

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.**

## PAROCHIAL VICAR:

**Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie**

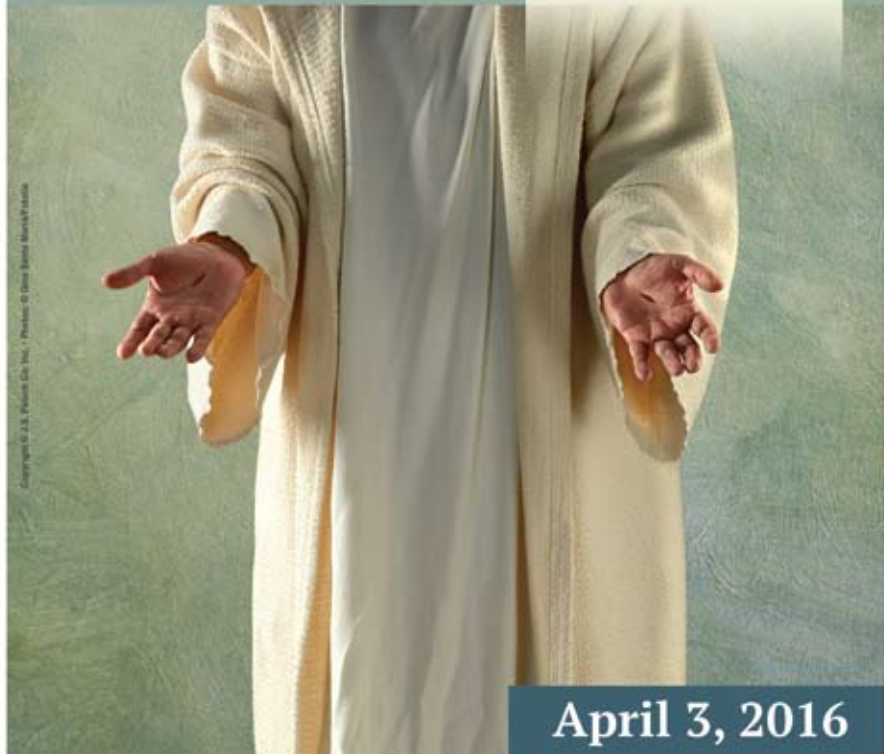
## DEACON:

**Deacon Gary Gaudin**

**Second Sunday**  
of  
*Easter*  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

*Jesus said to Thomas,  
"Have you come to  
believe because you  
have seen me?  
Blessed are those  
who have not seen  
and have believed."*

*John 20:29*



**April 3, 2016**

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

### The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday

On May 5, 2000 the Office of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree establishing the Sunday after Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday”. The Holy Father, Saint John-Paul II gave the reason for this. He said that Divine Mercy “is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.”

### Gospel of Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy, Cycle C – John 20:19-31

After the Crucifixion, the disciples had locked themselves in a room in fear. But the Lord stepped right into this fear and dispelled it in an instant: “The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.” Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear – whether it is fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God’s love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration for the Year of Mercy, “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.” Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others.

### Questions of the Week

**John 20:19–31:** Do your doubts affect your faith life? What would your faith life be without doubts?

**Acts 5:12–16:** What challenges do you think the apostles faced with this remarkable early success in evangelization?

**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19:** Why do you think Jesus initially appears to John ready for battle?

### A Prayer

Dear Jesus, I am like Thomas today. Thomas did not believe you were raised. I do not believe in your mercy. Let Thomas’ finger lead me to believe. As Thomas touches your wounds, let me also reach out and touch your wounds. Let your wounds in your hands; in your feet; in your side heal me of my sins, of my hate, of my un-forgiveness, and of my lack of mercy. May the hold that the prince of darkness has on me be cut. Heal me, dear Jesus, of the root cause of my lack of belief. Jesus make me whole and let your Spirit of Mercy lead me to forgive those who sin against me and who hurt me. Jesus, you are my Lord

and my God. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.

Let me say with all believers to the Heavenly Father, “Eternal Father, I offer You the body and blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world.” “For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” “Holy God, holy mighty one, holy immortal one, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Amen.

### Acts of Mercy Taught by the Church

The Corporal Works of Mercy are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, and bearing wrongs patiently.

