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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:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

December 18, 2016

## FOURTH SUNDAY of *Advent*

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."  
Matthew 1:23

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

### Adoration Chapel Holyday and Holiday Schedule 2016 - 2017

The Adoration Chapel at St. Anthony of Padua Church will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holydays and Holidays. The chapel will close at **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday,**

**December 22, 2016 and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).** Noticing several other churches have been closing their chapel for these Holydays and Holidays as well as hearing the difficulty of scheduling substitute adorers, it is best to provide a safe and easy arrangement for all adorers. I thank all adorers for your love of Jesus Christ. If you can, please pray at home during your regular time of adoration. This way we maintain our spirit and attitude of adoration.

### Tri-Parish Advent Penance

A Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service will be held on **Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Thomas More Church, Eunice.** There will be no "The Light is on for You!" this Wednesday. The Examinations of Consciences from last Sunday's and this Sunday's bulletins are helpful in preparing for this Penance Service. Everyone is welcome to attend and receive God's mercy and love.

### A Novena In Preparation for Christmas December 16 – December 24

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

- § **The ANGELS illumined the Christmas midnight with their splendor.** May the Church shine with the radiant faith of its members.
- § **The ANGELS announced "Good News of great joy" at the birth of Jesus.** May He be the joy and strength of Our Holy Father, our bishops, priests, deacons and all in the consecrated life.
- § **The ANGELS proclaimed "do not be afraid."** May the birth of Jesus free the world from terrorism and danger, fear and despair, injustice and hatred.
- § **The ANGELS announced the coming of the Savior born for all people.** May the poor and homeless, those out of work or in financial distress, the ill, the discouraged and those struggling with mental or psychological challenges experience the saving power of Jesus in their lives.
- § **The ANGELS made known the sign of the Infant,** lying in the manger. May the birth of Jesus make our families signs of His presence by their faithful love and protect the unborn, children and young people.

§ **The ANGELS promised "peace to those on whom God's favor rests."** May Jesus fill our hearts with that peace and favor and answer the intentions we bring before Him this Christmas and always. Amen.

### Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle A – Matthew 1:18-24

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. In a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving — not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we do not have an exact timeframe. We do not know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we do not get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. Let us recognize today the mission God has laid before us.

### Questions for the Week

**Matthew 1:18-24:** What do you find most interesting in Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus?

**Isaiah 7:10-14:** Why do you think God sometimes communicates to us in "signs"?

**Romans 1:1-7:** Paul speaks about believers in Rome being "called" to belong to Christ and "called" to be holy. Do you sense a similar call in your life?



*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 19

**6:15 a.m.:** Cindy B. Comeaux; Terry G. Gautreaux; Rodney Manuel

### Tuesday, December 20

**12:00 p.m.:** Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Dr. Benny Fruge; Herbert Stelly (*6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*); George Soileau

### Wednesday, December 21

**6:15 a.m.:** Etney & Joyce Fontenot; Richard Villatoa; Shirley Janot

### Thursday, December 22

**12:00 p.m.:** Norman Petro

### Friday, December 23

**6:15 a.m.:** Kermen D. Beauchamp, Sr.; Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz; Theresa Aymond (*Birthday*)

### Saturday, December 24 -- Christmas Eve

**4:00 p.m.:** Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Jake Schatzle; Kelly & Vernice Fuselier; Pilar Parrie; Blake Feucht; Nilas & Lillie Young; M/M Phillip Montelaro; M/M Foston Fruge; Ashton Noel; Burley Marcantel; M/M L.W. Sumrall; M/M C.L. Fontenot; Raymond 'Poochie' Fontenot; Johnny & Ruth Manuel; M/M Amos Normand; M/M August Courville Sr.; M/M Gilmore Bordelon; M/M Lamar Normand; Royce Normand; Elaine Abshire; Bart Courville; Ronnie Normand; Yvonne Normand; Nathan Normand; John Kirkland; M/M C.A. Penn; Burnis Cooper; Loretta Cooper Gaspard; Connie Andrus; Corey Desselle; Gene Pastor; Merlin Marcantel; Flora Soileau; Joseph Uvalle; Dr. Benny Fruge; Charles & Lily Lea-Ké; Joshua Godeaux; M/M Sady Courville; M/M Henry Segar; Richard Clay Chapman; Leonce Thibodeaux; Travis & Gladys Hollier; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Thomas Javier McAndrew; Gladys & Howard Landreneaux; Lou Latour; Leon Stelly; M/M Willie Belfour; Gene Christian; Louis & Amelia Fontenot family; Darryl Feucht; Belle Gillette; Jane V. Courville; Berchman & Hilda Chaumont; Dorothy Jane & John B. Huckaby Sr.; Debbie LeJeune; Charles & Shirley (*Liv.*) Myers; Lois & Calvin Ortego Sr.; Calvin Ortego Jr.; Myra & L.B. Brown Jr.; Lillie Mae & C.S. Maxie; Ortego / Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

