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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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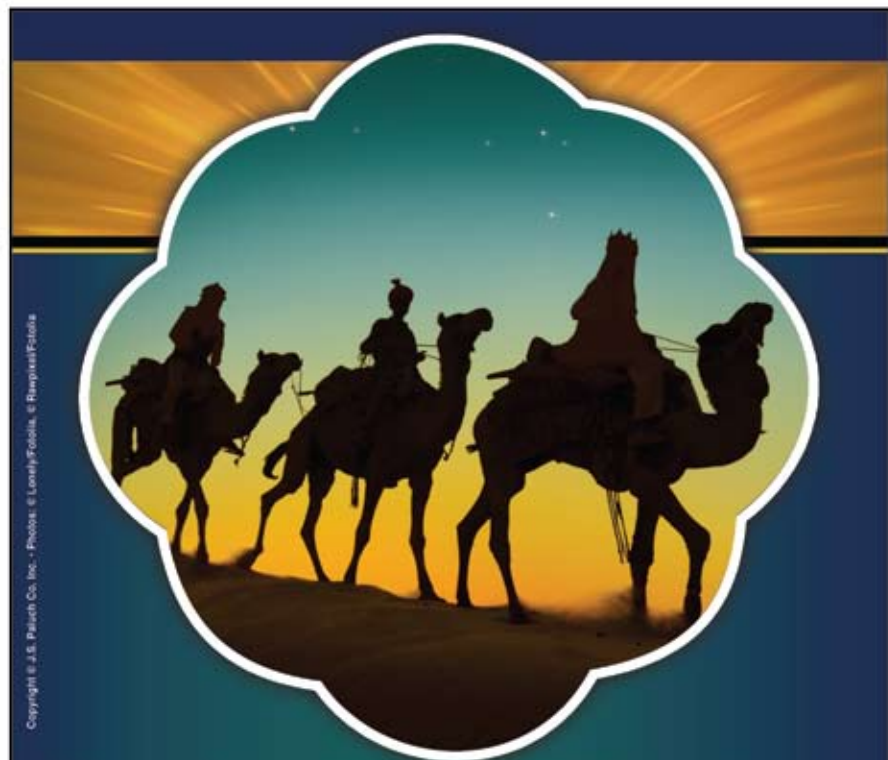
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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

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

World Day of Peace

January 1, 2016 was the 49th World Day of Peace where Pope Francis has chosen the theme “Overcome Indifference and Win Peace.” Indifference in regard to the scourges of our time is one of the fundamental causes of the lack of peace. These scourges include fundamentalism, intolerance and massacres, persecutions on account of faith and ethnicity, disregard for freedom and the destruction of the rights of entire peoples, the exploitation of human beings submitted even to the different forms of slavery, corruption and organized crime, war and the plight of refugees and forcibly displaced persons. We must work at peace by developing efforts for conversion of mind and heart, by seeking a sense of creativity and positive engagement in discussion. (On the Internet at www.vatican.va)

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts On the Epiphany of the Lord 2016

Know dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our savior.

- On the 10th day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
- On the 27th day of March you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the 8th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- On the 15th day of May the feast of Pentecost.
- On the 29th day of May, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
- On the 27th day of November the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Appreciations

I cannot say thank-you enough for the beautiful Advent and Christmas décor for both Annunciation Church and St. Anthony Church. I appreciate the good work parishioners were able to accomplish. May God continue to keep us in His care.

The Giving Tree at both Annunciation and St. Anthony was a great occasion of parishioners giving love for Christmas. May God bless all who participated and may those who received gifts from the Giving Tree grow in their own love for God and neighbor.

Father Abadie and I also thank everyone for your good wishes and Christmas cards at Christmas. We appreciate you and love you!!!

ACTS Prayer

At Annunciation and St. Anthony we have a Prayer Poster for parishioners to sign-up for an hour of prayer during the

January 28 - 31 Men’s ACTS Retreat. Please take an hour and wherever you are at that hour pray for the men on retreat. Ask God that the men are well disposed to His working in their lives. Thank-you!

