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MASS SCHEDULE:

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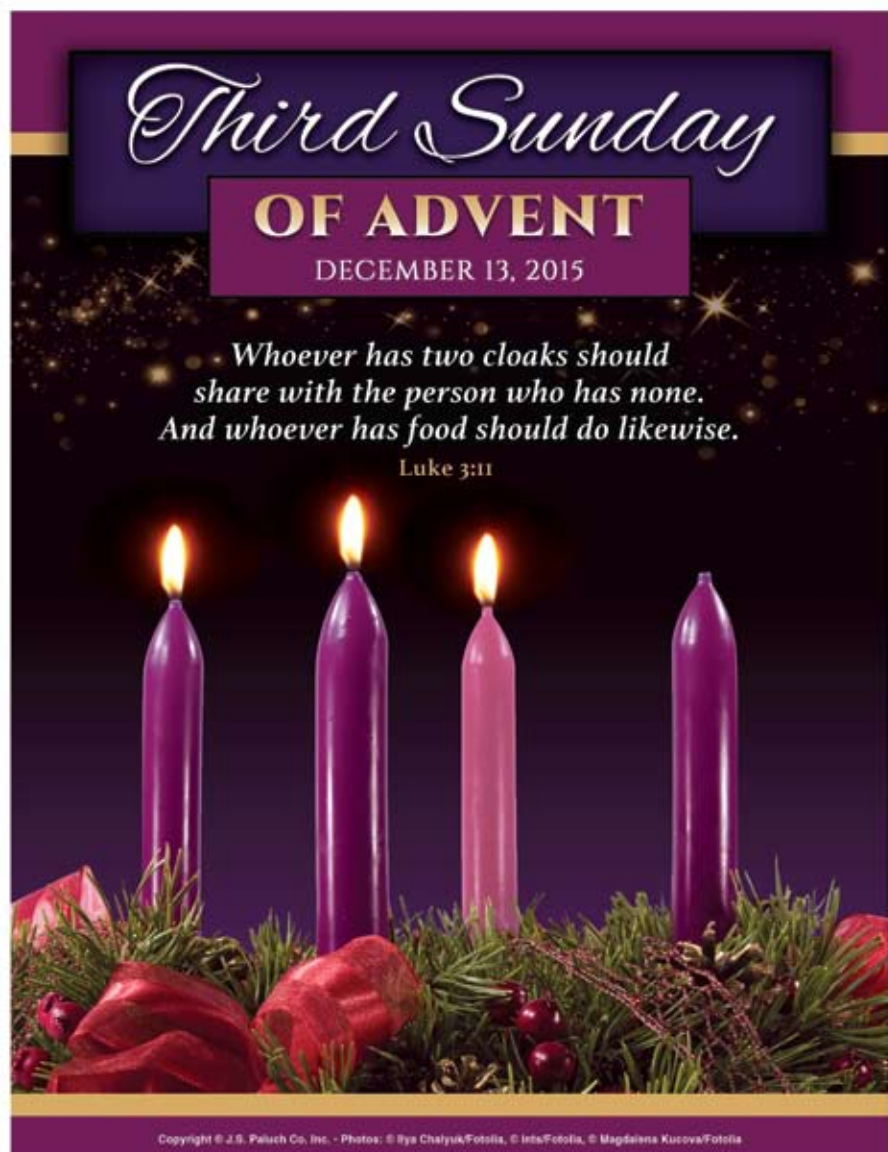
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DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH,

Gaudete Sunday/Rejoice Sunday

“Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete”; that is, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice!”* This is the entrance antiphon or introit for the Third

Sunday of Advent; that is, Gaudete Sunday. Because we have reached the halfway point of Advent, we are celebrating. The color is rose – not pink, not fuchsia, but rose. It speaks of rejoicing. The rose candle is lit in this third Sunday of Advent on the Advent Wreath.

