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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

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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

November 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY of *Advent*

**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

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

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima visits St. Anthony of Padua Church, Eunice, Louisiana December 3, 2016

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling around the world since 1947, is on a two-year journey across America, visiting 100 dioceses. The Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace, March 2016 - December 2017, commemorates the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Angel of Peace (1916) and the Blessed Mother (1917) at Fatima, Portugal. It will be in the Diocese of Lafayette from December 1-4, 2016: Dec. 1-2 at St. Francis Regis Church, Arnaudville; Dec. 3 at St. Bernard Church, Breaux Bridge; Dec. 3 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Eunice; Dec. 4 at St. Peter Church at Carencro.

At St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice the Statue will be received at the beginning of the 4:00 p.m. mass and remain after mass for visits and prayer until 10:00 p.m.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by famous sculptor Jose' Thedim, upon the precise instructions of Sister Lucia. On October 13, 1947, the stature was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima and commissioned to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin that would carry the blessings of Fatima throughout the world.



SOURCE: World Apostolate of Fatima, USA – www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

ADVENT

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping, of renewing our trust in God's merciful love and care, and of reflecting on the three comings of Christ in our lives: His coming at his birth, his coming at the end of human history and his coming in-between his birth and end of human history in our prayer and sacraments, in our everyday lives, and at the moment of our death. Let us embrace the Prince of Peace in our lives, especially as we receive the visit of the pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE ADVENT ACTIVITIES:

- **The Light is on for You!** For St. Anthony Church confession times are on the first three Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For Annunciation Church confession times are on the second and third Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **The Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service** is at St. Thomas More Church on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Giving Tree Advent Program** is at both Annunciation Church and St. Anthony Church.

Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A – Matthew 24:37-44

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return — this is not a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we do not doze off while we are waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it is often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and start moving. It is our task, however, to make sure we do not give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It is like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us — the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop — all of this is unique to each person. But our common goal is the same — to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let us be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

Questions of the Week

Matthew 24:37-44: Jesus warned his followers to be ready for his return and the advent of the end-time. How are you preparing for the return of the Son of Man?

Isaiah 2:1-5: In what ways do you see our nation open to hearing and obeying God's word?

Romans 13:11-14: Paul cultivated a sense of urgency for the faith with the Christians in Rome. How can we do likewise in our faith communities?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016
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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

****NOTE:** We will report the collections for
November 20 & 27 in the Dec. 4th bulletin.



Thank you for your generosity.
*Please remember St. Anthony Church
& St. Edmund School in your will.*

Save the Date!!

*St. Anthony Women's
ACTS Retreat
February 9-12, 2017*



**Registration Forms
are available at the
doors of the Church...
and may be turned in
at the Rectory office.**

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS

The Children's Christmas Choir will be practicing to sing at the Children's Liturgy at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Any St. Anthony parishioner from the 2nd grade on up can sing in this choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 1, 15 & 22 at 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

Any St. Anthony parishioner interest in singing for the **10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass** (*there will NOT be a Midnight Christmas Mass this year*) can join the choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 1, 15 & 22 at 6:30 p.m.** We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices. For more information contact: Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 28

6:15 a.m.: Ray & Ily Brignac

Tuesday, November 29

12:00 p.m.: Mary Harrington; E.J. & Vinice (*Birthday*) Brown; Kim Burnett Bergeron (*Anniversary of Death*); George Soileau

Wednesday, November 30

6:15 a.m.: Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz

Thursday, December 1

12:00 p.m.: Ethelyn Duplechain (*Birthday-Liv.*); Patricia & Bosie Manuel

Friday, December 2

6:15 a.m.: Edwin (*Liv.*) & Shirley Gaudin; M/M Auggie Leonards; Denise L. Hanks; Aaron Roy family (*Liv.*)

Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Jules & Ernestine Broussard; Marie R. Fruge; 'Dutch' Spekschate; Whitney & Melba Blanchard; M/M C.A. Penn; Leonce Thibodeaux; Joyce Soileau; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Lou Latour; Gladys Landreneau; Bradley Manuel; Leon Stelly

Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Howard & Wilda Young

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Merlin Moreau

11:00 a.m.: Hilda Vezina

6:00 p.m.:

