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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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## DEACONS:

Deacon Gary Gaudin  
Deacon Korey LaVergne

OCTOBER 15, 2017 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ON THIS MOUNTAIN THE LORD OF HOSTS  
WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL PEOPLES  
A FEAST OF RICH FOOD AND CHOICE WINES,  
JUICY, RICH FOOD AND PURE, CHOICE WINES.

- ISAIAH 25:18



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

### Deacon Korey LaVergne

Deacon Korey LaVergne's last day with us is October 15<sup>th</sup>. I think I speak for all parishioners at both Annunciation and St. Anthony in saying how blessed we were in having him with us for his internship. He returns to complete the Fall Semester. Following the Spring Semester, he will be ordained with his class at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Lafayette on June 23, 2018. Let us keep him in our prayers.

### Pope Francis creates new path to sainthood: offering life for others

Pope Francis has added a fourth pathway to possible sainthood. Until now, gaining consideration for sainthood in the Catholic Church required martyrdom, living a life of heroic virtue or — less frequently invoked — having a clear saintly reputation.

The Vatican announced Tuesday, July 11, 2017 that Pope Francis has issued a *motu proprio* “*Maiorem Hac Dilectionem*” outlining a new route: people who lived a good Catholic life and who freely accepted a certain and premature death for the good of others.

The change in norms was made with the support of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which studied the matter during a plenary session Sept. 27, 2016. The document is titled *Maiorem Hac Dilectionem* (Greater Love Than This), after the verse from the Gospel of John that says: “No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

Under the new category, a miracle must be attributed to the candidate's intercession prior to beatification. Martyrdom, which stipulates being killed out of hatred for the faith, does not require a miracle.

In the apostolic letter, Pope Francis wrote: “They are worthy of special consideration and honor, those Christians who, following in the footsteps and teachings of the Lord Jesus, have voluntarily and freely offered their lives for others and have persevered until death in this regard.”

“It is certain that the heroic offering of life, suggested and supported by charity, expresses a true, full and exemplary imitation of Christ, and therefore deserves the admiration that the community of the faithful usually reserves to those who have voluntarily accepted the martyrdom of blood or have exercised in a heroic degree the Christian virtues,” the Pope continued.

### Centennial Campaign

On August 10, 2017 both Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and St. Anthony of Padua Parish

received the third installment of our Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Campaign Rebate. For Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, the third installment was \$2,287.50. This brings the total rebate thus far with interest to \$9,036.25. For St. Anthony of Padua Parish, the third installment was \$12,720.26. This brings the total rebate thus far with interest to \$82,467.46. I take this time to thank parishioners for your loving sacrifice in fulfilling your pledges. Please persevere as we have four more years of fulfilling our pledges.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** Who is Ignatius of Antioch and what example does he offer us in Christian living as we celebrate his feast day on October 17?

**Answer:** As Bishop of Antioch (the modern day city of Antakya, Turkey), Ignatius witnessed to the faith during the reign of Emperor Trajan, who ruled from 98–117. Persecution of the Christians broke out in Antioch, and Ignatius was captured and taken to Rome for martyrdom in the arena.

On his journey to Rome over land and sea, Ignatius writes seven letters to various churches. These letters give powerful glimpses into the theology and practice of the early church, along with insights into the role of a bishop as pastoral leader. Ignatius is the first to use the term “Catholic Church” to refer to the various Christian communities of the Roman Empire. The best known of his letters is the one he wrote to the Romans. Ignatius addresses influential Christians who might be tempted to intercede on his behalf, thus sparing him from martyrdom. As Christ willingly offered himself as witness to God's total love, Ignatius, too, desired to be “food for the wild beasts,” so that he could become “the pure bread of Christ.” Eucharistic living was so crucial to Ignatius that he was willing to die in order to model himself on the Lord who willingly offered all.

### Gospel for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A – Matthew 22:1-14

“*My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?*” Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the “*invitation*” to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2017

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## STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

October 8, 2017

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$8,940.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	1,744.00
Online Giving .....	20.00
<b>Total Offertory for the week .....</b>	<b>\$10,704.00</b>
World Mission Collection .....	\$729.00
<i>Weekly Average 2017 .....</i>	<i>\$9,625.35</i>
<b>Children's Contribution .....</b>	<b>\$10.25</b>

- \* *Helped family* ..... Matthew
- \* *Helping Mom clean the house* ..... Patrick
- \* *Praying for Uncle Gary in heaven* ..... Shawna, Reese,  
Ariana & MacKenzie

*Number Registered Parish Families*.....1494  
*Number of Envelopes Used*.....161  
*Number of Children's Envelopes Used*..... 3

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

## MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they did not show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up is not enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It is as if he does not really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall—going to church, professing to be Christian—but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.

### Questions of the Week

**Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10** - Jesus' parable of the wedding feast ends in a startling way. How do you know if you are properly dressed for the wedding feast (the return of Christ)?