**6:00 p.m.:** Donald V. Tanner Sr.; M/M Auggie Leonards; M/M Jeffery Brunet; Sonny Brunet; George Sonnier; Verna M. Ardoin; Kim Burnett Bergeron; Shirley Marcantel (*10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.*); Richard 'Dick' Miller; Mrs. Willie Roy Fontenot

**10:00 p.m.:** Yvonne Geerts; Tony Bourgeois; Shirley & C.J. Janot; Gabriel & Lucille Johnson; Raymond & Marice Courville; Duma N. Fontenot family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Charles Manuel; Felix & Bernice Mire; Victor & Elena Touchet; Hilary Mire.

### Sunday, December 25 -- Christmas

**7:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners; Merlin Marcantel; M/M August Courville Sr.; George & Pat Schneider; Penny Schneider; Carla, Julia & Jayia Watford; Joe & Armildy Bertrand; Martha Richard; Mary Anita Lanclos; Pilar Parrie; Lester Reed; M/M Joseph Elvie Lejeune; M/M Evas Darbonne; Vernell Soileau; Norma Jean 'Mac' Miller; Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz; Suzanne Wimberley (*Liv.*); Samantha Bertrand (*Liv.*); Tricia Bertrand & family (*Liv.*); Shelly Fontenot & family (*Liv.*); Stephanie Manuel & family (*Liv.*); Michelle Newson & family (*Liv.*); Erica Zaunbrecher & family (*Liv.*); Chip & Charice Hebert & family (*Liv.*); Caroline Manuel & family (*Liv.*); Brett & Kelly Manuel & family (*Liv.*); Doug & Aimee Summerlin & family (*Liv.*); Stan & Lisa Feucht & family (*Liv.*); Kal & Dana Landry & family (*Liv.*); Chad & Mandy Briscoe & family (*Liv.*); Donnie & Michele Richard & family (*Liv.*); Michael & Sarah Fruge & family (*Liv.*); Michael Guillory & Shannon Grazaffi & family (*Liv.*); Ryan & Amber Vidrine & family (*Liv.*); Rusty & Maghon Manuel & family (*Liv.*); Stephen & Jessica Liles & family (*Liv.*); John Kirk & Sarah Feucht & family (*Liv.*); Andre Feucht (*Liv.*); Clay Feucht & Lauren Gardner & family (*Liv.*); Vivian (*Liv.*) & Darryl Feucht; Ray Ardoin (*Liv.*); Michelle & Robbie LeJeune & family (*Liv.*); Dr. Tim & Cecillia Fontenot (*Liv.*); Scott & Vivian Broussard & family (*Liv.*); Amy (*Liv.*) & Justin Christ family

**9:00 a.m.:** Kenneth Moosa; Msgr. Jules Jeanmard (*Pastor*); Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; M/M Irving Ledet; J.D. & John Marshall Arabia; Thelma & Leroy (*Liv.*) Vige; Hubert Fontenot; Marie & Arnold Jacobs; Willie & Orelia Vige; Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M A.F. McGee Sr.; Toby Durio; M/M Amos Durio Sr.; Mary Harrington; Octave & Bessie Courville; Dr. Jack & Lois Miller; Dutch Spekschate; Wilda Hollier; Willie Mae Fuselier; Miller / Aucoin families; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Renee Summerlin Fleming; Dewey & Edith Ransom family; J.B. & Dorothy Summerlin family; Peggy Landry / Martin Bordelon family; John Nolan Guillory & Jo Ellen Guillory Fall; Roy & Boudreaux families (*Liv. & Dec.*); Herman Stroderd; Ross Michael Andrus; Clarence Reviere; Carlos Navejas; Maria Sangalang; Novejas & Gutierrez children; Chassity Sittig; Jane Courville; Jeanne Fontenot; Sean Michael & Milly Rider (*Liv.*)

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

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 24, 2016 -- CHRISTMAS EVE

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Jr. Bergeron, Jason & Kelly Bertrand Michael & Angelle Driggs	Jennifer Miller	Ashley & Nicholas Bertrand Wesley & William Driggs <b>Thurifer: Minister Needed</b>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Donnie Darbonne, Samantha Bertrand, Norma Diaville Sarah Moser Fruge, Maggie Parks	Rachel Smith	Samual Hebert, Mia Robinson, Isaac Russell, Vincent Thibodeaux <b>Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux</b>
<b>10:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Todd & Debbie Ortego William Parrie, Glenda Young	Nikki Sonnier	Sarah Fruge, Austin Miller, Jack Miller <b>Thurifer: Jacque Richard</b> <b>MC: Minister Needed</b>