### Christ Our King Catholic Radio

Catholic Radio in Acadiana is expanding to a larger area. Currently “Christ Our King Catholic Radio” is heard only on 90.4 FM. On Monday, April 4, 2016 another station comes on board. It is 1230 AM. The new station will broadcast from a tower near Opelousas. This will enhance our reception and will be heard throughout the North Region of the Diocese of Lafayette. Both Annunciation and St. Anthony are member parishes of “Christ Our King Catholic Radio”. Please see the special Catholic Radio Information in today’s bulletin.

### Women’s ACTS RETREAT – St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Eunice) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (Duralde)

The Women’s ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for April 7 - 10, 2016. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for the success of the retreat. Please offer an hour of prayer for the women on retreat and for those on the retreat team. There still is time to sign up on the poster in church. The return mass for the retreat will be the 11:00 a.m. mass on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Following mass a small reception is held in Jeanmard Hall. As next Sunday’s 11:00 a.m. mass is the return mass, parishioners are invited to attend and welcome all involved in the retreat.

### Upcoming Events

**Annunciation of the BVM sponsors a Church Social** on Sunday, April 17 following 9:00 a.m. mass in honor of First Communion and Confirmation parishioners of this year.

**St. Anthony Parish Family Picnic** is on Sunday, April 24, 2016 following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Parishioners are invited to attend.

**St. Edmund’s Spring Fair** is from April 29 – May 1, 2016. The Fair is a weekend of family fun! Please reserve this weekend on your calendar.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

April 3, 2016  
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## STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

### Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$7,957.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	1,799.00
Total Offertory for the week .....	<b>\$9,756.00</b>
Bishop's Services Appeal .....	\$415.00

### Good Friday, March 25, 2016

Holy Land Collection .....	\$348.00
Rice Bowl Collection .....	\$425.00

### Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$11,277.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	758.00
Total Offertory for the week .....	<b>\$12,035.00</b>

Weekly Average 2016 ..... \$11,097.00

**Thank you for your generosity.**  
Please remember St. Anthony Church  
& St. Edmund School in your will.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, April 4

6:15 a.m.: Dr. Jack & Lois Miller; Theodore & Doris McGee; Thelma Vige (*Anniversary of Death*)

### Tuesday, April 5

12:00 p.m.: Raymond 'Poochie' Fontenot

### Wednesday, April 6

6:15 a.m.: Bertha Fontenot; Etney & Joyce Fontenot; Daniel Melancon (*Birthday*)

### Thursday, April 7

12:00 p.m.: Shirley Gaudin

### Friday, April 8

6:15 a.m.: Maria del Pilar Parrie; Lena Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

### Saturday, April 9

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Merlin & Lizzy (*Liv.*) Moreau; Joyce L. Soileau; John 'Nookie'

Savoy; Leon Stelly; LeRoy Joseph Ledoux; Beatrice Leonards; Arnold Garcia

### Sunday, April 10

#### Third Sunday of Easter

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Merlin Marcantel; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*); J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M A.F. McGee Sr.; M/M Amos Durio Sr.; Toby Durio; Ivette F. Beauchamp (*Liv.*); Jerry Reviere


11:00 a.m.: Arnold Garcia

6:00 p.m.:



## ANNULMENTS:

What They Are and How to Go About It  
(What the Church Means by a Declaration  
of Nullity and How to Petition for One)

**Mercy:**  
the bridge that connects  
**God** and **man,**  
opening our hearts  
to the **hope**  
of being **loved** forever  
**despite**   
our *sinfulness.*  
-Pope Francis

When: Tuesday,  
April 26, 2016  
6:30 P.M.

Where:  
St. Anthony of Padua  
(Eunice)  
Jeanmard Hall

Presenter:  
Very Rev. Msgr.  
Robie Robichaux, JCL, VJ  
Diocese of Lafayette

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337-322-8738  
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## PRIEST, EXTRAORDINARY LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2016				
4:00 p.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguillard, Vergie Ardoin, Donnie Darbonne, Michael Lombas	Jude Huckaby	Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard, Phillip Fontenot, Leo Richard
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016				
7:00 a.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Jan Ward, Ed & René Benoit	Joan Burson	Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee
9:00 a.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Mitch Fontenot	Jacque Pucheu	Alex Fontenot, Gabby Fontenot, Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge
11:00 a.m. ACTS Return Mass	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, ACTS Members	ACTS Member	John-Michael Fruge, Austin & Jack Miller <b>Thurifer:</b> Jacque Richard <b>MC:</b> Cole Bergeron
6:00 p.m.	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Rickey Aguillard, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Randall McElwee	Ashton Eckholdt, Sarah Fruge, Katelyn Guillory, Brooke Young

### MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** 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, Sheila Fuselier, Paul Rozas, Ann Duran, George Coleman, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Elwin 'E.J.' Zaunbrecher, Carla Bollich, Kathy Henderson, Darlene Faul, Kaitlyn Mire, Bradley Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Diane DeRouen, David Frey & family, Craig Durbin, Bruce Vige, Emma LeBlue, Addison Grace Miller, Rene Duplechain, Eve Morgan, Jude Miller Sr., Harold Lower, Gavin Landry, Carla Sattler.

***Pray for our troops & peace in the world!***

**For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:**  
[\*\*www.parishesonline.com\*\*](http://www.parishesonline.com)

### MEETINGS & EVENTS

#### **Monday, April 4**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:30 p.m.  
C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

#### **Tuesday, April 5**

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, April 6**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 8:00 a.m.  
Confirmation Mass -- 6:00 p.m. (Candidates meet in St. Edmund Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m.)

#### **Thursday, April 7**

Ladies Altar Society -- 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.  
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
Women's ACTS Retreat -- Acadian Baptist Center.

#### **Friday, April 8**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Eunice Manor / Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

#### **Saturday, April 9**

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

#### **Sunday, April 10**

Masses -- 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.  
Women's ACTS Return Mass followed by Reception in the Parish Hall -- 11:00 a.m.  
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

# EASTER DECORATIONS



Donations for Easter decorations have been made in honor / memory of (*living or deceased*): Kenneth Moosa, Blake Feucht, Nilas & Lillie Young, Denise L. Hanks, Melanie Ann Arnaud; Lillie &

Louis McGee Sr., Dr. Jack & Lois Miller, Burnis Cooper, Loretta Cooper Gaspard, Connie Andrus, M/M William Murphy, Robert Murphy, Melvena Murphy, Carla, Julia & Jayia Watford, Joe & Armildy Bertrand, Martha Richard, Lucille & Gabriel Johnson, M/M Norris Young, Jane & Perry Vidrine, M/M Willie Belfour, Rodney Diaville, Kim Ridout family, Albert & Genevieve Fontenot family, Morris & Berthilde Diaville family, J. Merlin Fruge, Thelma Vige, Dennis Wayne Prather, Clarence Prather, Nola Prather, Dorothy Arabie, Jacque Arabie, Zula Arabie, Paul Lejeune, Michael Sattler, Carla Sattler, Ortere & Hazel LaHaye, Raymond & Jeanette Aguillard, Ed & Connie Larson, Carolyn A. Sittig, Jeanne A. LeBleu, Mrs. Eugenia Mire, Mrs. Clara Zeiler, Mrs. Ann Zeiler, Luther Fontenot, Alena & Debra LeBouef, Jack Allen Parks, Harry & Theresa Aymond family, Leroy & Lou Melancon family, Daniel Melancon family, All Unborn Babies, Houston Barzare, Winnie Barzare, Linda B. Richard, Kevin Barzare, Gracie Daigle, Fr. Matthew Barzare, Eugene Castill, Veronica Tujague, Lelia David, Merlin Marcantel, M/M August Courville Sr., Bart Courville, M/M David Guilbeau, M/M Lennie Coco.



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## St. Anthony Parish Family Picnic

**April 24, 2016**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
 Followed by Picnic on Church grounds**

*Bring your snacks and lawn chairs.  
 Parish will provide drinks, chips,  
 hamburgers and hot dogs.*

*Life Teen students will be  
 offering face painting for the children.*

## Pastoral Council Nomination Form

**Pastoral Council nominations are being accepted at  
 St. Anthony of Padua Church.  
 Three (3) positions are opened.**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 29, 2016**

Msgr. Romero, I nominate for the  
 St. Anthony of Padua Pastoral Council:

*[Print]*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person nominating [Print]: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone of person nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

*Deliver this Nomination to the church office or  
 place in the collection basket.*

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