a sealed envelope
and drop it in the collection or by
the Office between

February 9 and March 5.



Living Out YOUR LENT

Adoration and Confession

Tuesdays, 6:30p and Fridays, 6p

Daily Masses

MW 12:15p, Tu 7p, Th 8a, F 6:30p

Sacrifices for the sake of others,
meditation, fasting, prayer

**February
6-7**

Loose

\$1614.31

Envelopes

\$2309.00

TOTAL

\$3923.31

**The collection for
the weekend of
February 13-14,
2010 will be
reported in the
next newsletter
due to the Mardi
Gras holiday.**

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, Caitlin
Cowen, Dr. Margaret Jolley, Johanna Crawford, Bro. Aquin
Gautier, Mia Chiasson, Aimee Melancon, Joy Schexnayder, Mike
Zimmerman, Tammy Murray, Penny Zeringue,
Lorraine and Marco Bourgeois, Virgie Guidry,
Mrs. Verna Mae Jones, Pearl Delatte,
and Francis Bolten Dumez.



To place a name on this list, please call the Office at
446-6201.

Way of the Cross & Mass

Fridays in Lent

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession, 6p

Way of the Cross & Mass, 6:30p



aNEW EXPERIENCE

WE ARE ALL LIVING SAINTS

aNEW Experience @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Wed., Feb. 24 7-9p

8th-11th Grade CCD students

CCD NEWS

REGISTRATION for 2010-2011 will begin March 1.

All current students will receive packets in class.

NEW students and parishioners with Catholic school
students entering 2nd, 10th, or 11th grades are welcome to
pick up applications in the back of the Chapel.

Our final classes for the 2009-2010 terms are scheduled for
HOLY WEEK March 28-30, 2010.



Children's Liturgy

Feb. 21~ Sheila S. and Amanda M.

Feb. 28~ Renee B. and Lynda S.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy 5p 9th-11th Conf. class 7p Mass	22 12:15p Mass 5:30-6:45p, CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants Healing Mass	23 10a Women's Bible Study 11a-1p NOBA 5:30-6:45p, CCD 6:30p, 7p Adoration/ Mass 8p OREMUS Student Edition	24 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 7p aNEW Experience, St. Thomas	25 8a Mass 7p Movie Nite	26 6p Adoration & Confession 6:30p Way of the Cross Mass Teens Encounter Christ Retreat Woman of God Conference	27 5p Mass
28 10:30a Mass Children's Liturgy NO Conf. because of attending aNEW 7p Mass	March 01 CCD REGISTRATION BEGINS 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep 5:30-6:45p, CCD 6:30p, Marian Servants	02 10a Road Trip - Women's Bible Study 11:30a, Food for the Journey 5:30-6:45p, CCD 6:30p, 7p Adoration/ Mass 8p OREMUS	03 6a Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass 7p ADORE Worship, Houma	04 8a Mass 7p St. Genevieve Healing Mass Speaker: Alan Ames	05 6p Adoration & Confession 6:30p Way of the Cross Mass	06 9a First Saturday Devotion, Adoration and Mass 5p Mass

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

March 19: St. Joseph's Altar ~ 12 noon-6p
 March 22-23: Renewal/Revival ~Speaker: Robert
 Abel~ Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chackbay~ 7p~
 March 27: Diocesan Youth Rally ~ 12 noon-10p
 April 1: Holy Thursday, Mass 7p followed by
 Adoration April 2: Good Friday Service 3p
 April 3: Easter Vigil—8p
 April 4: Easter Masses 8a, 10:30a, NO 7p

**St. Joseph's Altar
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Friday, February 19 ~ 5p ~ Café
EVENT: Friday, March 19
12 noon through 6p Adoration and Mass

We are looking for parishioner support in the following groups: Bread, Cakes and Sweets, Produce/Perishable food, Decoration Set-up, Tear Down Group, Watchers to take turns watching the altar during open hours.

There is a sign up sheet located in the back of the Chapel and at the Sacristy entrance.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS
FEBRUARY 20-21**

Your generosity, as always, is appreciated!




	February 20, 5p	February 21, 10:30a	February 21, 7p	February 27, 5p	February 28, 10:30a	February 28, 7p
Commentator	Emily Waguespack	Sarah Kees	Sally Sobert	Scott Beslin	Jerry Barbera	Becky Yates
Word 1	Joel Champange	Charlene Melvin	Christine Graham	Lionel Adams	Connie Daigle	Mitch Chiasson
Word 2	Richard David	Ben Roth	Debbie Reulet	Mike Sobert	Sarah Kees	Wade Rodrigue
Body 1	Gene Roth	Mary Jo Kees	Lisa Chiasson	Emily Waguespack	Leslie Clement	Mary T. Kees
Body 2		Alice Ledet	Mary T. Kees		Sandra Clement	Bonnie Bourg
Blood 1	Mike Sobert	Renee Barrileaux	Bobbie McDonald	Gene Roth	Sue Blanchard	Joy Martinez
Blood 2	Emily Adams	Linda Oncale	Stephanie Ordoyne	Elizabeth Perez	Ricky Blanchard	Stephanie Ordoyne
Blood 3		Loretta Andry	Josh Clement		Jeff Daigle	Brian Bartell
Blood 4		Robin Lopez	Dana Morvant		Jared Lasserre	Kristen C. Hernandez
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Riley Piper	Avery Theriot Jacob Theriot	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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