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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:

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DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent



MARCH
11
2018

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

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

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish Lenten Retreat Mission “Becoming An Intentional Disciple of Christ”
March 19-21, 2018**

“The fishermen left their nets in the boat and went off in the company.”

Please join Msgr. John Griesbach from St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, California for a Lenten Retreat Mission from March 19-21, 2018 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Each evening is designed to help set our hearts ablaze with a personal, powerful, and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ through music, scripture, preaching, prayer and ritual. Become an “intentional disciple” of Christ!

Msgr. Griesbach says: “We hope that you will accept the invitation to attend this unique Lenten Retreat Mission experience. Please join us, and be sure to invite your family members and relatives who may not have heard yet of this parish mission. Please invite people you know from other church parishes to come and join us too. Also feel free to invite anyone you know from other churches in town, and by all means, be sure to invite people you know who don’t have a church to call home these days or who might describe themselves as spiritual but not religious. Everyone is welcome, and God has grace and blessings and gifts in store for everyone who attends. We hope you will come!”



Monday Evening’s Theme: Stages along the Way to Intentional Discipleship

Tuesday Evening’s Theme: Dying and Rising with Christ: Overcoming the Obstacles to a Life of Intentional Discipleship

Wednesday Evening’s Theme: Called and Gifted: Playing Our Charisms at the Service of the Boy of Christ

Laetare Sunday – Rejoice Sunday

The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as “Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday,” expressing the Church’s joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. The priest and deacon may wear rose vestments.

Confirmation

This **Wednesday, March 14, 2018** Father Tom Voorhies will be with us for Confirmation. Confirmation is schedule for 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. It will be a combined confirmation of four church parishes. These are: St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice), Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Duralde), St. Mathilda (Eunice), and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Chataignier). Parishioners are invited to attend and to pray for the young men and woman who are being confirmed. Also we are glad to welcome back Father Tom Voorhies!

Confessions before the Easter Triduum

We have a Tri-Parish Lenten Penance Service in Eunice on Monday, March 26, 2018 at St. Anthony Church at 6:00 p.m. We have scheduled confessions on Saturday at St. Anthony beginning at 3:00 p.m. ending 15 minutes before the 4:00 p.m. mass. Confessions are

heard before other masses at both Annunciation and St. Anthony 30 minutes before masses and ending 15 minutes before mass. The last day for confessions before the Easter Triduum is Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Confessions resume on Easter Monday, April 2, 2018. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare for the Easter Triduum and Easter by striving to meet Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that is Confession before the Easter Triduum. Please find in this bulletin Pope Francis’ tips for preparing for confessions, which he presented on February 22, 2015.

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B – John 3:14-21

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we’re being pulled out with the tide.

In the face of this confusion, today’s Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still – to our eyes – being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus’ response is a deeply personal one. *“This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light.”* Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.

Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child’s rebellion. The world isn’t perfect because we aren’t perfect. Our parish is flawed because we’re flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you’d like to improve this week. *“Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”*

Questions of the Week

First Reading – Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 - In today’s reading the Chronicler details events leading to Israel’s exile into Babylon in 597 BC and eventual release from captivity under King Cyrus of Persia in 538 BC. Why do you think God used foreign powers to rescue his people?

Second Reading – Ephesians 2:4-10 - Paul speaks of faith as a “gift from God.” Is this how you experience faith in your life?

Gospel Reading – John 3:14-21 - John tells us, “God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world.” Why do you think some people believed that Jesus came to condemn the world?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

March 4, 2018

Sunday's Offertory	\$8,145.00
Mailed-In Offertory	1,541.00
Online Giving	325.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$10,011.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$1,894.00

Weekly Average 2018	\$8,962.81
Children's Contribution	\$5.25

* Extra prayers Matthew
* Praying for Uncle Gary in heaven Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....	1506
Number of Envelopes Used.....	128
Number of Children's Envelopes Used.....	1

Thank you for your generosity.

