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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)

PASTOR:

Very Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero, V.E.

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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday
of
Lent

The Lord God said to Abram,
"Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be."
Genesis 15:5

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

Sacrament of Marriage

We are sandwiched this Sunday between two Sundays regarding the sacrament of marriage. As last Sunday was the second Sunday of February, we celebrated World Marriage Day

[It was also February 14th, St. Valentine's Day]. Next Sunday [February 28th] the annual Diocese of Lafayette's Marriage Anniversary Recognition will be held at St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Jarrell will be the main celebrant. Today is a good day to bring both Sundays together. Let us look at the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage in the life of the church. Those who are members of Christ through Baptism look upon marriage as a sacrament, an outward sign of God's grace. The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church in answer to question 341 says: "Christ not only restored the original order of matrimony but raised it to the dignity of a sacrament, giving spouses a special grace to live out their marriage as a symbol of Christ's love for his bride the Church: 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church.' (Ephesians 5:25)." Please find in this bulletin those who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at Annunciation and St. Anthony in 2015. Also within the list of couples are the words for the Prefaces for Marriage, giving us an exposition of the grace lived in this sacrament. Let us pray that these couples and all couples in the sacrament of marriage may bless us with this lived grace.

24 Hours for the Lord

In conjunction with the Church's celebration of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has asked us to conduct a "24 hours for the Lord" program. It is conducted in the Diocese of Lafayette between 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Each parish develops its own form of celebration. **For Annunciation** the "24 hours with the Lord" will be the 5:00 p.m. Way of the Cross-on Friday, March 4, 2016. Following the Way of the Cross, adoration and special prayers for the Year of Mercy will occur. **At St. Anthony** the "24 hours for the Lord" will have several activities accordingly: A Men's Recollection "24 hours for the Lord" – Year of Mercy on Friday, March 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Jeanmard Hall. On Saturday, March 5, 2016, the first Saturday Mass at St. Anthony with the homily on Mary, Queen of Mercy and Mother of Mercy. Also on Saturday, March 5, 2016, a Women's Recollection "24 hours for the Lord"

– Pilgrimage to Mercy for Year of Mercy will be held in Jeanmard Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. For the Women's Recollection, we ask that you call the Church Office to sign-up (457-5285). Plus for those who are in the Adoration Chapel during the "24 hours for the Lord," we will provide special prayers.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

Bishop Jarrell asks us to use the CRS Rice Bowl as a tool for our Lenten journey. 75% of the gifts from the Rice Bowl help programs around the world; while 25 % of the gifts are use for programs within the Diocese of Lafayette. For example, some of the gifts used within our diocese helped the Eunice Food Bank. Visit crsricebowl.org for resources.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C – Luke 9:28b-36

Today's Gospel records the event we call the Transfiguration of the Lord. In this miraculous moment, Jesus' divine nature was revealed clearly to Peter, James, and John. They were able to witness this revelation of Jesus only because they were "fully awake." Had they stayed sleeping, they would have missed out. It is an obvious point but one that may need more attention than we care to admit. Of course we have to be "awake" in order to absorb the fullness of our faith. If we are not tuned in, not attentive, not exerting any effort, then we are certainly going to miss out. But the fact is that we do not always realize we're falling asleep.

Just as Peter, James, and John were "overcome" with sleep, we too can slip into this state – spiritually speaking, we can become numb or lazy and slowly fade away from the fervor of authentic faith. This is why the church, in her wisdom, gives us the season of Lent. This is the time to refocus, to clear away the cobwebs, and to become "fully awake." Ultimately, we pray that these efforts will allow us to truly see "his glory" come Eastertide.

Questions of the Week

Luke 9:28b–36: What distracts you from listening to Jesus?

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18: What do you find most puzzling about the encounter between God and Abraham?

Philippians 3:17-4:1: Paul warns against being occupied with "earthly things." How do you avoid that trap?

