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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

January 15, 2017 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Now I have
seen and
testified that
he is the*

Son of God.

John 1:34

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

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18 – 25, 2017**

This year's theme as jointly prepared and published by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of

Churches is **Reconciliation – The Love of Christ compels Us** (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20). Please find with this bulletin a theme for each day with prayer and Bible references to select for reflection.

This year the Eunice Area Prayer Service is held 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.

To introduce the week, the three Catholic Pastors of Eunice are rotating churches this way: **Father Clinton Sensat** is at St. Mathilda (Eunice) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Chataignier), **Father Darren Eldridge** is at St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice), and **Msgr. Robert Romero** is at St. Thomas More (Eunice). We are doing this pulpit and altar exchange only on Sunday masses not anticipating mass on Saturday.

We pray Catholics will join the joint prayer service at Eunice High School Auditorium and will welcome the witness of Catholic unity with area Catholic Pastors exchanging pulpit and altar. Thank You!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Why do we baptize infants when the Bible says "repent and be baptized"? How can an infant repent?

Answer: When you take a trip, you do not wait until you run out of gas before you fill the tank — at least not on purpose! You fill your tank and pack your bags as you anticipate a trouble-free journey. We can make a similar case for the baptism of children as they begin their spiritual journey. In the early church, only adults were baptized when they professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah. As the church grew, children were baptized and raised in faith. The Bible does not limit baptism to adults. Several passages point to infant baptism. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them," while Paul would baptize people "and their household." He did not limit baptism to adults. Ultimately, our whole life is an act of repentance, a continual struggle to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. We believe that baptism is more than a symbolic act of faith. It forgives original sin as well as personal sin, and brings us into the church, where we begin our journey of faith.

Confirmation Retreat

Next weekend candidates for confirmation at both Annunciation Church and St. Anthony Church will be on retreat. They will attend the 11:00 a.m. mass as their return mass. Please pray for them as they prepare to complete their Christian Initiation.

Gospel for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A – John 1:29-34

John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus did not just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith — whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It is one thing to believe in Jesus; it is another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.

Questions for the Week

John 1:29-34 - Only in the Gospel of John do we hear the title "the Lamb of God" used in reference to Jesus. What does this title mean to you?

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 - According to the prophet Isaiah, what motivated God to call Isaiah to be his "servant"?

1 Corinthians 1:1-3 - In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, how does Paul promote unity of all the faithful?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

January 8, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$8,956.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,042.00
Total Offertory for the week\$9,998.00

Weekly Average 2017 \$9,648.50

Children's Contribution\$5.25

* Helped Grandma..... Matthew

* Praying for the homeless and the sick Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....150

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 2

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Men's
ACTS Retreat

March 30 - April 2, 2017



**Registration
Forms will
be available
soon...**

NEW SERVERS' SCHEDULE

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for *February - March* will soon be prepared. If you are planning to be away during this time -- or -- if you need to change your schedule - please call the office [457-5285] during office hours. Call by **Jan. 23rd** to get your changes into the new schedule.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 16

6:15 a.m.: Augusto 'Chucho' Flores (Liv.); Leon & Elise (Liv.)
Stelly; Lester Reed (2nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, January 17

12:00 p.m.: Fr. Henry Broussard (Liv.); Stewart Paul Rozas

Wednesday, January 18

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, January 19

12:00 p.m.: Ricarda Villalba; Fr. Joseph Alexander (Liv.);
Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, January 20

6:15 a.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas

Saturday, January 21

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce
Thibodeaux; George Sonnier (Birthday); Lorraine Forbes

Gipson (Birthday); Jack Burson, Sr. (50th Anniversary of Death);
Brenda Castro (Liv.)

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Hilda Maria
Roche-Diaz

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie
LaFleur; J.C. Labbie; Chassity Sittig; Kermen D.
Beauchamp Sr.; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Stewart Paul
Rozas

11:00 a.m.: Rachel Bertrand
(Liv.)

6:00 p.m.: Eunice Normand



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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Henry Broussard	Donnie Darbonn, Janice Aguillard, Kayla Fontenot, Mitch Fontenot, Amy Simon	Jude Huckaby	Alex Fontenot, Anna Belle Fontenot, Kiley Tauzin, Vincent Thibodeaux
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Norma Diaville, Michael Lombas, Stephanie Manuel	Mark DeRouen	Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge, Christopher Fuselier, Brennan Manuel
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Doug Marcantel, Kelly Bertrand, Jason Bertrand	Tara LeBlanc	Ashley Bertrand, Nicholas Bertrand, Victoria Marcantel, Adelle Beagh
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Lynn Pavich, Angelle Driggs, Michael Driggs	Aimee Summerlin	Wesley & William Driggs Doug Summerlin Jr. MC: Needed Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Brayden Gaspard, Jeffrey McGee, Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Mia Robinson, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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, Belinda Francois, J.B. LeJeune, Lucas Huckaby (*baby*).

