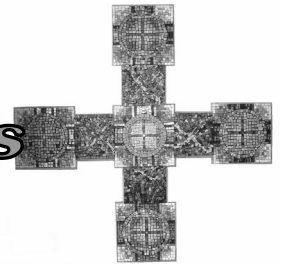


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Mass Schedule

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)

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Readings for the Week:

May 1: Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

May 2: Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8
May 3: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14

May 4: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

May 5: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

May 6: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15

May 7: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21



May 8: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21;
Luke 24:13-35

May 9: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

May 10: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1; John 6:30-35

May 11: Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40

May 12: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

May 13: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

May 14: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

May 1, 2011

Dear Community of St. Thomas Aquinas,

What does phrase ‘Doubting Thomas’ call to mind? It’s interesting that the 2nd Sunday of Easter is also the day we have the Gospel of Thomas doubting that Christ is risen. That is, he doubts until the Lord appears to him and invites him to put his finger in the nail marks and his whole hand into the wound on the side. If you consider St. Paul’s observation that if Jesus never rose from the dead we would still be in our sins, then to doubt that Christ is risen is to doubt we are freed from our sins.

We have reason to doubt this truth if we are honest with ourselves. We still have temptations that run contrary to the faith we profess. We are drawn by our own sinful desires of unredeemed human nature into a world and culture around us which seems to scream we are not redeemed, but is that the truth?!

To borrow the words of Pontius Pilate to Jesus in the Gospel proclaimed on Good Friday, “What is truth?” Jesus would answer us, “I am the Way, the Truth, & the Life.” If we truly believe that Jesus is risen from the dead, what does that mean for us? What does it mean for Jesus to be the Savior of the world? Even if we do believe He is the Redeemer, do we believe He can save us even from our own sinful, unredeemed human nature? Do we believe that our very world and culture around us can be saved – evangelized so that we are living in the Gospel of New Life?

I once heard it said, “God created us without our consent, but He will not save us without it!” Think about it! If you are still doubting, you are standing outside of God’s all-embracing Circle of Love, Mercy, & Grace! And when He truly comes to us in the Breaking of the Bread, you will not recognize Him when He comes to you!

**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

- April 26** Rene Raymon Ranatza
April 27 Jill Clement & Fly
April 28 Mickey Truxillo, Denise & Karl Kerne
April 29 Julie Arnold & Fly
April 30 Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P Naquin,
 Dr Dale J Naquin, Gilbert A Faucheux
May 1 Nathan Trepagnier, Peter Babin Family,
 Antoine Roger, Vivian Faucheux & Fly,
 Odessa & Arnaud Plie', All 2nd grade first
 communion candidates, Kees Family Men,
 deceased EDW classmates of 1972, Rebecca
 Tabony, Ethel Trosclair Roy, Dougkas Kees,
 Karl & Denise Kerne, Rosalyn, Sawyer,
 Ethan, Darcie, & Madison, Rev. Joseph Pilola,
 Kees Family Women, Mary Jane Billelo, Lisa Gay
 Messersmith, Dulce Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin,
 Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr.
May 2 Andy Poret, Laura Crandall & Fly
May 4 Mamie LaRose
May 7 Sam & Lucille Rodrigue, Leo P Naquin,
 Dr Dale J Naquin, Carl and Ruth King, Geneva
 Troups, Raoul Bourgeois, Jr., Emile Roques, Jr.,
 Alfred & Therese Rodrigue, Ronald Waguespack,
 Yvonne & James Waguespack
May 8 Geralyn Duncelman, Benedict Sposito, Emma
 Crandall & Fly, Kees Family Women,
 All Confirmation Candidates, InThanksgiving for
 the Blessed Mother, Denise Kerne, Mary Jane
 Billelo, Sue Tabor, Lisa Gay Messersmith, Dulce
 Hebert Quibodeaux, JW Martin, Jr., Terry Mauer, Jr.
May 10 Leah Richard, Wade Ledet, Ann Albert, Carole
 Niehaus & Fly

Please pray for our students receiving their sacraments.

First Communicants

Chloe Babin	Caroline Loupe	Zachary Templet
Conner Chiasson	Joseph (Joey) Loupe	Christopher Viosca
Kari Legendre	Robert (Robby) Loupe	Reid Voisin

Confirmandi

 Rhett Benoit	Abby Gros	 Ralph Saia
Natalie Bernard	Garrett Hamilton	Brittany Sonnier
Bradley Clement	Emily Lagarde	Kade Smith
Natalie Daigle	Renee LeBlanc	Katelyn Smith
Matthew Daigle	Tyler LeBouef	Marion Steib III
Kaley Duplantis	Madison Loker	Rosalyn Stilling
Jenna Graham	Taylor Martin	Courtney Tabor
	Celia Ordoyne	

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

Weekly Collection	April 9-10	April 17
Loose	\$ 1958.72	\$ 1637.94
Envelopes	\$ 2778.50	\$ 2540.00
TOTAL	\$ 4737.22	\$ 4177.94



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, Courtney Pierce, Amy Langford, Jane Pitre,
 Gail Boucigard, Michelle Allemand Rupp, and Jane Andry Soulant.
 To place a name on this list, please call the Office at 446-6201.