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 21, 2016

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 14, 2016

Sunday's Offertory	\$7,213.00
Mailed-In Offertory	2,108.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$9,321.00
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$2,330.00
Black & Indian Mission.....	\$1,141.00

Weekly Average 2016 \$10,534.83

Children's Contribution\$7.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Helping Mom Ainsley & Reese

* Praying for others Shawna, Reese, Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1604

Number of Envelopes Used.....130

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 4

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / St. Edmund Elem. Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's Faith Sharing -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, February 25

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 26

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Eunice Manor & Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. in Church.
R.C.I.A. Retreat -- 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Duralde.

Saturday, February 27

R.C.I.A. Retreat -- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Duralde.
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.
Anticipated Sunday Mass -- 4:00 pm

Sunday, February 28

Masses -- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass & Reception -- 2:00 p.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 22

6:15 a.m.: Kenneth Moosa; Rev. Donald J. Hebert (*Pastor*);
Rafael & Keila Beauchamp

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 p.m.: Kenneth Moosa; Kermen D. Beauchamp, Sr.

Wednesday, February 24

6:15 a.m.: "Dutch" Spekschate (*Anniversary of Death*)

Thursday, February 25

12:00 p.m.: Randy Fontenot

Friday, February 26

6:15 a.m.: Carmen Daigle family (*Liv.*)

Saturday, February 27

4:00 p.m.: George Sonnier; Beth Sylvester; Newton

Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Leon Stelly; Jack
& Lois Miller; Joyce L. Soileau; Willis David

Sunday, February 28

Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Clara Schneider;
Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Kenneth Moosa; Sue Rodi; Carole Sue
& Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & John
Marshall Arabie; Philip Montelaro; Johnny & Ruth
Manuel; Merlin Moreau

11:00 a.m.: Dr. Jack & Lois Miller

6:00 p.m.: Whitney & Melba Blanchard

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Tommy Dietz, Mitch Fontenot, Stephanie Manuel	Kay Dietz	Alex Fontenot, Anna Belle Fontenot Gabby Fontenot, Greta Miller
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Charles Feucht, Norma Diaville, Brad Miller	Lisa Miller	Abby Miller, Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Mary-Helen Miller
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Jason & Kelly Bertrand	Craig Soileau	Nicholas & Ashley Bertrand, Noah Clause, Phillip Fontenot
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Samantha Bertrand Todd & Debbie Ortego	Michelle LeJeune	Leo Richard, Elizabeth & Avery McGee Thurifer: Daniel Lombas MC: Cole Bergeron
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Angie Aguillard, Jeffrey & Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Dominic Dupre, Elijah Dupre Isaac Russell, Brooke Young

COMMITMENT WEEKEND



THANK YOU for your willingness to learn about this effort.

THANK YOU for your support for our parish.

THANK YOU for your vision for our greater Church.

THANK YOU for your commitment to our future.

Today, all St. Anthony parish families are invited to participate in the **Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together**. By joining together as a parish family, we will ensure the success of this effort.

We need gifts of all sizes! Please consider a sacrificial pledge if you have not already given. This is your chance to support our parish and our Diocese. By contributing to the **Centennial Campaign**, you demonstrate an amazing Christian example of faith and generosity. When all our parish households participate in sacrificial consideration, we have the opportunity to honor the past, celebrate the present, and ensure a brighter future. Together, we help build a stronger, more vibrant Catholic Church for years to come.

We hope you too will be inspired to join us in the **Centennial Campaign**. Thank you!

God bless you all!

Thank you also to all of our generous parishioners and volunteers for your support of the **Centennial Campaign**. Your enthusiasm towards this initiative is inspiring.

"And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury; And He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all, For all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God. But she, out of her poverty, put in all the livelihood that she had." (Luke 21:1-4)

CALLING ALL WOMEN!!

A Pilgrimage to Mercy Lenten Morning Retreat St. Anthony Parish Hall

Saturday, March 5 -- 8:00-11:30 a.m.



Join us for Mass and a morning of reflection and prayer focused on God's call to mercy and forgiveness.

*Call the Rectory office
to sign up @ 457-5285*

EASTER DECORATIONS

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 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.