A Novena for the Year of Mercy in Preparation for Christmas

December 16 – December 24

From the Carmelite Sisters of the Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace, Lafayette, Louisiana

Father in heaven, you are rich in Mercy. You have given us the greatest of all gifts in Jesus, your beloved Son. He is the visible face of your mercy in the world. By His life and example you teach us what it means to be your children, to be merciful as you are merciful and to give as you give. With Mary, Mother of Mercy, and St. Joseph, guardian of the Incarnation, we offer these gifts of prayer to you, trusting of your mercy and goodness.

Look with favor on your Church, that in this Jubilee Year it will be renewed in its mission of being a witness to your Mercy.

Strengthen bishops and priests, deacons and religious, that their lives and teachings will make manifest to all people the Gospel of Mercy.

Enlighten those who govern that, in a world torn apart by hatred, war, terrorism and evil, they may be champions of human life, religious liberty, justice, peace, and Mercy.

Invigorate Catholic families: may they create homes where vocations flourish through love, prayer, and Mercy.

Encourage those who fear to approach you because of sin or guilt: may they come to know you as their forgiving Father who welcomes His wandering children and embraces them with Mercy.

Console the sick and suffering, the abused and

helpless; free those who are prisoners of their own resentment or despair; help refugees, those who are persecuted and homeless, those out of work or in financial distress, and save all in your Mercy.

Be gracious to us, as we place our loved ones and our needs before you (mention your intentions). May we bear our burdens in hope, believing that everything is a gift of your Mercy. Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent, Cycle C – Luke 3:10-18

Tax collectors, soldiers, and countless other people gathered to hear John the Baptist preach. For generations upon generations they had been waiting for the coming of the promised Messiah. And now, John the Baptist had appeared with such a striking message and such a powerful presence that “all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.”

But he was not. John’s mission was to prepare the way for Jesus Christ. In the process, people began to think that John was the main attraction. John set the record straight when he emphasized that “one mightier than I is coming.” If this great prophet was so humble, how much more should we humble ourselves in preparation for the coming of the Messiah?

As we mediate upon the coming of Christ this Advent season, we would do well to make our approach towards Christmas with humble hearts. What have we done to deserve this incredible gift of a Savior? The fact is that nothing we could ever do, would possibly earn our redemption. May we be humble enough to acknowledge that our salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive.

Questions of the Week

Luke 3:10-18: If John were alive today, what advice do you think he would offer contemporary Christians?



Zephaniah 3:14-18a: What do you think Zephaniah’s seven-hundred-year-old prophecy reveals about God?

Philippians 4:4-7: Both Paul and Zephaniah emphasize the importance of joy as people of faith. How does the season of Advent help you find joy?

Very Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero, O.S.A.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

December 6, 2015

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| Sunday's Offertory | \$8,440.00 |
| Mailed-In Offertory | 1,067.00 |
| Total Offertory for the week | \$9,507.00 |
| Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund..... | \$1,651.00 |
| Weekly Average 2015 | \$9,701.43 |
| Children's Contribution | \$12.75 |

* Did trash Matthew
* Helping Granny & Paw with chores..... Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1604
Number of Envelopes Used.....182
Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 3

Thank you for your generosity.

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

LITURGICAL DECORATIONS



In the coming weeks, you may wish to make a donation towards paying for Altar flowers and decorations for the church. Your donation (*in a separate envelope*) can be put into any collection basket or mailed to / dropped off at the Rectory. If you would like to make the donation in memory of a loved one (*living - or - deceased*), please write their names on the envelope. On the weekends of December 19/20 & 26/27 - a list of the donations will be published.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Allowing me to spend time with you.
- 2) Blessings in my financial situation..



