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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

Seventh Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

Love your enemies,
that you may be children
of your heavenly Father,
for he makes the sun rise
on the bad and the good.

Matthew 5:44, 45

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

Liguorian Magazine Appeal

Next Weekend (February 25/26, 2017) at St. Anthony of Padua Church Father Frank Kriski, CSsR will make an appeal for us to subscribe to the *Liguorian Magazine*. Liguorian is an excellent magazine to help us grow in

faith, hope and love. Please welcome Father Frank Kriski.

A Word of Appreciation

It is not yet Lent, but we have been busy. I appreciate the many works of religion parishioners have been involved. **First**, we had our Confirmation Retreat for Annunciation, St. Mathilda, and St. Anthony. **Second**, we see the ACTS Retreats are in full swing. The last Women’s retreat was held last weekend. We have two more retreats in formation at the same time. These are both men retreats for us here at Annunciation and St. Anthony; the second men’s retreat is a mission retreat for Sacred Heart of Jesus in Ville Platte. **Third**, we had Justin Fatica of Hard As Nails Ministries come to Eunice on January 26, 2017. He did a program at Eunice High School and at St. Edmund School in the day and at night he spoke at St. Anthony of Padua. While the night gathering was a smaller attendance than last year, it was an outstanding experience of Jesus. **Fourth**, we had Pro-Life activities: A group of students from St. Edmund School attended the National March for Life in Washington, D. C. on January 27, 2017. The National March complemented the local march we had in Eunice on January 22, 2017. The Eunice March ended in the Liberty Theater where we prayed and also had a wonderful presentation from Ms. Grace Fontenot. **Fifth**, of significance is a retreat for the students in the 7, 8, 9, and 10 graders who attend public schools and who also attend religious formation at St. Mathilda, St. Thomas More, and St. Anthony of Padua Churches in Eunice. This retreat was held at St. Mathilda’s Parish Hall on January 28, 2017 in the afternoon. It was well attended and it was a meeting of Jesus as Jesus calls us to come after Him in living the Beatitudes. **Sixth**, let me not forget the First Confession at St. Anthony on February 2, 2017. Here I witnessed self-knowledge, contrition, and resolution to accept Jesus. I appreciate parent’s care for their child and their love walking with their child in the way of Jesus Christ. All of these activities were a work of God where parishioners reached out to each other, being the Body of Christ. It was great to witness Christ visible in the baptized. Thank you for your faith, hope and love.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Is it true that Friday is still a day of abstinence? If so, why do we eat meat?

Answer: Church law and practice is universal, but some things

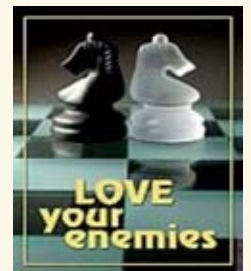
can be changed or modified by a conference of bishops with Holy See’s approval. Abstaining from meat is a good example. Canon 1251 says, “Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities.” The bishops in the USA obtained permission from Rome (the Holy See) to do penitential and charitable works in place of abstinence on Fridays. Friday should still maintain its penitential character through our personal sacrifices and good works. Our personal practices are not limited or defined by church law. We can always do more penance according to our circumstance. On Fridays of Lent we abstain from meat. On Friday outside Lent we chose the penance according to our need. This way Fridays are always Days of Penance.

Gospel for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A – Matthew 5:38-48

“Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.” Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to **“love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”**

These instructions do not come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that—although it may not change the heart of our **“enemies”** — will nonetheless change our hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then we are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: **“I choose to do this,”** instead of **“I am being forced to do this.”**



When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 12, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$9,680.00
Mailed-In Offertory2,016.00
Total Offertory for the week\$11,696.00

Weekly Average 2017\$10,491.72

Children's Contribution\$5.25

* Fed dogs..... Matthew

* Praying for my MeMe Melanie in heaven..... Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....173

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 2

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

Questions of the Week

Matthew 5:38-48 - In today's section from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns his disciples against retaliation and encourages love of enemies. What is the lure of retaliation?



Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 - God called Moses and the Israelites to be "holy." In today's reading, what are some actions that lead to holiness?

1 Corinthians 3:16-23 - How does Paul connect holiness and wisdom for the Corinthian Christians?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Men's ACTS Retreat

March 30 - April 2, 2017



**Registration Forms
are available at the
doors of the Church...
and may be turned in
at the Rectory office.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 20

6:15 a.m.: James 'Jim' Miller (*Liv.*)

Tuesday, February 21

12:00 p.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas; Rita Broussard

Wednesday, February 22

6:15 a.m.: Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Mercedes Vidrine;
Rev. Donald Hebert (*Pastor*); James 'Jim' Miller (*Liv.*)

Thursday, February 23

12:00 p.m.: Kermen D. Beauchamp, Sr.; Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, February 24

6:15 a.m.: Paul Rozas; Roderick Vezinat

Saturday, February 25

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Shirley Janot; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Randy Fontenot; Donald V. Tanner Sr.; Dorothy Jane & John B. Huckaby, Sr.; Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; Norbert Young; August Leonards Jr. (*Anniversary*); Gregory Gaspard; Wilbur Gaspard; Cecilia Jane Gaspard