Upcoming Activities and Events

- January 13 - 20: St. Edmund students are on a mission trip to Guatemala with Father Abadie as Spiritual Director.
- January 14: 6:00 p.m. 1st Penance for 2nd graders at St. Anthony Church.
- January 20: 7:00 p.m. Eunice Christian Unity Prayer Service at Eunice High School Auditorium.
- January 22: 12:00 p.m. Eunice Right to Life Walk
- January 24 – 30: Catholic School’s Week
- January 26: Justin Fatica of *Hard as Nails* at St. Anthony
- January 28 – 31: Men’s ACTS Retreat
- February 1–3: 6:00 p.m. Pre-Lenten Mission at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church with Mr. Andy Reviere as presenter
- February 15 – 19: 6:00 p.m. Lenten Mission at St. Anthony Church with Father George as presenter
- February 19–21: Confirmation Retreat for Annunciation Church and for St. Anthony Church

Gospel for Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi did not know the person they were seeking to honor. They had not met Jesus, but had embarked upon a long, difficult, and tiring journey in order to come into his presence. Although they were not from among the Jewish people who had received the ancient promises of a Messiah, they were nonetheless anticipating his arrival. When they found him, “they were overjoyed.”

For those of us raised Christian, it is important to reflect on the joy of the Magi. They found Christ as a result of great effort. The very trials of their journey, and the hope that was fulfilled, made them appreciate their encounter with Jesus in a profound way. Today we join the Magi in their experience and share in their wonder. On the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we meditate on what it means to “find” Jesus. No matter how we found the Lord, we too should fall down on our knees in adoration and offer him the precious treasures of our lives: our eager devotion and our will to serve him.

Questions of the Week

Matthew 2:1-12: What do you find most compelling about the story of the Magi?

Isaiah 60:1-6: Where do you see the light of Christ shining in the world today?

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6: Why do you think so many were threatened by St. Paul’s message that the Gentiles were “coheirs” to God’s promises?

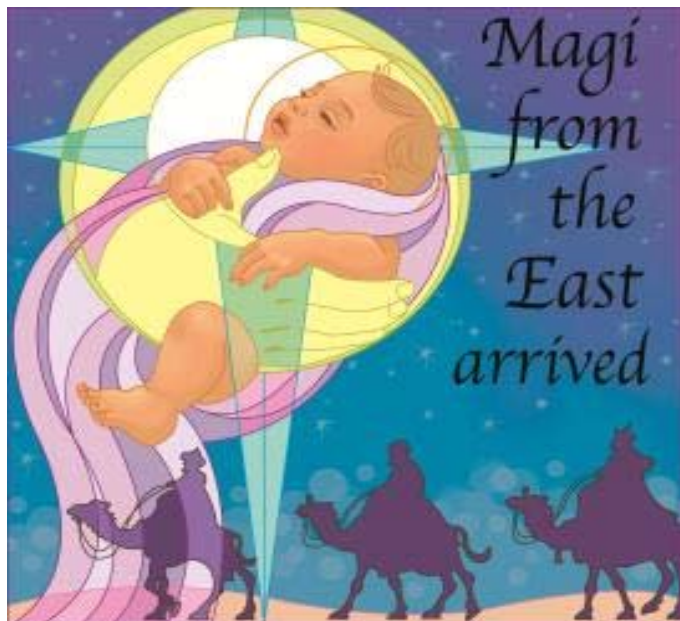
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

****NOTE: We will report the collection for
Dec. 20, 27 and Jan. 3 in Jan. 10 bulletin.**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -- The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel -- Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 4

6:15 a.m.: Lois Miller; Ricarda Villalba

Tuesday, January 5

12:00 p.m.: Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Mertie Lou Melancon (*Birthday*)

Wednesday, January 6

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, January 7

12:00 p.m.:

Friday, January 8

6:15 a.m.: : J.B. 'Johnny' Summerlin; Maria del Pilar Parrie

Saturday, January 9

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Leon Stelly; Pilar Parrie; Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Charles Manuel

Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Denise L. Hanks

9:00 a.m.: J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.: R. P. Fontenot

6:00 p.m.:



**Baptism
of the Lord**

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Tommy Dietz, Mitch Fontenot, Dr. Chip Hebert, Dora Johnson	Kay Dietz	Alex Fontenot, Gabby Fontenot, Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Barry Soileau, Jan Ward, Glenda Young	Rachel Smith	Noah Clause, Madison Comeau, Ariana Manuel, MacKenzie Manuel
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguillard, Sarah Moser Fruge	Genny Dischler	Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee, Gavin Oliver, Brennon Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Jr. Bergeron, Dr. Zeb Stearns, Todd & Debbie Ortego	Maghon Manuel	Juliette & Robert Broussard, David Stearns Thurifer: Jacque Richard MC: Cole Bergeron
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Angie Aguillard, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Life Teen Member	Ashton Eckholdt, Christopher Fuselier, Katelyn Guillory, Samuel Hebert

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” *Psalms 147:2*



Please pray for: Paige Beard, Perry Vidrine, Sylvia Veillon, Carl Comeaux, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Renee Duplechain, Joan Burson, Dr. Charles Monier, Shirley Mae Leger, Delores Labbie, Alberta Frey, Paul Rozas, Louis Flores, George Coleman, Edward Fontenot Jr., Burley Marcantel, T.J. LeBouef, Darlene Faul, Ben Burson, Sally Fontenot, Judson Ardoin, Kathlyn Mire, Charlotte Fox, Gilbert Young, Deanna Prather, Hazel Miller, Linda & Lacy Slocum, Ronnie Singh, Karl Aucoin, Ann Duran, Roger Hollier, Kathy Henderson, Georgie Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Fenrick Manuel, Craig Durbin, Bruce Vige, April DeRouen, Dr. Jack Miller, Jim Miller, Joe Elfert.

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, January 4

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 3:30 p.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:30 p.m.
Centennial Campaign -- 5:30 p.m.
C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Jr. High Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

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. in Parish Hall.

Wednesday, January 6

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's Faith Formation -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, January 7

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, January 8

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Eunice Manor & Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
Baptism Class -- call the Rectory to register.

Saturday, January 9

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 10

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

RETRouvaille



Retrouvaille has a weekend **January 8, 9, and 10, 2016**, in Pineville, Louisiana. Retrouvaille, a French word for rediscovery or reawakening, is a ministry for couples in troubled marriages. You may be more familiar with Marriage Encounter, which is intended to enrich good, stable marriages. Retrouvaille is more like a lifeline for troubled or broken marriages and hurting couples. It is for married couples who are anxious about their marriage, alone or distant from their partner, disillusioned or bored in their marriage, or who are experiencing coldness or conflict. Locally, Retrouvaille of Acadiana hosts 3 weekends per year followed by the 6 post-weekend sessions on Sunday afternoons. The weekends involve intensive work on communication skills and provide the foundation for the forgiveness and trust essential for rebuilding broken marriages. The six post-sessions frame up the concepts and provide practical solutions such as a method to resolve conflicts in a way that avoids the hurts of the past.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry, meaning that all of the presenting couples are past attendees who came to Retrouvaille with marriages in trouble and who have first-hand experiences of the benefits that can result.

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry that is supported by the Diocese of Lafayette. It encourages individual and spiritual growth, but the ultimate goal is to reinstall in hurting couples the joy and satisfaction of sacramental marriage. For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact: Stacy or Donea Benandi 985-714-2442-/2443; Judy or Steve Schwank 318-641-1614 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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*Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 5 at
St. Anthony Parish Hall @ 5:30 am*

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2016

This year to commemorate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are not going to do a triduum of masses between the Catholic Churches of Eunice. We will instead have a prayer service with Protestants and Catholics coming together for prayer. This service will be at the Eunice High School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. We pray Catholics will join the joint prayer service at the Eunice High School Auditorium and will welcome the witness of Catholic unity. Thank you!