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

St. Anthony Parish Lenten Retreat Mission

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at **St. Anthony Church** on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. At **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church** the Stations are celebrated on Fridays of Lent at 5:30 p.m.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 12

6:15 a.m.: Rev. Blaise Branche (*Pastor*); Elmar Porter

Tuesday, March 13

12:00 p.m.: Msgr. Harry Benefiel (*Pastor*); Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Sally Fontenot; Bob & Margaret Mayeux Kinler; Molley Cartwright and family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Wednesday, March 14

6:15 a.m.: Jeré & Ann (*Liv.*) Longman (*Wedding Anniversary*); Lillie Young

Thursday, March 15

12:00 p.m.: Frankie LaFleur (*Anniversary of Death*)

Friday, March 16

6:15 a.m.: Liz Moreau; Hazel LaHaye

Saturday, March 17

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Mary Lou & Shelton Boone; Dr. Benny Fruge; Glenn Durbin; Sally Fontenot

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; James Merlin Fruge; Vernell Soileau; Helen Vidrine

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur;
J.D. & Marshall Arabie

11:00 a.m.: Eva Chachere

6:00 p.m.: Joan Schatzle-McManus



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Ken Richard, Tommy Dietz, Kayla Fontenot, Stephanie Manuel, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Kay Dietz	Evan Aucoin, Brennan Manuel, Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard
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SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Norma Diaville, Michael & Angelle Driggs	Joan Burson	Wesley Driggs, William Driggs, Isaac Russell, Emile Soileau
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Donnie Darbonne, Lynn Pavich, Barry Soileau	Randall McElwee	John Patrick Fruge, Jack Parks, Leo Richard, Simon Richard
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Jr. Bergeron, Vergie Ardoin, Tricia Richard, Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego	Tad Richard	Ariana & MacKenzie Manuel, Austin Miller Thurifer: Jack Miller MC: Minister Needed
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Brayden Gaspard, Angie Aguillard, Rickey Aguillard	Life Teen Member	Dominic Dupre, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Ann

Duran, Evette Fall Bellow, John Landreneau, Gail Landreneau, Joan Burson, Pamela Lejeune Deville, Doug Bergeron, Pauline Miller, Randy Courville, Cathy Bergeron, Colleen Landreneau, Pat Manuel, Loretta West, Roger 'Yogi' Hollier, Lisa Miller, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Elaine Moosa, Michael Blanchard Sr., Hubert J. Blanchard, Elaine McGee, Brady Thibodeaux, Liz Charlie, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Helen Tanner, Karen Rougeau, Evelyn Sandell, Dolores Labbie, Viv Vidrine, Troy Ashford, Don & Billie Owen, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Sheila DeRouen, Royne, Fontenot, Leroy Vige, Rachel Granger & family, Bill Miller, Erika Dupont, Hunter Vidrine, Amada Sanchez, Travis LaCour.

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, March 12

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
 Elementary Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 4:00 p.m.
 Jr. High Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund All School Mass (Bishop Deshotel, Celebrant) -- 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation Mass -- 6:00 p.m. Fr. Tom Voorhies
 R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, March 15

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
 Holy Week Choir Practice -- 6:00 p.m. in Church.
 Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at KC Hall.

Friday, March 16

Daily Mass - 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Mass - 9:30 am
 Way of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. in Church.

Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 R.C.I.A. 3rd Scrutiny -- 9:00 a.m. Mass.
 Tri-Parish High School Retreat -- 1:00 p.m.
 Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.



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ST. ANTHONY CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tri-Parish Lenten Penance Service

Monday, March 26 at 6:00 p.m.
at St. Anthony Church

Confessions...

Confessions will **NOT** be scheduled after
Wednesday (March 28)

Confession schedule resumes Monday (April 2)

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday -- Mass @ 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday -- Mass @ 12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday -- March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration is suspended for the Easter Triduum --
Chapel will close at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and will
reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Monday.)

Good Friday -- March 30

Service @ 3:00 p.m.

