

# 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. Matthew Hebert

## DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

## FOURTH SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 24, 2017

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

### Adoration Chapel Holyday and Holiday Schedule

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**p.m. (noon) on Friday, December 22, 2017 and reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).**

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### CHRISTMAS BLESSING FOR 2017

**During this glorious and holy season  
of the Nativity of Christ the Lord  
I pray that your Christmas may be  
merry with Mary, joyful with Joseph,  
and bright with the light of Christ.**

**May it be warm with the fire  
of God's love,  
aglow with generosity and gratitude,  
happy in hope and humility,  
and white with purity and prayer  
that is the prelude to peace.**

Msgr. J. Robert Romero

Father Matt Hebert

Deacon and Mrs. Jim Cormier

Deacon and Mrs. Gary Gaudin

Parish Staff: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
St. Anthony of Padua

### Charlie Brown and the True Meaning of Christmas

*In the television special "A Charlie Brown Christmas"  
Linus answers Charlie's question:*

"Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about. Lights please!"

"And there were, in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night," Linus narrates, quoting from Luke 2, the old King James Version. "And lo, the Angel of the Lord came

upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, fear not! For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord! And this shall be a sign unto you -- ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Linus continues, "And suddenly, there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.'"

Linus uses the Gospel reading from the Christmas Mass During the Night. It is Luke 2:1-14, telling Charlie Brown the true meaning of Christmas. Charlie and Linus for 52 years have told the story. Christians for 2,000 years have told the story in word and deed. With love and trust we continue proclaiming God's gift to us: A Savior has been born for us who is Christ the Lord.

### Family Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

God of surprises, today we hear about the surprise that Mary experienced. She is pregnant with your Son! Help our family to be obedient to your surprises, however they may spring up in our lives. All of your gifts work for the benefit of your people. When we light this final candle on our wreath, let us bring your surprise gift of love to our neighbors and friends. We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate surprise gift to the world. Amen.

### Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B – Luke 1:26-38

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Today is the last Sunday of the Advent season, and we hear in the Gospel the anticipation of the feast we will celebrate in just one day. Christmas is coming! Jesus is on his way!

We have had weeks to prepare for this momentous occasion, and now we are on the very verge of its arrival. The children in our midst can hardly contain their excitement as they wait to wake up on Christmas morning. The thrill of this coming moment is meant to remind us of the joy and anticipation we should all feel as we await the coming of Christ. Yes, Christmas is a great feast, but there is more here that a remembrance of the past or a fabulous party in the present. There is a looking-ahead as well. We celebrate as we anticipate.

Much as Mary must have waited in wonder during the nine

# FOURTH SUNDAY

## OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

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### STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

December 10, 2017

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$9,553.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	2,335.00
Online Giving .....	295.00
Total Offertory for the week .....	<u>\$12,183.00</u>
Immaculate Conception Collection .....	\$2,841.00

December 17, 2017

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$7,975.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	4,265.00
Online Giving .....	45.00
Total Offertory for the week .....	<u>\$12,285.00</u>
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$615.00

Number Registered Parish Families.....	1494
Number of Envelopes Used.....	179
Number of Children's Envelopes Used .....	3

## Thank you for your generosity.

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

*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

## MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

months of her pregnancy, we wait in hopeful expectation as Christians looking forward to being reunited with our Savior. Our future is full of hope. The deflating melancholy that afflicts many people after a holiday runs its course need not be the experience of the Christian waiting for Christ. We are always looking forward to something! There is never a moment when we have no cause for joy. Our lives are lived in a kind of unending advent as we stand in watchful waiting.

Let us remember this as we enter into our Christmas Eve gatherings and festivities. As we join with family and friends to share in the good things of this life, may we carry with us the joy of knowing in that even better things lie in store for us who welcome the infant Jesus into our hearts and homes.

### Questions for the Week

**Luke 1:26-38** – In the angel Gabriel's announcement of the upcoming birth of Jesus, what do you think Mary found most challenging?

**2 Samuel 7:105, 8b-12, 14a, 16** – In today's reading, we hear the covenant that God established with King David around the year 1000 BC. Why do you think it took so long for God to fulfill his covenantal promise in the birth of Jesus?