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 25, 2016 -- CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Henry Broussard</b>	Michael Lombas, Janice Aguillard, Josh Aucoin, Glenn Brown, Ken Richard	Amy Aucoin	Hunter Aucoin, Elijah Dupre Garet Hebert, Lindsay Hebert
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Doug Marcantel, Vergie Ardoin, Alicia LaFleur, Barbara Thibodeaux	Tony LaFleur	Madison Comeau, Victoria Marcantel, Abby Miller, Brennon Thompson

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** Lynn Landreneau, Brandon Butler, Jonah Thibodeaux, Judson Ardoin, Louis McGee Jr., J.B. Lejeune, Joan Burson, Paul Rozas, Frank Bergeron, Gayle Abshire, Charity Fontenot, Lillie Mae Aucoin, Gail Landreneau, David Frey, Mary Valerie LeJeune, Anita Masar, Darlene Faul, Emmitt Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Russell Courville, Suzanne DeRouen, Elaine C. Guillory, Maril Fontenot, Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Michael Folse, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Jude Miller Sr., Suzanne Derouen, Elvin Morein, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Troups, Dr. F.J. DeRouen, Linda Gaudin, Lenard Craig, Adam 'Brother' Johnson, Rena Mae Manuel, Dornetta Duplechain, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Christine Duplechin, Amanda Prather, Leroy Vige, Troy Dupre, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Cynthia & Roger Trahan, Ethel Meche.

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

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, December 19

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
C.C.D. Elem. Christmas Program & Toy Drive -- 3:30 p.m.  
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High Classes -- 6:00 p.m.  
Advent Tri-Parish Penance Service -- 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Church.

### Tuesday, December 20

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
St. Anthony Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. KC Hall.

### Wednesday, December 21

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Family Center in Ville Platte

### Thursday, December 22

***Adoration Chapel closes at 12:00 p.m. (noon) until Tuesday, January 3 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)***

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
Children's Christmas Choir Practice -- 5:30 p.m.  
Adult Christmas Choir Practice -- 6:15 p.m.

### Friday, December 23

***Rectory Office Closed (Friday, Dec. 23 - Monday, Dec. 26)***  
Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, December 24 -- Christmas Eve**  
***No Confessions on Christmas Eve***

Masses: 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 25 -- Christmas Day**

Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

***Note: No 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day***

## DONATIONS FOR LITURGICAL DECORATIONS

Liturgical Decorations have been donated by -- or -- in memory of (*living or deceased*):

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### 2016 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, 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

#### Sunday, 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*



### 2017 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

#### Saturday, December 31

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

#### Sunday, January 1

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



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## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For negative scope results.
- 2) Son returning to church.

**Adorers needed for the following hours starting at:** Wed. 12 am; Thurs. 11 pm; Fri. 6 pm; Sat. 12 pm

**Prayer Partners Needed:** Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am; Wed 8 am, Noon; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm

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



# EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

*SOURCE: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions*

*On December 22, 2014 Pope Francis met with the behind-the-scenes Vatican employees. After thanking them for their dedication, he encouraged them to examine areas of their lives. The following words are adapted from his remarks.*

## “Care for your spiritual life, your relationship with God.”

- § Am I a Christian who is not nourished by prayer and the sacraments?
- § Do I study the Word of God?

## “Care for your family life...”

- § Do I give my family time, attention, and love?
- § Do I care for their daily needs?

## “Heal the wounds of the heart with the oil of forgiveness...”

- § Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?
- § Have I said “I’m sorry” to those whom I have hurt and have I tried to make amends?

## “Watch how you speak...”

- § Do I need to purify my everyday language from offensive words, vulgarities, and phrases used in the worldly decadence?
- § Do I gossip about others or tell false truths?

## “Care for your work...”

- § Do I work with enthusiasm and passion?
- § Am I humble enough to thank the Lord for my accomplishments?
- § Do I use my God-given skills and talents in the service of others?

## “Avoid envy, lust, hatred, and negative feelings...”

- § Are my thoughts and actions destructive toward my relationships, especially with those whom I love?
- § Do my thoughts destroy my inner peace?
- § Do I say insulting things when it would be better to remain silent?
- § Do I surround myself with angry or destructive people?

## “Reach out to those who need you... this is how you will be judged.”

- § Do I assist the weak, the elderly, the sick?
- § Do I stand up for foreigners or for those who are oppressed?
- § Do I feed the hungry and shelter the homeless?

## “Let go of...”

- § “The bitterness that brings us to revenge”
- § “The laziness that leads to existential euthanasia”
- § “The finger-pointing that leads to pride”
- § “The complaining that leads to despair”