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Tommy Dietz, Dora Johnson, Angelle Driggs, Michael Driggs	Kay Dietz	Madison Comeau, Mia Robinson, Wesley Driggs, William Driggs
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Charles Feucht, Brad Miller	Mark DeRouen	Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Kate Miller, Mary-Helen Miller
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Barry Soileau, Sarah Moser Fruge, Denise LeBouef	Jacque Pucheu	Camille Leger, Kathryn Leger, Isaac Russell, Brennon Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Donnie Darbonne, Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego, Lynn Pavich, Amy Simon	Charlotte Darbonne	Anna Belle Fontenot, Kelly & Landon Fruge MC: Needed Thurifer: Jacque Richard
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin Debbie DeRouen, Kim Miller	Life Teen Member	Dominic Dupre, Elijah Dupre, Christopher Leger, Abby Miller

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Roger Gillard,

Sophia Hortness, Amanda Prather, Norbert Young, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Rebecca Johnson, Tammy Manuel, Vivian Soileau, Lynn Landreneau, Brandon Butler, Jonah Thibodeaux, Judson Ardoin, Louis McGee Jr., J.B. Lejeune, Joan Burson, Paul Rozas, Frank Bergeron, Gayle Abshire, Charity Fontenot, Lillie Mae Aucoin, Gail Landreneau, David Frey, Mary Valerie LeJeune, Anita Masar, Darlene Faul, Emmitt Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Russell Courville, Suzanne DeRouen, Elaine C. Guillory, Maril Fontenot, Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Michael Folse, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Jude Miller Sr., Suzanne Derouen, Elvin Morein, Rene Duplechaine, Haley Dupre Touns, Dr. F.J. DeRouen, Linda Gaudin, Lenard Craig, Adam 'Brother' Johnson, Rena Mae Manuel, Dornetta Duplechaine.

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, November 28

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:20 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. Classes -- 3:30 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High Classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. VP / KC Hall.
The Light is on for You -- 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Church.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Church Hall.

Thursday, December 1

Ladies Altar Society -- 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Choir -- 5:30 p.m. in Church
Adult Christmas Choir -- 6:15 p.m. in Church.

Friday, December 2

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
Baptism Class -- Call the Rectory (457-5285) to register.

