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Monday, Wednesday, Friday

6:15 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday

12:00 p.m.

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am  
& 6:00 pm (Life Teen Mass)

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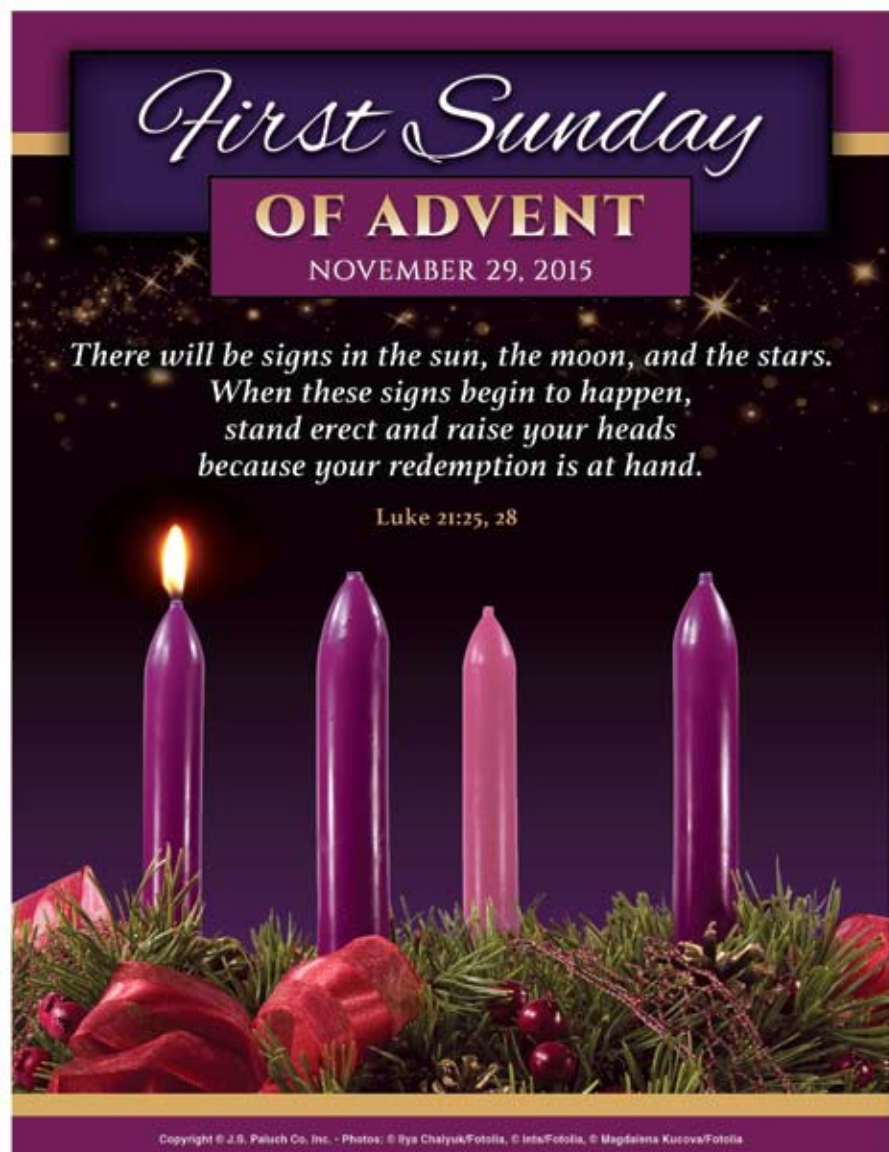
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## DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH,

### Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the three comings (advents) of Christ in our lives. (1) Besides his first coming at his birth (2) we are asked to reflect on Christ's coming as the risen Lord at Easter, in the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), in our everyday lives, at the moment of death, (the third coming/middle coming) and (3) at the end of human history (the second coming). Advent helps us reflect on these three comings.

The Church today invites us to join a pilgrimage of faith by showing us a prophetic vision of Christ's first coming through the prophecy of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 33:14-16), his glorious Second Coming through the gospel selection of St. Luke (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36), and his third coming through his daily coming into our lives here and now in the reading of St. Paul (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2).