ST. ANTHONY WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING HOUR

Join other women of our parish for a time of reflection and prayer! We are gathering every Wednesday evening in Jeanmard Parish Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

All Are Welcome! Bring a Friend!

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For wonderful family gathering.
- 2) For healing.

*Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Mon. 2 pm; Thurs. 3 am; Fri.
2 pm, 11 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am, 11 am; Sun. 1 am, 2 am,
11 am, noon*

*Prayer Partners Needed: Tues 1 pm, Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm
To commit one hour - call Brenda Castro 457-7965.*



An Update from Laurie Doucet, Principal of St. Edmund Catholic School

December 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students of St. Edmund Catholic School community,



It seems just yesterday that I welcomed you to a new school year. I began this school year as a first year principal at St. Edmund Catholic School with a profound sense of enthusiasm and great anticipation, asking for your hand in partnership. I underestimated the incredible patience and overwhelming support the faculty and parents of the St. Edmund Community would provide. We have been able to accomplish many tasks due to the patience and support you provide on a daily basis.

As we prepare for our second semester, the holiday season reigns glorious, inviting us to celebrate and reflect on the true meaning of the season. We have accomplished many things during this whirlwind semester which was filled with challenges and rewards. Those rewards are the result of on-going planning, participation, and collaboration.

Students, parents, and staff greeted our August opening with hope and wonder. The student activities at St. Edmund Catholic School have been in full motion since the beginning of the 2015 – 2016 school year. Football, cheer, dance and drum line provided the catalyst to an exciting fun-filled fall. Fall athletics continued to bring our school community together as we supported our coaches and athletes on many playing fields.

Teacher committees began the school year revising and building policy. These committees advise the principal in planning for the effective and efficient operation of the school. The committees will focus on successful school operation which leads to greater levels of student achievement and improved employee morale.

The **Discipline committee** members which included; Brandi Daigle, Angelle Manuel, Erica Zaunbrecher, Wendy Daigle, Annie Miller, Michelle LeJeune, Michelle Newsome, Summer Berzas and administration met weekly to write the St. Edmund Positive Behavioral Support Plan. St. Edmund PBS includes: clearly identified and defined

behaviors, prevention through teaching alternate skills, designing consequences, creating long-term supports and behavior contracts that provide ongoing behavior remediation. The basic approach is to use proactive, research-based strategies to teach clearly defined behavioral expectations. Most importantly, it establishes ongoing behavior supports that can be used by all students and staff.

After an assessment of safety concerns of the campus, a **Safety Committee** was formed to further investigate problems and write policies to address those problems. Committee members include: Laurie Doucet, Dale Creamer, Brandi Daigle, Erica Zaunbrecher, Tracy Joubert, Michelle Stelly, Thomas David, Bubba Daigle, Mike Yachera, Missy Bertrand, Jan Parks and Melissa David. After several months of work and collaboration with local law enforcement officers, fire department and the hospital we have successfully written an Unusual Occurrence Plan. We continue to practice the procedures included in the plan.

The **Pupil Progression Committee** consisting of teachers from all grade levels; Brandi Daigle, Angelle Manuel, Megan Bertrand, David Pulling, Renee Benoit, Aerial Storer and Stephanie Manuel continue to work on Phases of the Pupil Progression Plan which will align curriculum and instruction from Kindergarten to Twelfth Grade. **Academically**, we will continue to move forward with quality on-going assessments across the curriculum that are aligned to our literacy and numeracy goals.

Most recently, the St. Edmund Coaching Staff have begun writing a **coaching handbook** which will include policy for all aspects of coaching, sports and student health and safety.

As we prepare for next semester, in all of its dimensions, I wish to extend to each of you the very best of the holiday season. May it be filled with health, prosperity, and love for you and for all those special people in your lives. Please know how grateful I am to acknowledge the part you play in the continual contributions and support to me, our students, faculty and staff.

May God Bless you and your families.

Laurie Doucet

Principal of St. Edmund Catholic School