EASTER MEMORIALS are offered in honor of

Albert J. Cheramie	Deceased Members of the	Zander Toups-Stivers
Alfred Rodrigue Family	Barrilleaux & Girjor Fly.	Evans Family
Andrew John Melvin	Gilbert A. Faucheux	Ledet Family
Allen Daigle	Golbert & Ruby Faucheux	M/M Anthony Adams
Jeffery & Kate Cochennic	Edward & Elvina Rodrigue	M/M OT Melvin, Jr.
Perez & Bonvillain fly.		Ronald Waguespack



T-shirt orders are being take to support Campus Ministry
 Sizes S-XL \$15 XXL-XXXL \$18
 Contact Cynthia at 446.6201 to order.

St. Thomas Spring Family Day

Sunday, May 15

following 10:30a Mass

Join us for food, fun, & fellowship!
 Bring your favorite desserts to share!!!

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

For all incoming 10th Grade CCD students
 about the *Theology of the Body* for Teens
 curriculum Monday, May 23 ~ 6:30p ~ Café

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

May 1—NO CLASS ~ First Eucharist
 May 8 ~ Renee Barrilleaux & Linda Shaw
 May 15 ~ Melanie Champagne & Amy Bridges
 May 22 ~ Elaine Falgoust & Windy Rachel
 May 29 ~ Eve Evans & Dee Dee Broussard

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 1 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>Thibodaux Firemen's Fair</i> 10:30a First Eucharist Mass & May Crowning NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY 7p Mass	2 12:15p Mass	3 10a Women's Bible Study 11a Not On Bread Alone 6p Adoration 7p Mass	4 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	5 8a Mass	6	7 9a First Saturday Devotions 5p Mass
				Nicholls Spring Finals		
8 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 10:30a Mass <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 7p Rite of Confirmation Mass	9 12:15p Mass 2p Bulletin Prep	10 10a Women's Bible Study 6p Adoration 7p Mass	11 6a Mass & Men's Bible Study 12:15p Mass	12 8a Mass	13	14 5p Mass Nicholls State Commencement Exercises
Nicholls Spring Semester Finals						

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

May 19: Children's Liturgy, CCD Teachers, Confirmation Prayer Partners End-of-the-Year Dinner, Café, 6:30p
 May 20: Late registration Deadline for CCD/Confirmation; NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED PAST THIS DATE.
 E.D. White Catholic High Commencement Exercises
 May 23: MANDATORY Incoming 10th Grade CCD Parent Meeting, 6:30p, Café
 May 24: Thibodaux High Commencement Exercises
 May 28: Transitional Diaconate Joey Tregre, Eric Leyble, Mitch Semar, 1p, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

2011-2012 CCD Registration

A late fee will be assessed from April 21-May 20.
 No registrations will be accepted after May 20.

Mass of Celebration for all High School and College Graduates

Sunday, May 15 7p Mass
 Please RSVP to 446.6201 by May 10.
 A small reception will follow in the Café.

Children's Liturgy Teachers, CCD Teachers & Confirmation Prayer Partners End-of-the-Year Dinner

Thursday, May 19 6:30p Café

A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God,
 We thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.



Amen.

May Crowning

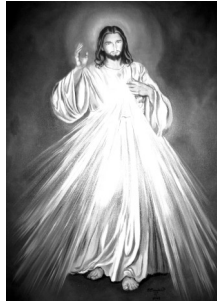
Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.



	April 30, 5P	May 1, 10:30A	May 1, 7P	May 7, 5P	May 8, 10:30A	May 8, 7P
Commentator	Christine Graham	First Communion	Joseph Joseph	Scott Beslin	Jerry Barbera	Beth Marcello
Word 1	Jenna Graham	First Communion	Sally Sobert	Merwyn Melvin	Sheila Plater	11 th gr. Confirmation
Word 2	Richard David	First Communion	Bonnie Bourq	Louise Melvin	Ben Roth	11 th gr. Confirmation
Body 1	Michelle Garrad	Alice Ledet	Deacon Bill Duncelman	Emily Waguespack	Linda Oncale	Rev. Joseph Pilola
Body 2		Bert Andry	Mary T. Kees		Violet Chiasson	Deacon Bill Duncelman
Blood 1	Emily Waguespack	Mary Jo Kees	Loyd Nuesslein	Emily Adams	Leslie Clement	David Boudreaux
Blood 2	Lionel Adams	Lisa Chiasson	Brian Bartell	Elizabeth Perez	Sandra Clement	Lynette Boudreaux
Blood 3		Ricky Blanchard	Joy Martinez		Loretta Andry	Lisa Chiasson
Blood 4		Joshua Clement	Bobbie McDonald		Eve Evans	Stephanie Ordoyne
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Garrad	Philip Roth	Volunteer	Elizabeth Garrad	Brandon Scelfo	Avery Theriot
			Volunteer		Patrick Savoie	Jacob Theriot

**Divine Mercy Prayer
for the Souls in Purgatory**

Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home and within my own family. Amen.



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