**Romans 16:25-27** – Our reading is St. Paul's conducting doxology from his Letter to the Romans. What do you find striking about St. Paul's hymn of praise to God?

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, December 25

#### Christmas Masses

**Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.**

**Rectory Office Closed**

### Tuesday, December 26

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 27

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

### Thursday, December 28

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

### Friday, December 29

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

### Saturday, December 30

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.

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

### Sunday, December 31

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

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

### Monday, January 1, 2018

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

**Rectory Office Closed**





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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 -- CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Norma Diaville, Charles Feucht, <i>Need Minister</i>	Charlotte Darbonne	Ariana Manuel, McKenzie Manuel, <i>Need 2 Altar Servers</i>
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Brayden Gaspard, <i>Need Minister</i>	Jennifer Miller	Anna Chapman, Jillian DeVillier, Brennon & Kaden Thompson

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Janice Aguillard, Michelle LeJeune, Michael Lombas, Barbara Thibodeaux, Glenda Young	Aimee Summerlin	Christopher Fuselier, Alexander Ortego Doug Summerlin Jr., Henry Summerlin
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Charles Feucht, William Parrie, Ken Richard	Joan Burson	Juliatt & Robert Broussard, Emma Clause, John Patrick Fruge
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dr. Chip Hebert, Doug Marcantel, Tricia Richard	Tad Richard	Victoria Marcantel, Kennadie Thibodeaux, Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Donnie Darbonne, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt Kayla Fontenot, Samantha Bertrand	Rachel Smith	Landon & Kelly Fruge, Jace Miller <b>MC: Needed</b> <b>Thurifer: Austin Poncho</b>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Kim Miller, Mike & Angelle Driggs	Lynda Perrodin	Wesley & William Driggs, Anna Fruge, Emile Soileau

## LITURGICAL DECORATION DONATIONS



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# MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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**7:00 a.m.:** Msgr. Jules A. Jeanmard; Willie Mae Fuselier; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; M/M Irving Ledet; Lois & Jack Miller; Anthony 'Tony' Andrepont; Merlin Marcantel; M/M August Courville Sr.; James Merlin Fruge; Artelus & Amelia Fruge; Ferrell Fruge; Noah Fruge; Clarence Reviere; George & Pat Schneider; Penny Schneider; Norma Jean Miller; Carla, Julia & Jayia Watford; Denise L. Hanks; Msgr. J. Robert Romero; Deedy Manuel; Fenrick Manuel; Vernell Soileau; Jan & Brett Parks (*Liv.*); Michelle LeJeune (*Liv.*); Nikki & Rodney Sonnier (*Liv.*); Rhoda Huckaby (*Liv.*); Karl & Shelia Aucoin (*Liv.*); Vivian & Scott Broussard fly. (*Liv.*); Stephen & Jessica Liles fly. (*Liv.*); John Kirk & Sara Feucht fly. (*Liv.*); Andre Feucht (*Liv.*); Clay Feucht & Lauren Gardnier (*Liv.*); Paul Rozas; Suzanne Wimberley (*Liv.*); Rodney Manuel; M/M Ray Ardoin; Pilar Parrie

**9:00 a.m.:** M/M C.A. Penn; Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M A.F. McGee, Sr.; M/M Amos Durio Sr.; Toby Durio; Melanie Arnaud; Villa & Emery Henry; Patrick Henry; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Herbert Stelly; Julius Bischoff fly. (*Liv.*); Carole Fuselier; James Sherrill Duos; Merita Guilloary; Dutch Spekschate; Helen & Felix Horaist Sr.; Tony Fuselier; Ross Andrus; Gary Henry; Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller; Myra Lachute; Bergeron family; Israel family; Red & Mary Foret; Lester & Rena Manuel fly (*Liv. & Dec.*); Raymond & Esther Daigle; Dewey & Clara Francois; Mark & Tricia Bertrand fly. (*Liv.*); Bernice Broussard fly (*Liv.*); Tim & Cecilia Fontenot (*Liv.*); Kip & Holly Bertrand fly. (*Liv.*); Donnie & Michele Richard fly. (*Liv.*); Tad & Tricia Richard fly. (*Liv.*); Kal & Dana Landry fly. (*Liv.*); M/M Craig Boudreaux (*Liv.*); M/M Eddie Larson (*Liv.*); M/M Billy Gil (*Liv.*); M/M Terry Larson (*Liv.*); M/M Fred Larson (*Liv.*); Msgr. Harry Benefiel; Fr. Donald Hebert; Fr. Henry Mancuso (*Liv.*); Fr. Henry Broussard (*Liv.*); Fr. Jody Simoneaux (*Liv.*); Fr. Joe Alexander (*Liv.*); Msgr. Robert Romero (*Liv.*); Fr. Matthew Hebert (*Liv.*); Dcn. T.J. Richard (*Liv.*); Dcn. Gary Gaudin (*Liv.*); Dcn. Chuck Ortego (*Liv.*); Dcn. David Guillory (*Liv.*)

