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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)

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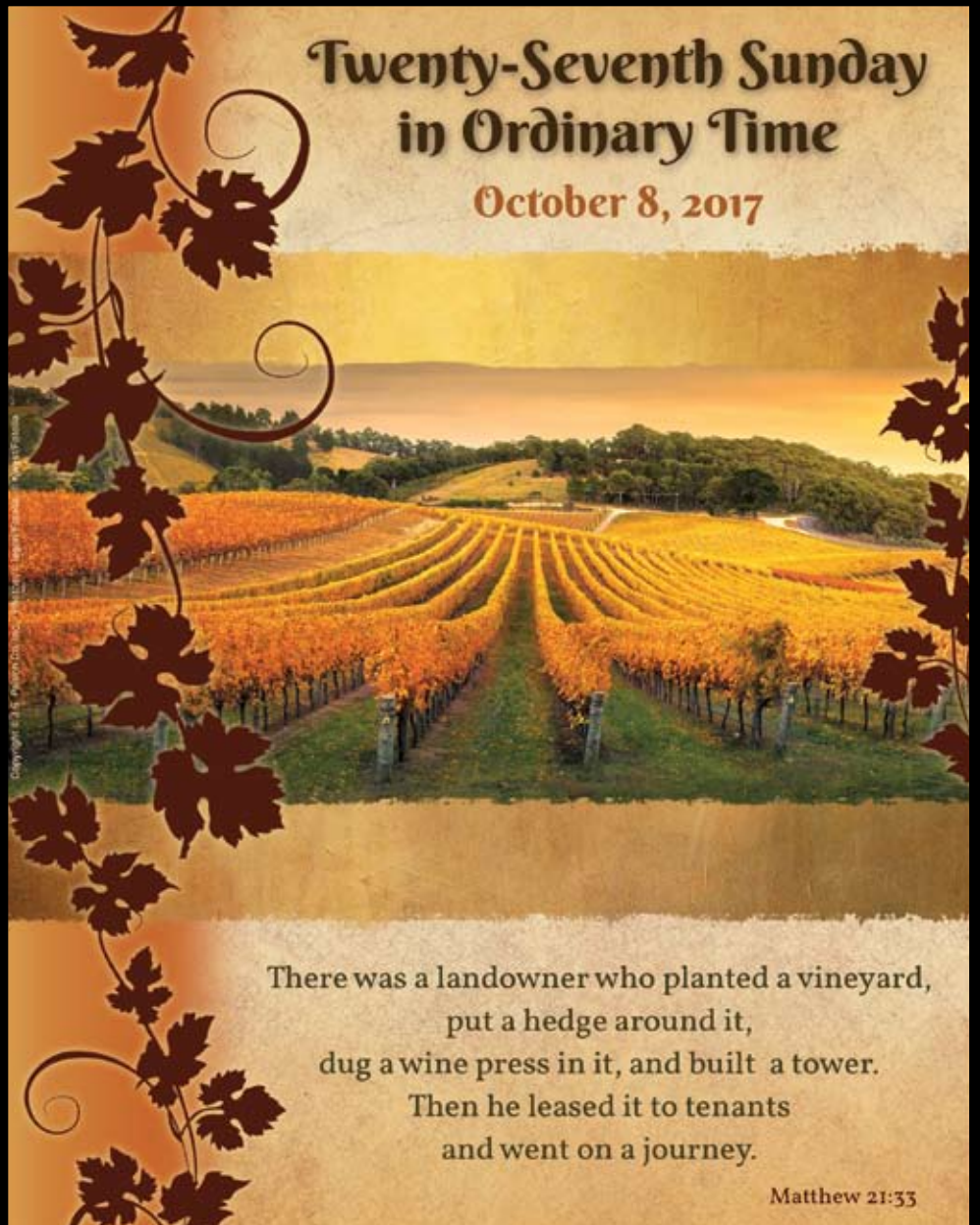
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Deacon Gary Gaudin
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2017



There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,
put a hedge around it,
dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.
Then he leased it to tenants
and went on a journey.