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Holy Saturday -- March 31

Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:00 p.m.

(No 4:00 p.m. Mass & No Confessions)

Easter Sunday -- April 1

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

** No 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass **

EASTER DECORATIONS



You may wish to make a donation towards paying for Altar flowers and decorations for the church. Your donation (*in a separate envelope*) can be put into any collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory. If you would like to make the donation in memory of a loved one (*living or deceased*), please write their names on the envelope. All names will be published in the Easter Bulletin.

L.A.S. BAKE SALE

The weekend of March 24-25 -- our *Ladies Altar Society* will be hosting a Bake Sale. Pick up a dessert for your family and help support our Ladies Altar Society.





St. Edmund Catholic School
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2018 - 2019 Registration

<p><u>Returning Families</u></p> <p>March 12 - 16 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p>	<p><u>New Families</u></p> <p>March 19 - 23 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p>
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DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES apply if registering at this designated time.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Your unfailing love and mercy.
- 2) Successful cataract surgery.

Adorers needed for the following hours

*starting at: Sun. 9 am, Wed 8 am, 5 pm,
Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm,
midnight*

Prayer Partners Needed: *Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 4 pm, Fri 5 am, 7 am;*

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



During Lent, Pope Francis offers handy tips for preparing for confession

The Catholic News Service's reporter Carol Glatz reports on Pope Francis' encouragement of confessions during Lent.

After a brief explanation of why people should go to confession -- "because we are all sinners" -- the pope listed 30 key questions to reflect on as part of making an examination of conscience and being able to "confess well."

The guide is part of a 28-page booklet in Italian released by the Vatican publishing house. Pope Francis had 50,000 free copies distributed to people attending his Angelus address Feb. 22, 2015, the First Sunday of Lent.

Titled "Safeguard your heart," the booklet is meant to help the faithful become "courageous" and prepared to battle against evil and choose the good.

The booklet contains quick introductions to Catholic basics: it has the text of the Creed, a list of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. It explains the seven sacraments and includes Pope Francis' explanation of "lectio divina," a prayerful way of reading Scripture in order to better hear "what the Lord wants to tell us in his word and to let us be transformed by his Spirit."

The booklet's title is based on a line from one of the pope's morning Mass homilies in which he said Christians need to guard and protect their hearts, "just as you protect your home -- with a lock."

"How often do bad thoughts, bad intentions, jealousy, envy enter?" he asked. "Who opened the door? How did those things get in?"

The Oct. 10, 2014, homily, which is excerpted in the booklet, said the best way to guard one's heart is with the daily practice of an "examination of conscience," in which one quietly reviews what bad things one has done and what good things one has failed to do for God, one's neighbor and oneself.

The questions include:

- Do I only turn to God when I'm in need?
- Do I attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation?
- Do I begin and end the day with prayer?
- Am I embarrassed to show that I am a Christian?

- Do I rebel against God's plan?
- Am I envious, hot-tempered, biased?
- Am I honest and fair with everyone or do I fuel the "throwaway culture?"
- In my marital and family relations, do I uphold morality as taught in the Gospels?
- Do I honor and respect my parents?
- Have I refused newly conceived life? Have I snuffed out the gift of life? Have I helped do so?
- Do I respect the environment?
- Am I part worldly and part believer?
- Do I overdo it with eating, drinking, smoking and amusements?
- Am I overly concerned about my physical well-being, my possessions?
- How do I use my time? Am I lazy?
- Do I want to be served?
- Do I dream of revenge, hold grudges?
- Am I meek, humble and a builder of peace?



Catholics should go to confession, the pope said, because everyone needs forgiveness for their sins, for the ways "we think and act contrary to the Gospel."

"Whoever says he is without sin is a liar or is blind," he wrote.

Confession is meant to be a sincere moment of conversion, an occasion to demonstrate trust in God's willingness to forgive his children and to help them back on the path of following Jesus, Pope Francis wrote.