The Church reminds us that these are days of "joyful and prayerful anticipation of Jesus' coming" because Advent Time is intended to fill us with great expectations of the comings of the Messiah just as parents expectantly wait for the birth of their child, and make preparations for receiving the child into their family. We know that all valuable things in life – a child, a loving marriage relationship, a work of art, a scientific discovery – need a period of quiet incubation.

To help us keep alive the freshness of Advent, I offer "An Advent Examination" (Edwards Hays, *A Pilgrim's Almanac*: "Advent is the perfect time to clear and prepare the Way. By reflection and prayer, by reading and meditation, we can make our hearts a place where a blessing of peace would desire to abide and where the birth of the Prince of Peace might take place. Daily we can make an Advent Examination. Are there any feelings of discrimination toward race, sex, or religion? Is there a lingering resentment, and unforgiving injury living in our hearts? Do we look upon others of lesser social standing or educational achievement? Are we generous with the gifts that have been given to us, seeing ourselves as their stewards and not their owners? Are we reverent of others, their ideas and needs, and of creation? These and other questions become Advent lights by which we may search the deep, dark corners of our hearts.

May this Advent Time be a season for bringing hope, transformation, and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives!"

### Questions of the Week

**Questions for Children:** What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

**Question for Youth:** Advent is the church time when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

**Question for Adults:** St. Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one-step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?



Please remember that the first three Wednesday's [December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>] of Advent we have confessions available in all Church Parishes [not mission chapels] in the Diocese of Lafayette. Confessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. We also have in Eunice our regular Advent Penance Service at St. Thomas More Church on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Please note that at Annunciation of the BVM Church, Duralde, we also have scheduled the first confessions for our second graders on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Their first confession begins at 7:00 p.m. So the second graders and their families plus anyone else from the community who wants to come to confession are welcome. Please realize that there will only be one priest hearing confessions. So please show love, care and patience as it may take time to proceed.

### Giving Tree

At both Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and at St. Anthony of Padua Church, we have a Giving Tree during Advent. Each Church's Giving Tree has its own unique practice.

For Annunciation, the Giving Tree will in the foyer area of Church for the first Sunday of Advent. On the Tree will be slips of paper with a suggested gift. Parishioners can choose a paper and place their gift in an envelope. The money collected will be used to help a needy family. The deadline for these gifts is Sunday, December 20, 2015.

For St. Anthony, the Giving Tree will be near the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the first Sunday of Advent. On the tree will be a Christmas Ornament with a number and information regarding a gift for a child. Also near the tree there will be a poster with the corresponding number of the ornament. Parishioners are asked to take an ornament and on the corresponding poster to write their name on the line number corresponding to the number on the ornament. The gifts can be placed at the Giving Tree and will be attended to at that time. The last day to place the gift at the Giving Tree is Wednesday, December 16, 2015. The gifts will be delivered to the children on December 17, 2015. Please return the ornament by placing the Christmas Ornament on the gift so that we know for who it is. Individual parishioners or groups of parishioners can come together in adopting a child. Groups could be family, class, civic organizations, or business. I take this occasion to thank parishioners of both Annunciation and St. Anthony for your love and care.



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

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STEWARDSHIP TO  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

**\*\*NOTE: We will report the collections for  
November 22 & 29 in the December 6 bulletin.**



**Thank you for your generosity.**

*Please remember St. Anthony Church  
& St. Edmund School in your will.*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** -- The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** -- Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** -- For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual KLFY-TV-10 Food Net "Food for Families" Food Drive is scheduled for Dec. 8, 2015, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at 251

W. Park Ave. (old DMV Building) We are again asking for your help in whatever way possible to continue to help feed the hungry and help the less fortunate. We accept non-perishable food items, toiletries, as well as monetary donations.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, November 30

6:15 a.m.: Amalia Molina Nieto

### Tuesday, December 1

12:00 p.m.: M/M C.A. Penn (*Wedding Anniversary*); Cathy Stivison (*Anniversary of Death*); Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

### Wednesday, December 2

6:15 a.m.: In Thanksgiving

### Thursday, December 3

12:00 p.m.: Marie Richard Fruge (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Friday, December 4