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 16

Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

Ecumenical Unity Service -- 6:00 p.m. at Eunice High School Auditorium.

Thursday, January 19

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at K.C. Hall.

Friday, January 20

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Retreat -- (1/20-1/22 at A.B.C.)

Saturday, January 21

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

Sunday, January 22

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

Right To Life March -- 12:00 p.m. begins at Picou's,
March to Liberty Theatre for a program with a guest speaker.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH
Presents

YOU'RE AMAZING

January 26th, 2017
310 W. Vine Ave.
Eunice, LA 70535

6:00-8:00 pm

A Family Event for the whole community!

Join us for an event with nationally known speaker Justin Falco and the Hard as Nails Team, who will bring a message of HOPE that will change your life forever. Be encouraged, challenged, and inspired like never before, and realize just how amazing you are!

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille has a weekend coming up in soon **January 20, 21 & 22** in the Acadiana area. Retrouvaille is a ministry for couples in troubled marriages. For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact: Stacy or Donea Benandi 985-714-2442-/2443 or Bill and Andi Says 337-298-5170 or visit our website at

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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They make our bulletins possible.*

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) Answer to prayers.
- 2) Our new grandbaby.

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.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 – 25, 2017

Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us

(cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)

Prayer adapted from material jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and The Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches

Opening Prayer [Each Day] Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise you for those whom you sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your name. May your Spirit awaken in every community a hunger and thirst for unity in you. Amen.

Day 1 - One has died for all (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Isaiah 53:4-12 - He gave his life as an atoning sacrifice; Psalm 118: 1,14-29 - God did not abandon me to death; 1 John 2:1-2 - Christ died for all; John 15:13-17 - Giving his life for his friends

Day 2 - Live no longer for themselves (2 Corinthians 5:15)

Micah 6:6-8 - God has told you what is good; Psalm 25:1-5 - God of my salvation, show me your ways; 1 John 4:19-21 - We love because God first loved us; Matthew 16:24-26 - Those who lose their life for my sake will find it

Day 3 - We regard no one from a human point of view (2 Corinthians 5:16)

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7 - The Lord looks not at outward appearances but at the heart; Psalm 19:7-13 - The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; Acts 9:1-19 - Saul becomes Paul; Matthew 5:1-12 - The Beatitudes

Day 4 - Everything old has passed away (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Genesis 19:15-26 - Don't look back; Psalm 77: 5-15 - God is always faithful, Philippians 3: 7-14 - Forgetting what lies behind; Luke 9:57-62 - Keep your hand on the plough

Day 5 - Everything has become new (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Ezekiel 36:25-27 - Receiving a new heart from God; Psalm 126 - Being filled with joy; Colossians 3:9-17 - Being renewed in Christ; John 3:1-8 - Being born in the Spirit

Day 6 - God reconciled us to himself (2 Corinthians 5:18)

Genesis 17:1-8 - God makes a covenant with Abraham; Psalm 98 - The world has seen the victory of God; Romans 5:6-11 - God reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ; Luke 2:8-14 - Proclamation of the good news

Day 7 - The ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Genesis 50:15-21 - Joseph is reconciled with his brothers; Psalm 72 - God's kingdom brings righteousness and peace; 1 John 3:16b-21 - God's love compels us to love one another; John 17:20-26 - Jesus prays for the unity of his church

Day 8 - Reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Micah 4:1-5 - In the last days justice will reign; Psalm 87 - Glorious things are spoken of God; Revelation 21:1-5a - God will make a new heaven and a new earth; John 20:11-18 - Meeting the risen Christ leads to personal mission

Closing Prayer [Each Day]

Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we thank you for this week of prayer,
for being together as Christians
and for the different ways
we have experienced your presence.

Let us always praise your holy name together
so that we may continue to grow in unity and
reconciliation. Amen.

or:

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you,
the saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbals' clearest tone.

Of one pearl each shining portal,
where, joining with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.

No eye has seen that light,
no ear the echoed might
of your glory;

yet there shall we in victory
sing shouts of joy eternally! Amen