Matthew 21:33

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

Men's ACTS Formation Team Commissioning

The Team giving the next Men's ACTS Retreat began their formation on October 4, 2017. This begins a 13-week formation in preparation for the retreat scheduled for January 25-28, 2018. At the 11:00 a.m. mass today we welcome these men as we commission them for this ministry. Parishioners of both Annunciation and St. Anthony are asked to keep them in prayer as well as the men God sends to the retreat.

Hurricane Collections

I take this time to thank parishioners for your good response to the Hurricane Collections and announce a second Collection as a result of Hurricane Irma.

First, our response to Hurricane Harvey: We collected supplies through our church and school to be delivered to St. Anne Church in Beaumont, Texas. As we were delivering these, we were informed that another parish was more in need and directed to deliver the supplies to St. Catherine in Port Arthur, Texas. As the supplies arrived at the church, a Spanish Mass we just finishing and the people coming out of mass were excited, grateful and thanked God for their arrival as they were dismissed from mass. Also, the third and fifth grade classes of St. Edmund Catholic School made sympathy cards for the school children at St. Catherine School in Port Arthur. People from Beaumont and people from Port Arthur were grateful for our care and encouragement that they expressed to me to please let you know they appreciate the unexpected witness of love and charity from our community. They thank God for us and ask God to bless us.

Second, as Hurricane Irma has brought disaster to Florida and the Caribbean, Bishop Deshotel has asked that we take another second collection for the victims of Hurricane Irma as we took a second collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We will take this collection on the weekend masses of October 21/22, 2017 at both Annunciation and St. Anthony. I know that a lot is asked of our generosity. Let us keep in mind that to the west of us Hurricane Harvey visited major damage. To the east of us Hurricane Irma visited major damage especially to Puerto Rico and other Caribbean Islands. We also had earthquakes in Mexico. On our west, on our east, and on our south we had major damage and human suffering. Let us try to respond in love to also those who are affected by Hurricane Irma. Thank-you for your generosity and love!

Church Parishes' Get-togethers

On October 1st Annunciation held a Church Social. Next

Sunday (October 15th) St. Anthony will have a Church Family Picnic. I appreciate everyone who made these events possible and all who participated. Each event helps us come together as the Church of God, as the Family of God.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Why is the Church against stem cell research, especially if it offers the possibility of cures for diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's?

Answer: Like so many issues, the truth about stem cell research is more complicated than a few sound bites and vague promises of cures. For the Church, the problem is with embryonic stem cell research, not the research itself. The destruction of human life, even for a seemingly noble cause, is never acceptable. The ends cannot justify the means. Stem cells can be obtained in other ways, including from the placenta as well as from adults. So research is possible without the destruction of other life.

On the other hand, stem cell research shows much promise, but no concrete results. Some scientists also dispute what diseases might be cured by new discoveries. The research is still in its early stages. The question for our country is whether we should invest a lot of money in research now, looking for cures that will probably remain out of reach for most people, or should we invest that money in other programs with more immediate benefits, especially those that stress prevention and education. It is indeed a complex issue that requires close scrutiny and investigation before we jump to inaccurate conclusions or make decisions based on good, but misinformed, intentions.

Gospel for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – Matthew 21:33-34

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control — not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

October 1, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$7,732.00
Mailed-In Offertory	775.00
Online Giving	190.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$8,697.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance	\$1,324.00
<i>Weekly Average 2017</i>	<i>\$9,597.85</i>
Children's Contribution	\$11.25
* <i>Cut grass</i>	<i>Matthew</i>
* <i>Being with Granny</i>	<i>Braden</i>
* <i>Praying for Uncle Gary</i>	<i>Shawna, Reese, Ariana & MacKenzie</i>
<i>Number Registered Parish Families.....</i>	<i>1494</i>
<i>Number of Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>153</i>
<i>Number of Children's Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>4</i>

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own?

God has trusted us with a place in the world, his world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.

