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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)

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Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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January 1, 2017

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds  
went in haste to  
Bethlehem and found  
Mary and Joseph,*

*and the infant  
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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

### Happy New Year

January 1, New Year's Day, has a number of liturgical names celebrating a variety of events. It celebrates newness. Exactly eight days after Christmas, traditionally it celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. The Greek word for Mary's motherhood is Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer." Becoming official church teaching at the Council of Ephesus in 381, this is one of the most ancient and important titles given to Mary.

Eight days after the birth of a Jewish male, circumcision was demanded by Jewish law. So January 1 also commemorates the circumcision of Jesus. The Gospel reading for the day from Luke recounts the shepherds' visit, the completion of the eight days leading to circumcision, and naming the baby Jesus, according to the angel's direction previous to his conception.

Beginning in 1967, Pope Paul VI requested that this day also be set aside as a day of prayer for world peace. Each year, the pope issues a message encouraging prayer and action toward the establishment of world peace. So on January 1, as we continue to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, let us also turn to the intercession of Mary, the Queen of Peace. Happy New Year!

### World Day of Peace – January 1, 2017

The theme of the annual World Day of Peace message for 2017 is: "Non-Violence: a Style of Politics for Peace." In his message Pope Francis urges us to practice active nonviolence and work to prevent conflict by addressing its causes, building relationships, and facilitating healing and restoration.

### 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!!!

### Updates on the ACTS Retreat

We have three ACTS Retreat teams in formation for these different retreats: A Women's Retreat on February 9 – 12, 2017; a Men's Mission Retreat for March 16 – 19, 2017; and a Men's Retreat for March 30 – April 2, 2017.

Next weekend we ask parishioners to sign up to be a prayer partner for the Women's ACTS Retreat in February 9 – 12, 2017. At both Annunciation and St. Anthony we will have a sign-up poster for parishioners to commit an hour of prayer during this retreat.

Also next Sunday, January 8, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. mass, the team for the Men's ACTS Retreat of March 30 – April 2, 2017 will be commissioned. We invite parishioners to join in praying for their formation.

The Men's Mission Retreat for March 16 – 19, 2017 was commissioned on Wednesday, November 30, 2017. This retreat is for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Ville Platte. We are happy to be able to mission to them as St. Anne of Beaumont, Texas missioned to us. Parishioners at both Annunciation and St. Anthony Churches are invited to pray to this retreat as well.

### Gospel for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Luke 2:16-21

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

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# SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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STEWARDSHIP TO  
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Dec. 18, 25 & Jan. 1 in the Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> bulletin.**



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& St. Edmund School in your will.*

## MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

### Questions of the Week

**Luke 2:16-21** - Luke alone tells us of the visit of the shepherds at Jesus' birth. How does Luke portray Mary in this encounter?

**Numbers 6:22-27** - What do you find most appealing in God's blessing of the Israelites during their desert journey?

**Galatians 4:4-7** - What do we learn about Mary in Paul's discussion of her with the Galatians?

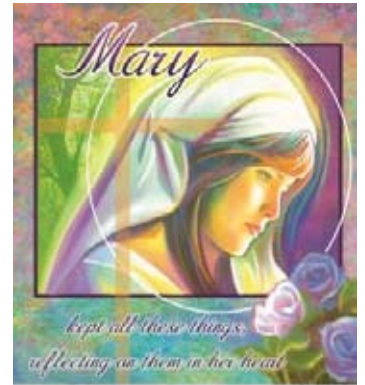
*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

## THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 2

6:15 a.m.: Dr. Jack & Lois Miller

### Tuesday, January 3

12:00 p.m.: Sady Courville

### Wednesday, January 4

6:15 a.m.: Rivers & Mercedes Vidrine; Iris M. Santarosa

### Thursday, January 5

12:00 p.m.: Lou Melancon (*Birthday*)

### Friday, January 6

6:15 a.m.: Denise L. Hanks; August & Beatrice Leonards

### Saturday, January 7

4:00 p.m.: Burley Marcantel; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Whitney & Melba Blanchard; Leonce Thibodeaux; Gladys & Howard Landreneau; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Ashton Noel; Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Leon Stelly

