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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:

Very Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero, V.E.

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*You shall be a  
glorious crown  
in the hand  
of the Lord,  
a royal diadem  
held by your God.*

ISAIAH 62:3



**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

*January 17, 2016*

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

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18 – 25, 2016

This year's theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is **Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord** (Cf. 1 Peter 2:9).

This year's theme was developed from the Christians of Latvia. With the experience of Nazism and Communism, Christians in Latvia endured torture, exile and death because of their faith in Jesus Christ. This bond of suffering created a deep communion among the Christians of Latvia. Through their baptismal commitment these Christians were able to offer their sufferings in union with the suffering of Jesus, for the good of others. Members of the Orthodox, Lutheran, Baptist and Catholic Churches were martyred and persecuted. It is like today where we see Isis beheading Christians, no matter who they are, Orthodox, Lutheran, Baptist or Catholic. The theme expresses the common experience that through our baptism Christians are called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord.

**Please find with this bulletin a prayer resource where parishioners are invited to pray.** Each day of the week has its own theme, bible readings, and prayer. Use all the readings of the day or choose one or two.

**Parishioners are also invited to join the Eunice Christian Community at a Eunice Area Prayer Service at Eunice High School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** There will be nearly 15 area churches participating. It is a great opportunity to help each other develop the heart and mind of Jesus Christ. I invite all Catholics to participate. We need your presence as together we join others in witnessing Jesus Christ to the Eunice Community.

**Gospel for the Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time, Cycle C – John 2:1-11  
From a sermon by Faustus of Riez, bishop  
[died between 490 and 495]**

*The marriage of Christ and the Church*

On the third day there was a wedding. What wedding can this be but the joyful marriage of man's salvation, a marriage celebrated by confessing the Trinity or by faith in the resurrection. That is why the marriage took place "on the third day," a reference to the sacred mysteries which this number symbolizes.

Hence, too, we read elsewhere in the Gospel that the return of the younger son, that is, the conversion of the pagans, is marked by song, and music and wedding garments.

Like a bridegroom coming from his marriage chamber our God descended to earth in his incarnation, in order to be

united to his Church which was to be formed of the pagan nations. To her he gave a pledge and a dowry: a pledge when God was united to man; a dowry when he was sacrificed for man's salvation. The pledge is our present redemption; the dowry, eternal life.

To those who see only with the outward eye, all these events at Cana are strange and wonderful; to those who understand, they are also signs. For, if we look closely, the very water tells us of our rebirth in baptism. One thing is turned into another from within, and in a hidden way a lesser creature is changed into a greater. All this points to the hidden reality of our second birth. There water was suddenly changed; later it will cause a change in man.

By Christ's action in Galilee, then, wine is made, that is, the law withdraws and grace takes its place; the shadows fade and truth becomes present; fleshly realities are coupled with spiritual, and the old covenant with its outward discipline is transformed into the new. For, as the Apostle says: The old order has passed away; now all is new! The water in the jars is not less than it was before, but now begins to be what it had not been; so too the law is not destroyed by Christ's coming, but is made better than it was.

When the wine fails, new wine is served: the wine of the old covenant was good, but the wine of the new is better. The old covenant, which Jews follow, is exhausted by its letter; the new covenant, which belongs to us, has the savor of life and is filled with grace.

The good wine, that is, good precepts, refers to the law; thus we read: You shall love your neighbor but hate your enemy. But the Gospel is a better and a stronger wine: My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors.

### Men's Retreats at Our Lady of the Oaks

**The Mamou, Duradle, Church Point, Chataignier Men's Retreat** at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau is scheduled for January 28 – 31, 2016. Please call Deacon Chuck Ortego at 224-0236 for registration.

**The Eunice Area Men's Retreat** held at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau is scheduled from February 4 – 7, 2016. Please call Don Mayeux at 457-9610 or 457-7624 for registration.

### Questions of the Week

**John 2:1-11:** Why do you think Jesus was reluctant to perform his first sign?

**Isaiah 62:1-5:** How is it that names can hold power?

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11:** What gift of the Holy Spirit do you think you possess?