Questions of the Week

Matthew 21:33-43 - Like the prophet Isaiah, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to confront the religious leaders of Jerusalem. How does this parable of the tenants provoke an examination of conscience in your own life?

Isaiah 5:1-7 - The prophet Isaiah sang this "vineyard song" to the ancient Israelites around the year 740 BC, twenty years before the invasion of the Assyrian Empire. Why do you think the Israelites did not take seriously Isaiah's prophetic warning?

Philippians 4:6-9 - Paul writes to the Philippians about how to find "the peace of God." When have you experienced God's peace?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 9

6:15 a.m.:

Tuesday, October 10

12:00 p.m.: Foston Fruge; Robert Etney Brown family
(*Liv. & Dec.*)

Wednesday, October 11

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, October 12

12:00 p.m.: Willie Mae Fuselier (*Anniversary of Death*); James Merlin Fruge (*9th Anniversary of Death*); Leona Berken; Paul Rozas

Friday, October 13

6:15 a.m.: Pat Schneider (*Anniversary of Death*); Ricarda Villalba; John Marvin Brown (*Birthday*)

Saturday, October 14

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ashton Noel; Julius Bischoff; Merita Guillory; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Lillie C. Young; Marene Fruge

Sunday, October 15

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller; Denise L. Hanks; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabia; Melanie Arnaud; Vila & Emery Henry; Patrick Henry; Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Helen Horaist; Glen 'Butch' Marcantel; Clifton F. Seale; Gary Henry

11:00 a.m.: Joan Schatzle-McManus

6:00 p.m.:

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dcn. Korey LaVergne, Vergie Ardoin, Dora Johnson, Barry Soileau	Jacque Pucheu	Christopher Fuselier, Avery McGee Elizabeth McGee, Lauren McGee
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Barbara Thibodeaux, Norma Diaville, Stephanie Manuel	Lisa Miller	Brennan Manuel, Andre Miller Jack Parks, Isaac Russell
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Korey LaVergne, Rachel Andrus, Kal Landry	Lynda Perrodin	John Austin Landry, Joshua Landry Justin Landry, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Korey LaVergne, Janice Aguiard, Lynn Pavich Todd & Debbie Ortego	John Fruge	John-Michael Fruge, Jace Miller, Vincent Thibodeaux MC: Needed Thurifer: Austin Poncho
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Korey LaVergne, Rickey & Angie Aguiard	Life Teen Member	Camille Leger, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Bob & Chris Kukuczka, Diane West, Naomi Swanson, Viv Vidrine, Yola Belleau, Brandon Butler, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Lorita Smith, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Craig Durbin, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Jo Ann DeRouen, Mary Brignac, Helen Tanner, Branson Huckaby (baby), John Kirk Feucht, Leroy Vige, Amanda, Caroline & Kentry Prather, Anita Maser, Dana Dubois Guthrie, Gail Landreneau, Dale Cormier, Susie Simien, Patsy Andrus, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Sheila DeRouen, Kakee Feucht, Colleen Landreneau, John Lejeune, Kathy Fruge, Evette Fall Bellow, Shirley Ortego, John Edward Thibodeaux, Pat Manuel, Andrew Aucoin, Hunter Vidrine, Bill Miller, Joseph & Dorothy Thibodeaux.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:
www.parishesonline.com

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, October 9

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Bible Study -- 10:00 a.m. Parish Hall.
***Bible Study -- 6:00 p.m. (at Parish Hall - this week only)**

Tuesday, October 10

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 11

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund All School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. KC Hall.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Hall.

Thursday, October 12

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, October 13

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
SEH Football vs. Oberlin -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)
EHS Football vs. Pine Prairie -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)

Saturday, October 14

America Needs Fatima Rosary -- 12:00 noon in front of Mary statue
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.
Sunday Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
St. Anthony Parish Picnic -- following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.
Life Night -- 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

You are invited..