## Tuesday, December 26

**12:00 p.m.:** Dr. Benny Fruge; Marene Fruge; Velma R. Feucht

## Wednesday, December 27

**6:15 a.m.:** Rev. Celestin M. Chambon (*Pastor*); Clarence Reviere; Robert Etney Brown fly. (*Liv. & Dec.*)

## Thursday, December 28

**12:00 p.m.:** Paul Rozas; Ira Richard

## Friday, December 29

**6:15 a.m.:** Antoinette Marie Guillory; Francis & Nadyne Guidry; Maxine Moffitt (*Birthday - Liv.*)



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **Saturday, December 23**

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church

4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

### **Sunday, December 24**

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church

9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church



## 2017 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass

10:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Night

### **Monday, December 25**

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass at Dawn

9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church - Mass During the Day

9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Day

*No 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass*



## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

### **Saturday, Dec. 30 - Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017**

*Regular weekend Mass Schedule*

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY,**

### **THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Monday, January 1, 2018 - 6:15 a.m. Mass**

*(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)*

### **Saturday, December 30**

**4:00 p.m.:** Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Merita Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Leon Stelly; Kirk Stelly

### **Sunday, December 31**

**7:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau; Dr. F.J. DeRouen; Pilar Parrie; Kermen D. Beauchamp Sr.; Hilda M. Roche; Penny Schneider (*Anniv. of Death*)

**9:00 a.m.:** Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabia; Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller; Joan Schatzle-McManus; M/M Launey Duplechin; Robert Etney Brown fly. (*Liv. & Dec.*); Lester Manuel (*Birthday*); Maxine Moffitt (*Liv. - Birthday*); Cynthia Fuselier

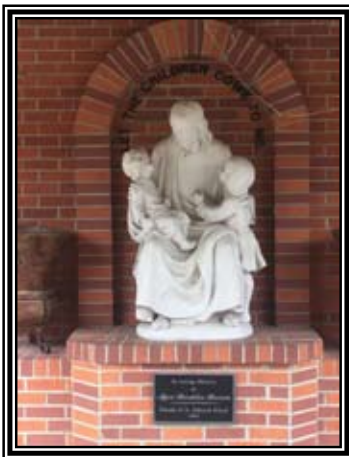
**11:00 a.m.:**

**6:00 p.m.:**

# St. Edmund Annual Fund Appeal 2017

*celebrating 106 years of building futures*

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Edmund celebrated 106 years of service to Eunice and the surrounding communities. Over the last century, we have seen many changes: the growth of the community, new building structures, new programs, expanded curriculum and many new faces. Through all the changes St. Edmund remains dedicated “to being a Christ-like community by nurturing faith, fostering scholastic achievement, building on tradition and growing visionary leaders.”



Our priority is to make a Catholic education affordable to the community, tuition is kept as low as feasibly possible. 106 years of instilling the love for learning and service to our Lord has taken a toll on our facilities.

10% of funds raised will be placed in the St. Edmund Foundation (only the interest generated is used to supplement salaries, financial aid, capital projects, etc); the remainder is dedicated to repair and maintenance of our facilities. The goal of this year's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Giving:

- \*Replace damaged/broken water fountains
- \*Painting of Martel Memorial building (elementary building).



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## St. Edmund Blue Jays

*first annual fall appeal 2017*



**I WANT TO GIVE :**

\$500   \$250   \$100   \$50   Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:**

**St. Edmund School**

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