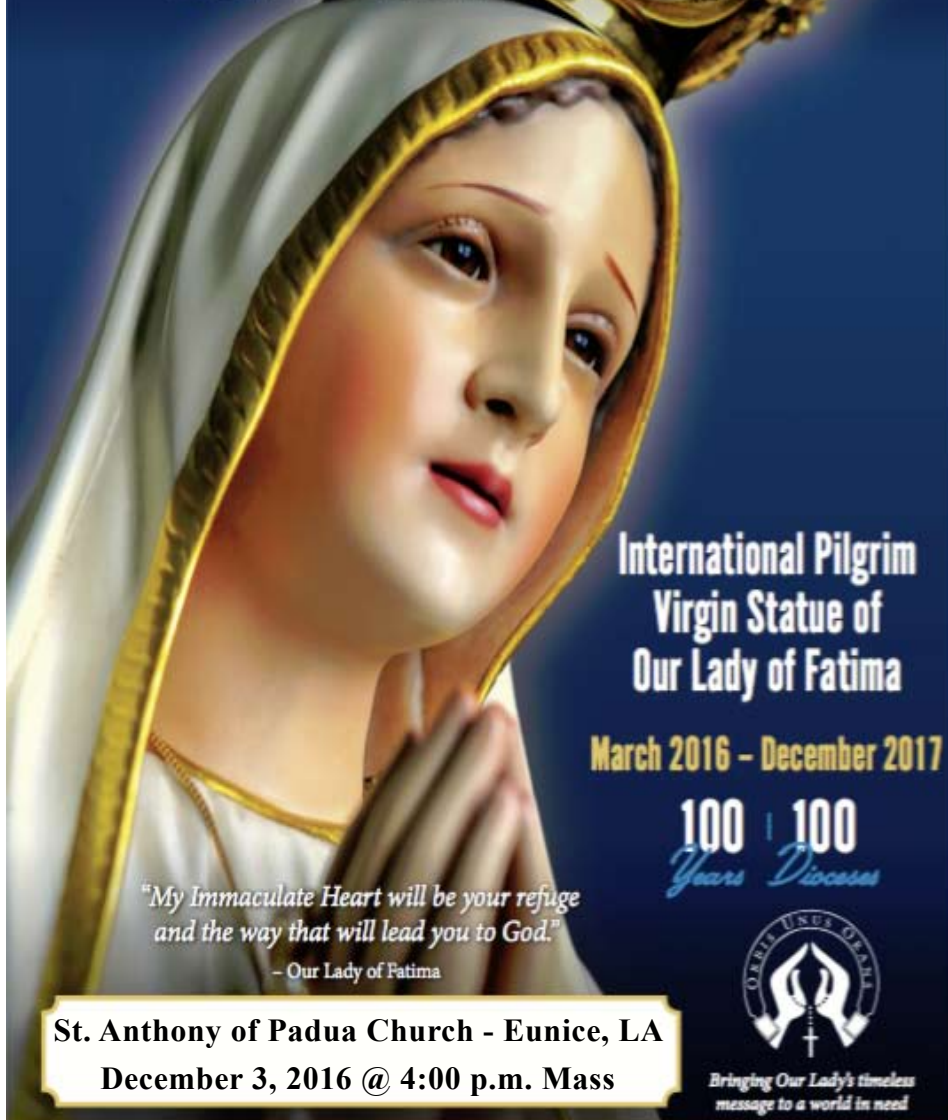
Saturday, December 3

First Saturday Our Lady of Fatima Mass -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Church.
Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima -- at 4:00 p.m. Mass
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

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.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE



International Pilgrim
Virgin Statue of
Our Lady of Fatima

March 2016 - December 2017

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Years | Dioceses

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge
and the way that will lead you to God."

- Our Lady of Fatima



Bringing Our Lady's timeless
message to a world in need

St. Anthony of Padua Church - Eunice, LA
December 3, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m. Mass

World Apostolate of Fatima, USA | BlueArmy.com

2017 MASS BOOK OPENED

The 2017 Mass book is now open for scheduling Masses. Come to the Rectory during our regular office hours to schedule Masses for your loved ones -- living or deceased. Each Mass Intention is \$5.00.



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Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
November 30, December 7 & 14
St. Anthony of Padua Church

MASS SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8

6:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

**PERFORMANCE
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GLENN BROWN, PT, ATC
101 S. Second St.
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They make our bulletins possible.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For brother's hope of having a good future.
- 2) Wife's recovery from her sickness.

**Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Wed. 12 am; Thurs. 11 pm;
Fri. 3 pm, 6 pm; Sat. 12 pm**

**Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am;
Wed 8 am, Noon; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm**

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



St. Anthony of Padua Church

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Night</p>	<p>5 Pray for Msgr. Romero 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM ACTS Core Team 6:00 PM C.D.A. 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>6 Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie</p>	<p>7 Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin 6:00 PM Anticipated Mass @ Assumption / Duralde 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ KC - Eunice 6:00 PM Women's ACTS 6:30 PM The Light Is On For You! 7:00 PM R.C.I.A.</p>	<p>8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> Pray for Deacon Jim Cormier Mass Schedule: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. 8:00 AM St. Edmund All School Mass</p>	<p>9 Pray for Den Chris Cambre 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane</p>	<p>10 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought</p>
<p>11 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge & Den. Chuck Ortega 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Night</p>	<p>12 Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzare 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>13 Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat & Den. David Guillery</p>	<p>14 Pray for Fr. Austin Leger 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ KC - Eunice 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation 6:30 PM The Light Is On For You! 7:00 PM R.C.I.A.</p>	<p>15 Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:00 PM S.G.S. 6:15 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>16 Pray for Deacon Robbie Leger 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane</p>	<p>17 Pray for Fr. Nathan Concaux <i>Second Collection: Bishops Services Appeal</i></p>
<p>18 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu & Fr. Alphonse Thainese 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Life Teen Hayride / Bonfire</p>	<p>19 Pray for Fr. John Brown, S.J. 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes 6:00 PM Tri Parish Advent Penance Service</p>	<p>20 Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk & Fr. Jerry Mesley Men's ACTS Formation at KC Hall - Eunice</p>	<p>21 Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ Family Center V.P.</p>	<p>22 Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran & Fr. David Hebert 5:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>23 Pray for Fr. William Schambough 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane Retory Office Closed</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau 4:00 PM Christmas - Vigil Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Children's Liturgy Mass 10:00 PM Christmas Mass</p>
<p>25 <i>Christmas</i> Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown & Fr. Tommy Montelaro Christmas Mass Schedule: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26 Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement Retory Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis & Sr. Nell Murray</p>	<p>28 Pray for Fr. Jim Brady & Fr. Jonathan Janise</p>	<p>29 Pray for Fr. Gil Dutel & Fr. Tom Voorhies</p>	<p>30 Pray for Sr. Joel Miller & Sr. Stephanie Brignac 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane Retory Office Closed</p>	<p>31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur <i>Second Collection: Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund</i> 4:00 PM Anticipated Mass</p>

St. Edmund School Closed for Christmas Holiday (December 19-30)

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