Sunday, February 26

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Nola & 'Blackie' Roy; Johnny & Ruth Manuel

11:00 a.m.: John Nolan Guillory & Jo Ellen Guillory Fall; Stewart Paul Rozas

6:00 p.m.: Helen Marie Long

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017

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| 4:00 p.m. | Msgr. Romero | Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Chip Hebert, Dora Johnson, Kal Landry, Barry Soileau | Charlotte Darbonne | Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert, Joshua Landry, Justin Landry |
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

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| 7:00 a.m. | Fr. Abadie | Brad Miller, Denise LeBouef, Ken Richard | Craig Soileau | Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Kate Miller, Mary-Helen Miller |
| 9:00 a.m. | Msgr. Romero | Doug Marcantel, Rachel Andrus, Shelia Aucoin | Karl Aucoin | Victoria Marcantel, Kiley Tausin, Trent Thibodeaux, Brennon Thompson |
| 11:00 a.m. | Msgr. Romero | Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Raymond Aguillard, Vergie Ardoin, Alicia LaFleur, Amy Simon | Tony LaFleur | Leo & Simon Richard, Isaac Russell MC: Needed Thurifer: Jacque Richard |
| 6:00 p.m. | Msgr. Romero | Rickey Aguillard, Kim Miller, Maggie Parks | Life Teen Member | Elijah Dupre, Gabby Fontenot, Abby Miller, Brooke Young |

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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, Suzanne Derouen, 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, 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, Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Vivian Vidrine, Sheila DeRouen, Alicia LaFleur, Gail Landreneau, Delores Labbie, Logan Landry.

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, February 20

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, February 21

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 22

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

Thursday, February 23

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, February 24


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

Saturday, February 25

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


Sunday, February 26

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
 BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

*Continuing every Tuesday
 at St. Anthony Parish Hall
 @ 5:30 am*



THE CHOICE
Wine
 7 STEPS
 TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

**Thursdays, March 2 - April 27
 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ Jeanmard Parish Hall**
*For more information and to register call:
 Dr. Scott or Deborah Eckholdt
 @ 337.658.0484*



St. Edmund Catholic School
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2017 - 2018 Registration

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| <p><u>Returning Families</u> March 6 - 10 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p> | <p><u>New Families</u> March 13 - 17 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p> |
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DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES apply if registering at this designated time.

St. Edmund Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Better job.
- 2) Brother's recovery.

Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Sat. 12 am, 4 pm, 12 pm

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm

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



World Day of Marriage

“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the Church” (Ephesians 5:25)

WEDDINGS 2016

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Duralde, LA

(No weddings at Annunciation in 2016)

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage Preface: The dignity of the marriage covenant.

... For you have forged the covenant of marriage as a sweet yoke of harmony and an unbreakable bond of peace, so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord, you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design: that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world, their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church, through Christ our Lord. ...

St. Anthony of Padua - Eunice, LA

Mihail Valerien Borisson &
Katelyn Marie Maybrier – January 8

Adam Seth Guillory &
Katherine Amelia Tujague -- January 9

William Blake Feucht &
Olivia Jane Faulk -- January 22

Dane Eugene Manuel &
Camille Marie Deshotel -- February 5

Joseph Lee Pitre &
Betty Jane Dupre – February 13

Jason Brandt Aguiard &
Denea Elizabeth Duhon -- April 15

David Alan Rush &
Catherine Claire Fusilier -- April 16

Nicholas Ryan Saucier &
Abigail Jonace LaCombe – May 13

Mattew Logan Pruitt &
Skylar Sade Alzena Basile -- June 18

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage Preface: The great Sacrament of Matrimony.

... For in him you have made a new covenant with your people, so that, as you have redeemed man and woman by the mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, so in Christ you might make them partakers of divine nature and joint heirs with him of heavenly glory.

In the union of husband and wife you give a sign of Christ's loving gift of peace, so that the Sacrament we celebrate might draw us back more deeply into the wondrous design of your love. ...

Jeffery Todd Fontenot &
Kaleigh Allison Helo – June 24

Seth Paul Marcantel &
Leah Christine Andrus -- July 15

Jacob Quintin Arnaud &
Ashley Victoria Lafleur -- September 3

Justin Blaine Landry &
Jennifer Lauren Frey -- September 16

Louis Landford McGee, Jr. &
Janet Marie Henry -- September 25

Alexander Nicholas Heinen &
Emily Nicole Guidry -- November 4

Zachary Quinn Person &
Elizabeth Nicole Heinen -- December 30

From Ritual Masses For the Celebration of Marriage Preface: Matrimony as a sign of divine love.

... For you willed that the human race, created by the gift of your goodness, should be raised to such high dignity that in the union of husband and wife you might bestow a true image of your love.

For those you created out of charity you call to the law of charity without ceasing And grant them a share in your eternal charity.

And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony, as the abiding sign of your own love, consecrates the love of man and woman, through Christ our Lord.

RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET:

marriageuniqueforareason.org
foryourmarriage.org portumatrimonio.org
