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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

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord



*They opened
their treasures and
offered him gifts of*

*gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

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

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts

On the Epiphany of the Lord 2017

Know dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our savior.

- On the 1st day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
- On the 16th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the 28th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the 4th day of June the feast of Pentecost.
- On the 18th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- On the 3rd day of December the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph The Baptism of the Lord

The calendar played a trick on us this year. With four full weeks of Advent this year, we had no Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day. So the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was celebrated on Friday, December 30, 2016. At the same time, there is not enough Sundays this year for the feast of Baptism of the Lord to be celebrated on a Sunday. It is celebrated on Monday, January 9, 2017. Let me reflect with you on each of these Feasts.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph teaches us the importance of family life. In family life we learn to be open to God. We learn to love by our family activities and life. I once again encourage families with children to please gather at least once a week for family prayer together. Also please try to gather for at least five family meals each week. With all the other concerns we do in family life, these two activities bring the family together sharing God and one another.

The Baptism of the Lord not only focuses on Jesus' beginning his public ministry but also helps us see we, too, in our baptism are joined with Jesus as Jesus is our head and we are Jesus' body. With Jesus, we are children of the Heavenly Father. *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* summarizes the effects of Baptism in question 263 this way: **"Baptism takes away original sin, all personal sins and all punishment due to sin. It makes the baptized person a**

participant in the divine life of the Trinity through sanctifying grace, the grace of justification which incorporates one into Christ and into his Church. It gives one a share in the priesthood of Christ and provides the basis for communion with all Christians. It bestows the theological virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A baptized person belongs forever to Christ. He is marked with the indelible seal of Christ (character)."

Eunice Area Prayer Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from January 18–25, 2017. We begin the week with a Eunice Area Prayer Service at Eunice High School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. I invite all parishioners to join the Eunice Christian Community in prayer. I was asked to be the speaker. So I appreciate parishioner's presence. We need your presence as together we join others in witnessing Jesus Christ to the Eunice Community.

Next Sunday [only masses of Sunday and not anticipated masses of Saturday], the three Catholic Pastors of Eunice will rotate churches this way: Father Clinton Sensat will be at St. Mathilda (Eunice) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Chataignier), Father Darren Eldridge will be at St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice), and Msgr. Robert Romero will be at St. Thomas More (Eunice). We do this to highlight Christian Unity as the Week of Christian Unity begins on the Wednesday following Sunday of next week.

Gospel for the Epiphany of the Lord – Matthew 2:1-12

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions—miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why should God not reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

December 18, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$7,998.00
Mailed-In Offertory975.00
Total Offertory for the week**\$8,973.00**
Bishop's Services Appeal.....\$322.00

December 25, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$14,491.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,330.00
Total Offertory for the week**\$15,821.00**

January 1, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$8,224.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,075.00
Total Offertory for the week**\$9,299.00**
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....\$1,941.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!



Questions for the Week

Matthew 2:1-12 - Why do you think the leadership and the people in Jerusalem were "greatly troubled" at news of "the newborn king of the Jews"?

Isaiah 60:1-6 - Isaiah announced this prophecy in the aftermath of Israel's seventy-year exile in Babylon, around 500 BC. How do you imagine the Israelites reacted to his vision?

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 - Paul startled many of his Jewish contemporaries with the revelation that the Gentile believers in Christ were "coheirs" and "copartners" in the promises God made to Israel. Who would you consider today outsiders to the faith?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 9

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Hilda M. Roche

Tuesday, January 10

12:00 p.m.: Peter Vidrine; Ortere LaHaye; Cynthia & Roger Trahan (*Liv.*); Tuesday Prayer Group (*Liv.*); Stewart Paul Rozas

Wednesday, January 11

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, January 12

12:00 p.m.: Dr. Jack (*Anniversary*) & Lois Miller; John Paul LeBlanc; Russell J. Fruge; Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, January 13

6:15 a.m.: Ashton Noel; Lillie C. Young

Saturday, January 14

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; George Sonnier (*2nd Anniversary*); C.J. & Shirley

Janot; Blake Feucht; Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Sr. Carla Marie Candella; Retired Col. Josey Candella

Sunday, January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz; Denise L. Hanks; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Ross Michael Andrus; Frankie LaFleur; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabia; Jeffery Brunet; Msgr. Jules Jeanmard; C.J. Bernard; Stewart Paul Rozas

11:00 a.m.: Pat & Debra Manuel (*Liv.*)

6:00 p.m.: Anthony 'Tony' Andrepont (*Birthday*)

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Henry Broussard	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt, Dora Johnson, Barry Soileau	Charlotte Darbonne	Evan Aucoin, Ashton Eckholdt Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Broussard	Ken Richard, Ed & Reneé Benoit	Michelle LeJeune	Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit, Madison Comeau, Samuel Hebert
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Darren Eldridge	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Sarah Moser Fruge, Dr. Chip Hebert	Craig Soileau	Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert, Trent Thibodeaux, Brennon Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Darren Eldridge	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Charles Feucht, Barbara Thibodeaux, Glenda Young	Lynda Perrodin	Ariana & MacKenzie Manuel, Gavin Oliver MC: Needed Thurifer: Jacque Richard
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Darren Eldridge	Amy Simon, Angie Aguillard, Rickey Aguillard	Life Teen Member	Gabby Fontenot, Isaac Russell, Aiden Veillon, Brooke Young

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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 Touts, 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, Mabel Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Johnny Hall.