Adorers needed for the following hours

starting at: Mon. 2 pm; Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 2 pm, 11 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am, 11 am; Sun. 1 am, 2 am, 11 am, noon

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 14

6:15 a.m.: J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Lillie C. Young

Tuesday, December 15

12:00 p.m.: Rose (*Birthday*) & Nolan Hebert; Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Mareisha Guillory

Wednesday, December 16

6:15 a.m.: Saul Ann Aple (*Birthday*)

Thursday, December 17

12:00 p.m.: Rita Lambert & family (*Liv.*)

Friday, December 18

6:15 a.m.: Carlos Montelaro (*Anniversary of Death*); Larry Fontenot (*Birthday & Anniversary of Death*)

Saturday, December 19

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux;

Dr. Benny Fruge; Leonce Thibodeaux; George Sonnier; Jacob Comeaux; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Rodney Manuel; Leon Stelly; Jacques Ardoin; Merlin Moreau; Patsy Andrus (*Liv. - Birthday*)

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Juanita Guillory; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Patricia Schneider

11:00 a.m.: Herbert Stelly; Brock LeBouef; Hubert & Gloria Fontenot; Dana Fontenot

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



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2015

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| 4:00 p.m. | Msgr. Romero | Deacon Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguillard, Kal Landry, Michael Lombas, Jan Ward | Mark DeRouen | Kylie Hebert, Mia Robinson Joshua Landry, Justin Landry |
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

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| 7:00 a.m. | Fr. Abadie | Brad Miller, Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel | Lisa Miller | Abby Miller, Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Mary-Helen Miller |
| 9:00 a.m. | Msgr. Romero | Samantha Bertrand, Jason & Kelly Bertrand | Lynda Perrodin | Ashley & Nicholas Bertrand, Wesley & William Driggs |
| 11:00 a.m. | Fr. Dought | Deacon Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Jr. Bergeron, Charles Feucht, Lynn Pavich | Rachel Smith | Landon & Kelly Fruge, Leo Richard Thurifer: Jacque Richard MC: Cole Bergeron |
| 6:00 p.m. | Msgr. Romero | Rickey Aguillard, Debbie DeRouen, Maggie Parks | Life Teen Member | Harry Summerlin III, Luke Trahan, Blake Summerlin, Brooke Young |

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, Gilbert Young, Deanna Prather, Hazel Miller, Linda & Lacy Slocum, Ronnie Singh, Karl Aucoin, Bruce Vige.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:
www.parishesonline.com

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, December 14

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 3:30 p.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:30 p.m.
Capital Campaign -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Jr. High Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15

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

Wednesday, December 16

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary 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 17

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Practice -- 5:30 p.m. in **Parish Hall**.
Adult Christmas Choir -- 6:30 p.m. in **Parish Hall**.
Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at K.C. Hall.

Friday, December 18

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 19

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.
Anticipated Sunday Mass -- 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 20

Masses -- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m. / Life Teen Hayride -- 7 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

DON'T STOP
BELIEVING



RUNNIN' REVS
VS.

SLAMMIN' SEMS
10TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015 - 7PM

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2015 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church - Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass
10:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Night

Friday, December 25

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass at Dawn
9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church - Mass During the Day
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Day
No 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass



2016 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31, 2015

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church
4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church
6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

Friday, January 1, 2016

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
No 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass



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: _____

Drop in collection basket or mail to :

St. Anthony Church, P O Box 31, Eunice, LA 70535

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

Centennial Campaign: *Building Our Future Together*

On the threshold of our Centennial Celebration in 2018, we at St. Anthony of Padua join together with our fellow Catholics throughout the Acadiana area to meet the needs of our parishioners and faith community through our Diocesan-wide campaign effort.

Today, we here at St. Anthony are launching our campaign in support of the **Centennial Campaign: *Building Our Future Together***. Over the next several weeks we look to raise a minimum of \$615,000 to help fund the focus areas and projects illustrated below. Your support in this historic effort will build on our legacy as a devout and generous community, energizing our Diocese to serve and evangelize future generations. During this time, we ask you to consider three things:

1. Pray for the success of the campaign and our efforts at St. Anthony
2. Welcome contact from your fellow parishioners to discuss the campaign
3. Prayerfully consider your own sacrificial gift to the campaign

