

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:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”

MATTHEW 4:19

JANUARY 22, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Women's ACTS Retreat Prayer

As the Women's ACTS Retreat is February 9-12, 2017, we ask parishioners to volunteer to be a prayer partner for the retreat. At both Annunciation and St. Anthony we have a sign-up poster for parishioners to commit an hour of prayer during the retreat, for the retreat. This hour of prayer can be done anywhere you are. It does not have to be in the Adoration Chapel. It can be at your home. Please join in praying for the women making the retreat.

Men's ACTS Retreat Registration

Next weekend at all masses in Annunciation and St. Anthony, an invitation to register for the Men's ACTS Retreat of March 30-April 2, 2017 will be extended to the men of both church parishes. I encourage all men to prayerfully consider the invitation to attend.

Eunice Area Men's Retreat

At the same time, the men's retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau will be held from February 2-5, 2017. This retreat is older than the Men's ACTS Retreat. It is a spiritually and physically refreshing retreat. If you cannot make the men's ACTS retreat, the Eunice Area Men's Retreat is a good backup.

Deacon Gary Gaudin

Congratulations to Deacon Gaudin on receiving the 2017 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award from Bishop Deshotel on January 13, 2017. These awards were presented following the mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral. Deacon Gaudin was one of 94 recipients. This humanitarian award acknowledges Deacon Gaudin's good work in the social service ministry here in Eunice.

As we know, Deacon Gaudin has functioned as our Church Bookkeeper nearly seven years while also serving in the ministry of Deacon. He has retired as Bookkeeper, but still functions as our Deacon. We appreciate his countless efforts at serving in the person of Christ the servant. He still helps us with coordinating baptisms, R.C.I.A., social service, wakes and funerals, weddings, baptisms, faith formation and visiting homebound especially following surgery. We pray God bless him for his Christ-like love.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and Pro-Life Walk in Eunice

While January 22nd is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion, the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children in all dioceses in the United States of America is on January 23, 2017. Let all people of good will join together in prayer that all citizens

acknowledge human life begins at conception. The Eunice Area Pro-Life Walk is scheduled for January 22, beginning at 12:00 p.m. ending at the Liberty Theater for prayer and a special presentation. Everyone is welcome.

Father Abadie is attending with students from St. Edmund School the Pro-life Walk in Washington, D.C. He is out of the church parish from January 24 – 28, 2017.

Gospel for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A – Matthew 4:12-23

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business—fishing on the Sea of Galilee—when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

Questions for the Week

Matthew 4:12-23- Matthew records Jesus' first public words as: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Why do you think Jesus emphasizes a disposition of repentance needed for the kingdom of heaven?

Isaiah 8:23—9:3- The prophet Isaiah speaks of a new beginning for Israel. According to Isaiah, how do the Israelite people react to God's intervention?

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 - Paul writes about his concerns over reported "divisions" within the Corinthian congregation. How does Paul attempt to unify the community?

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 22, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

January 15, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$8,749.00
Mailed-In Offertory	4,580.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$13,429.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$206.00
<i>Weekly Average 2017</i>	<i>\$10,908.66</i>
Children's Contribution	\$5.25
* <i>Helped Grandma.....</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
* <i>Praying for the homeless and the sick</i>	<i>Shawna, Reese, Ariana & MacKenzie</i>
<i>Number Registered Parish Families.....</i>	<i>1496</i>
<i>Number of Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>Number of Children's Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>2</i>

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Beautiful Beautiful B...

CHRIST MADE MY SOUL

Beautiful

WITH THE JEWELS OF GRACE AND VIRTUE.

I BELONG TO HIM

WHOM THE ANGELS SERVE.

-ST. AGNES

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Men's ACTS Retreat

March 30 - April 2, 2017



Registration Forms will be available soon...

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 23

6:15 a.m.: Jacque & Becky Pucheu (*Liv - Wedding Anniversary*)

Tuesday, January 24

12:00 p.m.: Dove Kilgore Forbes; Fr. Henry Broussard (*Liv.*); Stewart Paul Rozas; Juanita F. Miller

Wednesday, January 25

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, January 26

12:00 p.m.: August Leonards, Jr. (*Birthday*); Fr. Joseph Alexander (*Liv.*); Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, January 27

6:15 a.m.: Dorothy Jane & John B. Huckaby, Sr.

Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce

Thibodeaux; Shirley Janot; M/M Etney 'Kit' Fontenot; Dr. Benny Fruge

Sunday, January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Paul Brown (*Liv. - Birthday*); Stewart Paul Rozas

11:00 a.m.: Jeanne Fontenot; Barbara Ledet (*Liv.*); Irving Ledet

6:00 p.m.:



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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Henry Broussard	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Dora Johnson, Barry Soileau, Barbara Thibodeaux	Jennifer Miller	Anna Chapman, Kylie Hebert, Jack Parks, Luke Trahan
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Brad Miller, Charles Feucht, William Parrie	Joan Burson	Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Kate Miller, Mary-Helen Miller
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Rachel Andrus, Denise LeBouef	Kyle Deshotel	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Anna Fruge, Kathryn Leger
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Jr. Bergeron, Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego	Tim Fontenot	Payton Brown, Leo & Simon Richard MC: Needed Thurifer: Jacque Richard
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Rickey Aguillard, Kim Miller, Maggie Parks	Life Teen Member	Elijah Dupre, Sarah Fruge, Austin Miller, Jack Miller

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 Folsie, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touns, 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*), Lynette James, Grace Fontenot.

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 23

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 -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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 Eunice K.C. Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, January 26

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Hard as Nails Presentation -- 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church.

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks at all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, January 29

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. in Parish Hall.

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 Falter 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!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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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.

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.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) My son's new job.
- 2) My wife's health.



Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: *Wed. 12 am; Sat. 12 am, 12 pm*

Prayer Partners Needed: *Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 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.

St. Edmund Catholic School celebrates



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 29 - February 4, 2017

Celebration Activities Include:

- ~ **Academic assignments**
- ~ **All School Mass**
- ~ **Announcement of Student of the Year, Teacher of the Year, and Supporter of the Year**
- ~ **All School Pep Rally**
- ~ **Tuition Raffle drawing**

schedule of events can be found at www.stedmund.com