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, January 9

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:20 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. classes -- 3:30 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Wednesday, January 11

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / S.E.E. Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Family Life Center Ville Platte
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, January 12

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
S.G.S. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

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

Sunday, January 15

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Classes -- 7:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

DONATIONS FOR LITURGICAL DECORATIONS

Additional Liturgical Decorations have been donated by -- or -- in memory of (*living or deceased*): Jean & Jack Pucheu, Alton & Anna Fontenot, Neil & Dove Forbes, Dr. Neil & Pauline Forbes, Douglas & Lorraine Gipson, Carla Watford, Julia Watford, Jayla Watford



ICON WORKSHOP / RETREAT



The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA., from January 30 through February 5, 2017. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of the Prosopon School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, Leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies.

For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at fdrobnic@diolaf.org or call (337) 261-5554 or (337) 344-7031.



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2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

If you have made any contributions to the church through the envelope system or by bringing the contributions to the office -- your 2016 contribution statement will be available at the Rectory office. Call the office (457-5285) and leave your name and address -- and the contribution statement will be mailed to your home.

EUNICE AREA MEN'S RETREAT

The Eunice Area Men's Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau from Thursday night, February 2 to Sunday noon, Feb. 5. Plan for a spiritually and physically refreshing weekend. For room reservations call Don Mayeux at 457-9610 or 457-7624 or the Rectory.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2017

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For our wonderful family gathering.
- 2) All tests were negative.

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.





**Baptisms January through December 2016
at St. Anthony of Padua Church**

<i>Name of Baptized:</i>	<i>Date of Baptism:</i>	<i>Name of Baptized:</i>	<i>Date of Baptism:</i>
Hank Joseph Beaugh	July 31, 2016	Hayes Nixon Jumonville	February 14, 2016
Roman Reece Bergeaux	December 18, 2016	Jack Walter LeJeune	May 15, 2016
Andrew Ross Brown	September 11, 2016	Eli James Manuel	February 5, 2016
Aria' Grace Ceasar	October 16, 2016	Evangeline Marie Manuel	September 17, 2016
Anniston Marie Cobb	November 20, 2016	Nova Grace Manuel	March 2, 2016
Blake Leigh Conde	February 14, 2016	William Reese Mire	December 18, 2016
Dale Wayne Creamer	March 26, 2016	Karsyn O'Brien Joseph Mitchell	Oct. 16, 2016
Autumn Louna Crochet	May 15, 2016	Lily Anne Reed	December 17, 2016
Evas Scott Darbonne	March 23, 2016	Beau Daniel Russell	October 23, 2016
Ellie Grace Deville	May 15, 2016	Dean Matthew Russell	July 2, 2016
Lillie Ann Feucht	April 2, 2016	Jose Manuel Smith Smith	July 2, 2016
Evie Grace Fontenot	October 16, 2016	Easton Michael Sonnier	April 3, 2016
Isabelle Rose Fontenot	December 26, 2016	Suzanne Marie-Therese Stearns	January 6, 2016
Madison Blaire Fontenot	August 21, 2016	Gus Marshall Thibodeaux	December 18, 2016
Sebastian Michael Fontenot	October 16, 2016	David Michael Thomas	August 28, 2016
Frances Clare Fruge	June 10, 2016	Daxton Jace Veillon	March 13, 2016
Jackson Paul Gaspard	July 23, 2016	Audrey Shae Veronie	October 16, 2016
Anne Marie Guillory	July 24, 2016	Adam Jared Vidrine	September 18, 2016
Alexander Grant Hallum	February 13, 2016	Cassie Blake Ward	October 2, 2016
Amalie Elyse Hawthorne	December 17, 2016		
Sawyer Elise Hebert	April 2, 2016		

**Baptisms January - December 2016
at Annunciation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Church**

<i>Name of Baptized:</i>	<i>Date of Baptism:</i>
Jolie Christine Babineaux	March 13, 2016
Beau Blaine Deshotels	June 26, 2016
Rhen Catherine Fontenot	June 19, 2016
Reid Blaine Landreneau	July 31, 2016
Trace Luke Sanders	October 9, 2016
Jeslyn Joyce Zaunbreacher	February 7, 2016