6:15 a.m.: Edwin (*Liv.*) & Shirley Gaudin; Denise L. Hanks

### Saturday, December 5

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Jules & Ernestine Broussard; Leonce Thibodeaux; George Sonnier; Martin Bordelon Jr. (*Anniversary of Death*); Jacob

Comeaux; John F. 'Butch' Cobb; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Verda Mae Siffert; Leon Stelly

### Sunday, December 6

### Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Juanita Guillory; Agnes Lavergne; Donald Hebert

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Rev. Edmund Daull (*Pastor*); Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Ross Michael Andrus; Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Pat Manuel; Patricia Schneider

11:00 a.m.: Charles 'Dutch' Spekschate

6:00 p.m.: R. P. Fontenot



## PRIEST, EXTRAORDINARY LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

4:00 p.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Tommy Dietz, Lily Morein, Barry Soileau	Kay Dietz	Noah Clause, Mia Robinson, Ariana Manuel, MacKenzie Manuel
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

7:00 a.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Michelle LeJeune, Ed & Reneé Benoit	John Fruge	Hannah & Rebecca Benoit, Anna Belle Fontenot, John-Michael Fruge
9:00 a.m.	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Mitch Fontenot, Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel	Jude Huckaby	Alex Fontenot, Gabby Fontenot, Camille Leger, Kathryn Leger
11:00 a.m.	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Samantha Bertrand, Tricia Richard Todd & Debbie Ortego <i>Minister Needed</i>	Tad Richard	Anna Fruge, Kelli Richard, Phillip Thibodeaux <b>Thurifer:</b> Jacque Richard <b>MC:</b> John Hansen Fruge
6:00 p.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Rickey Aguillard, Kim Miller, Maggie Parks	Life Teen Member	Elijah & Marie Therese Dupre, Katelyn Guillory, Kailey Miller

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

**“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalms 147:2**



**Please pray for:** Bobby Taylor, Andre Sattler, Ann Duran, Roger Hollier, Kathy Henderson, Georgie Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Fenrick Manuel, Craig Durbin, Clarice Zaunbrecher LeJeune, Faith Cox, Jordon Rayborn, Carlos Fuentes,

Paige Beard, Perry Vidrine, Sylvia Veillon, Carl Comeaux, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Renee Duplechain, Joan Burson, Dr. Charles Monier, Shirley Mae Leger, Delores Labbie, Alberta Frey, Paul Rozas, Louis Flores, George Coleman, Edward Fontenot Jr., Burley Marcantel, T.J. LeBouef, Darlene Faul, Ben Burson, Sally Fontenot, Judson Ardoin, Kathlyn Mire, Charlotte Fox.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Birth of healthy grandchild.
- 2) Healing.

**Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Mon. 2 pm; Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am; Sun. 1 am, 2 am, noon**

**Prayer Partners Needed: Tues 1 pm, Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm**  
**To commit one hour - call Brenda Castro 457-7965.**



## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, November 30

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / SEH Mass -- 1:30 p.m.  
Elementary Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 3:30 p.m.  
Capital Campaign Meeting -- 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall.  
Jr. High Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 1

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.  
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall.

### Wednesday, December 2

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / SEE Mass -- 8:00 a.m.  
Women's Faith Sharing -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.  
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.  
Light Is On For You (*Confessions*) -- 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

### Thursday, December 3

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
Children's Choir Practice -- 5:30 p.m. in **Church**.  
Adult Christmas Choir -- 6:30 p.m. in **Church**.

### Friday, December 4


Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Eunice Manor / Oak Lane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.  
Baptism Class -- call the Rectory to register.

### Saturday, December 5

First Saturday O.L. Fatima -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More  
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 pm

### Sunday, December 6

Masses -- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Women's ACTS Commissioning Mass -- 11:00 a.m.  
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m. / Life Night -- 7:00 p.m.