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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STEWARDSHIP TO  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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January 10, 2016

Sunday's Offertory .....\$8,446.00  
Mailed-In Offertory .....1,385.00  
Total Offertory for the week .....\$9,831.00

Weekly Average 2016 ..... \$11,522.00

Children's Contribution .....\$7.25

\* Extra Prayers ..... Matthew

\* Helping Mom ..... Reese

\* Praying for others ..... Shawna, Reese, Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1604

Number of Envelopes Used.....183

Number of Children's Envelopes Used ..... 4

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

## 2015 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

If you have made any contributions to the church through the envelope system or by bringing the contributions to the office -- your 2015 contribution statement will be available at the Rectory office. Call the office (457-5285) and leave your name and address -- and the contribution statement will be mailed to your home.

## EUNICE AREA MEN'S RETREAT

The Eunice Area Men's Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau from Thursday night, Feb. 4 to Sunday noon, Feb. 7. Plan for a spiritually and physically refreshing weekend. For room reservations call Don Mayeux at 457-9610 or 457-7624 or the Rectory.

## NEW SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

The new weekend Liturgical Servers Schedule for February - March will soon be prepared. If you are planning to be away during this time -- or -- if you need to change your schedule - please call the office [457-5285] during office hours. Call by **January 22** to get your changes into the new schedule.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 18

6:15 a.m.: Catherine Lewis Stivison (*Anniversary of death*);  
Special Intention

### Tuesday, January 19

12:00 p.m.: Tuesday Spiritual Prayer Group; Charles  
Moffitt (*Liv.*)

### Wednesday, January 20

6:15 a.m.: Drucey Rougeau (*Birthday*)

### Thursday, January 21

12:00 p.m.: Jack Burson (*Anniversary of death*); Darryl Feucht  
(*Anniversary of death*); Charles Lear & Rose Comeaux; Brenda  
Castro (*Liv.*)

### Friday, January 22

6:15 a.m.: Raoul Ashford; Rafael & Keila Beauchamp;  
Eunice Normand & Royce Normand

### Saturday, January 23

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux;  
Leonce Thibodeaux; Pilar Parrie; Gary Fontenot family  
(*Liv.*); Burley Marcantel; Kermen D. Beauchamp Sr.;  
Merlin Moreau, Flo Soileau

### Sunday, January 24

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Carole Sue & Debbi  
Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; Nilas & Lillie Young;  
Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M  
A.F. McGee Sr.; M/M Amos Durio  
Sr.; Toby Durio; Flora Soileau

11:00 a.m.:

6:00 p.m.:



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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Donnie Darbonne, Dora Johnson, Kal Landry, Barry Soileau, Glenda Young	Mark DeRouen	Kylie Hebert, Joshua Landry, Justin Landry, Mia Robinson
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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel, Jan Ward	Lisa Miller	Noah Clause, Madison Comeau, Greta Miller, Luke Trahan
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Doug Marcantel	Michelle LeJeune	Adelie Beaugh, Adrienne Bergeaux, Phillip Fontenot, Victoria Marcantel
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Josh Aucoin, Glenn Brown, Todd & Debbie Ortego	Amy Aucoin	Hunter Aucoin, Garet & Lindsay Hebert <b>Thurifer:</b> Jacque Richard <b>MC:</b> Daniel Lombas
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Debbie DeRouen, Jeff & Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Harry Summerlin III, Blake Summerlin, Chloe & Laura Grace Warner

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER

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



**Please pray for:** Shirley Mae Leger, Delores Labbie, Alberta Frey, Paul Rozas, Louis Flores, George Coleman, Edward Fontenot Jr., 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, Mable Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Elliot Arabie, Kelly McFarland Sr., Nelda Durbin, Norbert Young, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Mary ‘Bonnie’ Thibodeaux.

*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, January 18

Rectory Office Closed  
Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Centennial Campaign -- 5:30 p.m.  
ACTS Core Team Meeting -- 6:00 p.m. Ministries Bldg.

### Tuesday, January 19

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 20

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 8:00 a.m.  
Women's Faith Sharing -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall  
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall  
**Ecumenical Prayer Service for Week of Christian Unity**  
**7:00 p.m. at Eunice High School Auditorium**

### Thursday, January 21

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at KC Hall.