**St. Anthony
Parish Family Picnic
October 15, 2017**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in Church
Followed by Picnic on Church grounds**

*Bring your snacks and lawn chairs.
Parish will provide drinks, chips,
hamburgers and hot dogs.*

**PRAY THE ROSARY &
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**



The annual Public Prayer Rally for our country--*America Needs Fatima* prayer service will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2017 in the prayer garden of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. This event will be held

regardless of weather. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The Rosary will begin at noon on this day, in every US time zone, to honor Our Blessed Mother and ask for her protection and intercessory prayers for America. For those who cannot physically join us, please join us in prayer at this time. There is no monetary cost and it is open to the public.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will also be praying the Rosary and a Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 5:30 p.m. every day (*weekends included*) from October 1st through 31st in the St. Anthony of Padua prayer garden in front of the Rectory. Everyone is invited to join them in prayer. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

**CEMETERY BLESSING SCHEDULE
Sunday, October 29, 2017**



St. Anthony Church:
St. Paul -- 1:00 p.m.
Mt. Calvary -- 2:00 p.m.
Miller -- 3:00 p.m.

St. Mathilda Church:
St. Mathilda -- 11:00 a.m.

**St. Thomas More
Savoy -- 11:30 a.m.
Fuselier -- 11:30 a.m.
Carron -- 12:00 a.m.
Courville -- 12:30 a.m.**

(Times are approximate)

Annunciation Church:
Veillion -- 10:30 a.m.
Caesar -- 10:50 a.m.
Couteau -- 11:15 a.m.
Landreneau / Rougeau --
2:00 p.m.
Ashford -- 2:25 p.m.

**St. Thomas More
Cemetery:**
Blessing of St. Thomas
More Cemetery
after 10:00 A.M. Mass

ROSARY PRAYED DAILY

During the month of October, a Rosary and a Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily at 5:30 p.m. at the Shrine of the Blessed Mother in front of St. Anthony Rectory.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Son's job.
- 2) Help with daughter's problems.

***Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Wed 2 am, 8 am, 5 pm, Sat. 11
am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 12 midnight***

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

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



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“Be Not Afraid”

Respect Life Month, October 2017

My dear friends in Christ:

Once again, we mark the month of October as Respect Life Month. Looking back over the last year, there’s been a lot of uncertainty, suffering, and heartache. Between tragedies that occur in the public eye and trials that take place in our personal lives, there’s no shortage of reasons we cry out to God.

At such times, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. But we have an anchor of hope to cling to. With words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, God says to us, “Do not fear: I am with you” (Isaiah 41:10).

The 2017-2018 Respect Life theme, “Be Not Afraid,” reminds us of this promise. God isn’t a detached, distant observer to our pain; the Eternal Son became man and Himself experienced immense suffering—for you and for me. His wounds indicate the very essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

There are times we may doubt the value of our own lives or falter at the thought of welcoming and embracing the life of another. But reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we can see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is the God of redemption.

That’s powerful. That’s something to hold onto.

And, He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we know that our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. We are not only invited to follow and take refuge in God, our stronghold, but we are also commissioned to reach out to one another, especially to the weak and vulnerable.

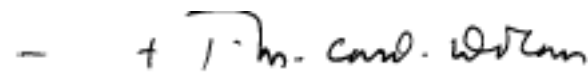
Building a culture of life isn’t something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative—it’s essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives.

How do we respond when our aging parents are in failing health? Do they know how much we love them and cherish each day given? Do we ensure they know they are never a burden to us? In our own challenging times, do we ask for support? When others offer a helping hand, do we receive it? When our friend becomes pregnant in difficult circumstances, do we show compassion that tangibly supports her and helps her welcome the life of her new little one?

Sometimes, we may not be sure exactly what to do, but let’s not allow the fear of doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing keep us from living out our missionary call. We don’t need to have everything figured out all at once. Let’s remember the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).

Also, I encourage you to visit www.usccb.org/respectlife to see the U.S. bishops’ new Respect Life materials centered on the theme “Be Not Afraid.” There are articles, bulletin inserts, prayers, action ideas, and more! This Respect Life Month and always, let’s walk with each other; let’s help each other embrace God’s gift of human life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us: “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Chairman

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