  
**The Light is ON for You.**
  
*Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*
  
**Advent Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
  
**Dec. 2, 9 & 16 / All Parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette**



Dear Parishioner:

If you have a friend or relative who is away from the Catholic Church, please list their name and address below. A letter from Bishop Jarrell will be mailed to this person inviting him/her to **“Come Home for Christmas”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Drop in collection basket or mail to :*  
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**MASS SCHEDULE...**

Immaculate Conception • **Tuesday, December 8**  
 6:00 a.m.  
 12:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m.  
*Holy Day of Obligation*



**DOOR OF MERCY**

In the bull of indiction *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis decreed that the Holy Year of Mercy will begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2015, with the opening of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican. On the following Sunday, December 13, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Father decreed that “in every local church, at the cathedral—the mother church of the faithful in any particular area—...a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year” (MV, 3).



The Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy in the Diocese of Lafayette will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Jarrell at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 10:45 a.m. It will include the celebration of the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited to attend.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIRS**

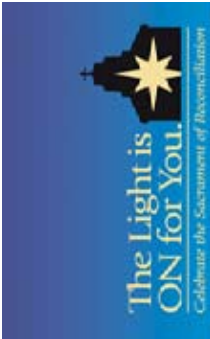

The Children’s Christmas Choir will be practicing to sing at the Children’s Liturgy at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Any St. Anthony parishioner from the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on up can sing in this choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 3 & 10 (in Church), Dec. 17 (in Parish Hall) at 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

Any St. Anthony parishioner interest in singing for the **10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (there will NOT be a Midnight Christmas Mass this year)** can join the choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 3 & 10 (in Church), Dec. 17 (in Parish Hall). at 6:30 p.m.** We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices.



# St. Anthony of Padua Church

## December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin 11:00 AM Women's ACTS Team Commissioning Mass 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Teen Night</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pray for Deacon Jim Cormier 3:30 PM CCD - Elem. Class 5:30 PM Centennial Campaign 6:00 PM ACTS Core Team Meeting 6:00 PM C.D.A. Mtg. &amp; Christmas Social 6:30 PM CCD - JrHS Class</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Pray for Pope Francis 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 5:30 PM Women's Faith Hour 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:30 PM The Light Is On For You 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Pray for Bishop Jarrell 9:30 AM Ladies' Altar Society 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Pray for Msgr. Robert Romero 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor &amp; Oak Lane 7:00 PM Baptism Class</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie <i>Second Collection - Parish Maintenance &amp; Insurance Fund</i> 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass - St. Thomas More</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Alphonse Thainese &amp; Deacon Chuck Ortego 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Teen Night</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Austin Leger 1:30 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD - Elem. Class 5:30 PM Centennial Campaign 6:30 PM CCD - JrHS Class</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought <b>Immaculate Conception Masses: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.</b> 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 8:00 AM SE - All School Mass</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat &amp; Den. David Guillery 5:30 PM Women's Faith Hour 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:30 PM The Light Is On For You 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge &amp; Deacon Robbie Leger 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice 6:00 PM S.G.S. 6:30 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. William Schambough 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor &amp; Oak Lane</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzare Men's ACTS Team Mini Retreat in Duralde</p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk &amp; Fr. Jerry Mesley 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Teen Hayride</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard <i>St. Edmund School Closed: Dec. 21 - Jan. 1</i> 6:00 PM Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service @ St. Thomas More</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation Meeting</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Pray for Sr. Nell Murray &amp; Sr. Marlene Ste. Marie 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 5:30 PM Women's Faith Hour 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:30 PM The Light Is On For You 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux 5:30 PM Children's Christmas Choir Practice 6:30 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Gil Dutel &amp; Fr. Tom Voorhies 8:30 AM SEE - Christmas Program 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor &amp; Oak Lane 10:30 AM SEE - Christmas Program</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. John Brown, S.J.</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b></p> <p>Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Jonathan Janise</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Jim Brady</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>New Year's Eve</b> Pray for Sr. Joel Miller &amp; Sr. Stephanie Brignac 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass 6:00 PM Anticipated Mass <b>Rectory Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Christmas</b> Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown &amp; Fr. Tommy Montelaro <i>Second Collection: Catholic Charities</i> Christmas Mass Schedule: 7:00 &amp; 9:00 am <b>Rectory Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu</p>
<p><b>Adoration Chapel Closed: Dec. 23 @ 7 pm to Dec. 26 @ 7 am</b></p>						
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