HOLY WEEK CHOIR

Any St. Anthony parishioner interested in singing for Holy Week Masses can join this choir. We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices. For more info, call Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285. The rehearsals are scheduled for: **Thursdays, March 3, 10 & 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Church.** (*We may have an extra practice during Holy Week.*)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. and at Annunciation Church on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Please pray for: Kathy Henderson, Georgie Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Fenrick Manuel, Craig Durbin, Bruce Vige, Jim Miller, Joe Elfert, Mable Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Elliot Arabie, Kelly McFarland Sr., Nelda Durbin, Norbert Young, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Mary 'Bobbie' Thibodeaux, Phillip Venable, Lisa LeBouef, Jann Huckaby Hebert, Joan Burson, J.C. Labbie, Delores Labbie, Jane Courville, Sheila Fuselier, Paul Rozas, Ann Duran, George Coleman, Charles & Jude Francois, Roger Gillard, Elwin 'E.J.' Zaunbrecher.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Reconciling with friend.
- 2) Successful heart procedure.

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

Prayer Partners Needed: *Mon. 8 am, 9 am; Wed. 7 am, 8 am, Noon, 1 pm; Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm*

To commit one hour - call Brenda Castro 457-7965.



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World Day of Marriage

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church” (Ephesians 5:25)

WEDDINGS 2015

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Duralde, LA

Nicholas Ryan Ortego &
Katie Christina Fontenot – February 7

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage *Preface: The dignity of the marriage covenant.*

... For you have forged the covenant of marriage as a sweet yoke of harmony and an unbreakable bond of peace, so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord, you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design: that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world, their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church, through Christ our Lord. ...

St. Anthony of Padua - Eunice, LA

Bryan Joseph Bordelon &
Stacie Brooke LaHaye – January 24

Michael Cory Doucet &
Lessie Lei Darbonne – February 27

Evan Michael Crochet &
Amber Jayne Miller – February 28

Phillip Michael Guillory &
Lacy Chantelle Verrett – April 10

Bobby Joe Boquet &
Katie Elizabeth Bergeron – April 11

John Mark Latiolais, Jr. &
Sadie Elizabeth Ardoin – April 17

Marvin Peter Leblanc, Jr. &
Tara Yvette Fruge – May 23

Ryan Matthew Johnson &
Alyssa Therese Bobbett – June 5

Matthew Charles Warr &
Angelle Nicole Joubert – June 26

Dustin Blake Guillory &
Olivia Marie Vidrine – July 10

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage *Preface: The great Sacrament of Matrimony.*

... For in him you have made a new covenant with your people, so that, as you have redeemed man and woman by the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, so in Christ you might make them partakers of divine nature and joint heirs with him of heavenly glory.

In the union of husband and wife you give a sign of Christ's loving gift of peace, so that the Sacrament we celebrate might draw us back more deeply into the wondrous design of your love. ...

Christopher James Ardoin &
Kyla Michelle Cormier – August 9

Jeremy Carl Broussard &
Brittany Kathleen Franques – August 9

Benjamin Alexander Miller &
Jennifer Leigh Leger – August 29

Jonathon Dirk Ortego &
Hannah Jo Dies – October 9

Brett Mitchell Garcille &
Laura Theresa Rougeau – October 16

Sean Michael Veronie &
Lauren Brooke Ortego – October 31

Trey Dominic Aymond &
Megan Elizabeth Bertrand – November 6

Jonathan Charles Reaux &
Carmen Rachelle Soileau – November 20

John Lawrence Zaunbrecher, Jr. &
Erin Elizabeth Clause – December 18

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage *Preface: Matrimony as a sign of divine love.*

... For you willed that the human race, created by the gift of your goodness, should be raised to such high dignity that in the union of husband and wife you might bestow a true image of your love.

For those you created out of charity you call to the law of charity without ceasing And grant them a share in your eternal charity.

And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony, as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man and woman, through Christ our Lord.

RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET:

marriageuniqueforareason.org
foryourmarriage.org portumatrimonio.org