### Friday, January 22

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Eunice Manor & Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.  
Right to Life March -- 12:00 p.m. down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

### Saturday, January 23

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 pm  
Women's ACTS Pulpit Talks at all Masses this weekend

### Sunday, January 24

Masses -- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.  
Confirmation Class -- 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

# Priest Retirement

Our parish priests are the center of our Diocesan family. Priests baptize and teach our children, preach the Gospel, officiate weddings, celebrate the Eucharistic Sacrifice, comfort us in our sufferings, and listen to our confessions. At a certain point during a life of service and sacrifice, however, even the most tireless of servants need an opportunity to rest from their labors. It is our responsibility to assure they receive the care and support required. Currently we have 37 priests in retirement with an expected 22 more priests who will reach retirement age in the next ten years.

Presently, the Priests' Welfare Trust Fund is insufficiently funded. We seek to increase the funds in this trust so we can pay an equitable pension to our retired priests and provide for those who need assistance later in life. By supporting this campaign, we can demonstrate our appreciation for our priests' selflessness and continued spiritual service to our parishioners.



*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."  
(Galatians 6:9)*



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**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!

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**  
**January 18-25, 2016**

**2016 Theme: Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord (Cf. 1 Peter 2:9)**

*Adapted from resources jointly prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity  
and The Commission of Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches*

**Day 1: Let the stone be rolled away** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 71:18b-23; Rom 8:15-21; Mt 28:1-10

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you have always loved us from the beginning, and you have shown the depth of your love in dying for us on the cross and thereby sharing our sufferings and wounds. At this moment, we lay all the obstacles that separate us from your love at the foot of your cross. Roll back the stones which imprison us. Awaken us to your resurrection morning. There may we meet the brothers and sisters from whom we are separated. Amen.

**DAY 2: Called to be messengers of joy** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Is 61:1-4; Ps 133 Phil 2:1-5; John 15:9-12

**Prayer:** God of love, look upon our willingness to serve you despite our spiritual poverty and limited abilities. Fulfill the deepest longings of our hearts with your presence. Fill our broken hearts with your healing love so that we may love as you have loved us. Grant us the gift of unity so that we may serve you with joy and share your love with all. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**DAY 3: The witness of fellowship** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Jer 31:10-13; Ps 122; 1 Jn 4:16b-21; John 17:20-23

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, who prayed that we might all be one, we pray to you for the unity of Christians according to your will, according to your means. May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division, to see our sin and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

**DAY 4: A priestly people called to proclaim the Gospel** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Gen 17:1-8; Ps 145:8-12; Rom 10:14-15; Mt 13:3-9

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you said that everyone will know that we are your disciples if there is love among us. Strengthened by your grace, may we work tirelessly for the visible unity of your Church, so that the Good News that we are called to proclaim will be seen in all our words and deeds. Amen.

**DAY 5: The fellowship of the Apostles** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Isa 56:6-8; Ps 24; Acts 2:37-42; John 13:34-35

**Prayer:** God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may you give to all Christians, and especially to those entrusted with leadership in your Church, the spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that with the eyes of our hearts we may see the hope to which you have called us: one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above and through all and in all. Amen.

**DAY 6: Listen to this dream** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Gen 37:5-8; Ps 126; Rom 12: 9-13; John 21:25

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, grant us humility to hear your voice, to receive your call, and to share your dream for the unity of the Church. Help us to be awake to the pain of disunity. Where division has left us with hearts of stone, may the fire of your Holy Spirit inflame our hearts and inspire us with the vision of being one in Christ, as he is one with you, so that the world may believe that you have sent him. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

**DAY 7: Hospitality for prayer** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Is 62:6-7; Ps 100; 1 Pet 4:7b-10; John 4:4-14

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you asked your apostles to stay awake with you and to pray with you. May we offer the world protected times and spaces in which to find refreshment and peace, so that praying together with other Christians we may come to know you more deeply. Amen.

**DAY 8: Hearts burning for unity** - *Scripture Readings for Reflection:* Is 52:7-9; Ps 30; Col 1:27-29; Luke 24:13-36

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you have made our hearts burn within us, and have sent us back upon the road towards our brothers and sisters, with the Gospel message on our lips. Help us to see that hope and obedience to your commands always lead to the greater unity of your people. Amen.