### Sunday, January 8

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Dr. Jack & Lois (*Anniversary*) Miller; Frankie LaFleur; Kermen Beauchamp family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Richard 'Dick' Miller; Chassity Sittig; Maria del Pilar Parrie; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.: John Nolan Guillory & Jo Ellen Guillory Fall; Anna Ledet; Barbara Ledet

6:00 p.m.: Royce Normand (*Birthday*)



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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Tommy Dietz, Mitch Fontenot, Michael Lombas, Stephanie Manuel	Kay Dietz	Payton Brown, Alex Fontenot, Kylie Hebert, Brennan Manuel
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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	William Parrie, Norma Diaville, Denise LeBouef	Jacque Pucheu	Anna Chapman, Luke Trahan, Anna Fruge, Jack Parks
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Shelia Aucoin, Donnie Darbonne	Karl Aucoin	Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard, Leo Richard, Simon Richard
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Jr. Bergeron, Kal Landry, Debbie & Todd Ortego	John Debarge	Joshua & Justin Landry, Greta Miller <b>MC: Needed</b> <b>Thurifer: Jacque Richard</b>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Janice Aguillard, Kim Miller, Maggie Parks	Life Teen Member	Phillip Fontenot, Kelli Richard, Harry Summerlin III, Blake Summerlin

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** 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 Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touts, Dr. F.J. DeRouen, Linda Gaudin, Lenard Craig, Adam 'Brother' Johnson, Rena Mae Manuel, Dornetta Duplechain, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Christine Duplechin, Amanda Prather, Leroy Vige, Troy Dupre, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Cynthia & Roger Trahan, Ethel Meche, Mabel Courville, Calvin Laverigne.

***Pray for our troops & peace in the world!***

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[\*\*www.parishesonline.com\*\*](http://www.parishesonline.com)

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, January 2

***Rectory Office Closed***

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, January 3

Adoration Chapel reopens at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

### Wednesday, January 4

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / S.E.E. Mass -- 8:00 a.m.

Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

### Thursday, January 5

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 6

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Baptism Class -- call the Rectory (457-5285) to register

### Saturday, January 7

First Saturday Our Lady of Fatima Mass -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Church.

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

### Sunday, January 8

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

Men's ACTS Commissioning Mass -- 11:00 a.m.

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

Confirmation Testing -- 7:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

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## 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, February 2 to Sunday noon, Feb. 5. Plan for a spiritually and physically refreshing weekend. For room reservations call Don Mayeux at 457-9610 or 457-7624 or the Rectory.

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18-25, 2017

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from January 18-25, 2017. We begin the week with a Eunice Area Prayer Service at Eunice High School Auditorium on Wednesday, January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. I invite all parishioners to join the Eunice Christian Community in prayers. I was asked to be the speaker. So I appreciate parishioner's presence. We need your presence as together we join others in witnessing Jesus Christ to the Eunice Community.



## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For our wonderful family gathering.
- 2) All tests were negative.

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





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announces expansion of partnership with LSUE. St. Edmund students have the opportunity to participate in DUAL ENROLLMENT courses offered through LSUE.

## *Long Range Implementation Plan*

### **2016- 2017**

Course options include:  
**(for class of 2017)**

Art 1440  
English 0001 & 1001 & 2025  
History 1001 & 1003  
Math 0002 & 1021

\*Class of 2017 has the possibility to earn 21 college credit hours.

### **2017-2019**

Course options include:  
**(for classes of 2018 & 2019)**

Art 1440 & 1441  
English 0001 & 1001 & 1002 & 2025  
Math 0002 & 1021  
History 1001 & 1003

\*Classes of 2018 and 2019 have the possibility to earn 24 college credit hours.

### **2019-2020**

Course options include:  
**(for classes of 2020 and beyond)**

Art 1440 & 1441  
English 0001 & 1001 & 1002 & 2025  
Math 0002 & 1021  
History 1001 & 1003 & 2055 & 2057

\*Classes of 2020 and beyond have the possibility to earn 30 college credit hours.

\*Minimum ACT required to be eligible to participate.

\*\*LSUE dual enrollment course tuition is a discounted rate and not included in St. Edmund tuition.

\*\*\*LSUE course criteria, availability and pricing are subject to change.

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