**Isaiah 25:6-10a** - Seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah foreshadows the messianic age to come with lush imagery. What does this imagery reveal to you about God's nature?

**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20** - Paul informs the Philippians he has learned the secret of living well under any circumstance: find strength in Christ. How is this true in your life?

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, October 16

**6:15 a.m.:** Harry & Jeannie Summerlin (*Liv. - Wedding Anniversary*); Joseph & Brenda Broussard

### Tuesday, October 17

**12:00 p.m.:** Anna Steele Fontenot; Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

### Wednesday, October 18

**6:15 a.m.:**

### Thursday, October 19

**12:00 p.m.:** Raymond 'Poochie' Fontenot; Liz Moreau; Paul Rozas; Sharon Rodi (*Liv. - Birthday*)

### Friday, October 20

**6:15 a.m.:** Rafael & Keila Beauchamp

### Saturday, October 21

**4:00 p.m.:** Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Connor Tujague (*Liv. - Birthday*); Donald Miller (*Birthday*); Herbert Stelly; Liz Moreau (*Birthday*); Merita Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Marene Fruge; Ruby Smith; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

### Sunday, October 22

**7:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller; Santiago Flores-Morales; Robert Benoit (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death*)

**9:00 a.m.:** Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Diana C. Nettle (*Anniversary of Death*); Ruby Smith (*Birthday*)

**11:00 a.m.:** Joan Schatzle-McManus

**6:00 p.m.:**

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Janice Aguillard, Josh Aucoin, Glenn Brown, Ken Richard, Barbara Thibodeaux	Amy Aucoin	Hunter Aucoin, Seth Aucoin Garet Hebert, Lindsay Hebert
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### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Michael Lombas, Brad Miller, William Parrie	Mark DeRouen	Clay Miller, Kate Miller, Mary-Helen Miller, Millie Miller
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Michael Ward	Candy Atteberry	Trent Thibodeaux, Kennadi Thibodeaux Adelie Beaugh, Alise Beaugh
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Scott Eckholdt, Deborah Eckholdt Kayla Fontenot, Charles Feucht	Tim Fontenot	Emma Clause, Kelly & Landon Fruge <b>MC: Needed</b> <b>Thurifer: Needed</b>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Debbie DeRouen, Angel & Jeffrey McGee	Life Teen Member	Peyton LaCombe, Harry Summerlin III Blake Summerlin, Aiden Thibodeaux

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Diane West, Naomi Swanson, Viv Vidrine, Yola Belleau, Brandon Butler, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Lorita Smith, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Craig Durbin, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Jo Ann DeRouen, Mary Brignac, Helen Tanner, Branson Huckaby (baby), John Kirk Feucht, Leroy Vige, Amanda, Caroline & Kentry Prather, Anita Maser, Dana Dubois Guthrie, Gail Landreneau, Dale Cormier, Susie Simien, Patsy Andrus, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Sheila DeRouen, Kakee Feucht, Colleen Landreneau, John Lejeune, Kathy Fruge, Evette Fall Bellow, Shirley Ortego, John Edward Thibodeaux, Pat Manuel, Andrew Aucoin, Hunter Vidrine, Bill Miller, Joseph & Dorothy Thibodeaux, Dwayne Richard.

*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, October 16

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Bible Study -- 10:00 a.m. Parish Hall.  
Elementary Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 4:00 p.m.  
Jr. High Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study -- 6:00 p.m. St. Edmund High School

### Tuesday, October 17

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

### Wednesday, October 18

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
**St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 9:00 a.m.**  
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. FLC / VP.  
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.  
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Hall.

### Thursday, October 19

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

### Friday, October 20

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.  
**St. Edmund Homecoming Mass -- 9:00 a.m.**  
**SEH Football vs. Grand Lake -- 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)**  
**EHS Football vs. Mamou -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)**

### Saturday, October 21

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

### Sunday, October 22

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. in Parish Hall.

***You are invited...***



**St. Anthony  
Parish Family Picnic  
& Deacon LaVergne Farewell**

**October 15, 2017**

**11:00 a.m. Mass in Church  
Followed by Picnic in St. Edmund Cafeteria**

*Parish will provide drinks, chips,  
hamburgers and hot dogs.*

**TMIY**  
**THAT MAN IS YOU!**  
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*Tuesday mornings @ 5:30 am*  
*St. Anthony Parish Hall*

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**CEMETERY BLESSING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, October 29, 2017**



<b>St. Anthony Church:</b>	<b>Annunciation Church:</b>
St. Paul -- 1:00 p.m.	Veillion -- 10:30 a.m.
Mt. Calvary -- 2:00 p.m.	Caesar -- 10:50 a.m.
Miller -- 3:00 p.m.	Couteau -- 11:15 a.m.

<b>St. Mathilda Church:</b>	
St. Mathilda -- 11:00 a.m.	Landreneau / Rougeau -- 2:00 p.m.
	Ashford -- 2:25 p.m.

<b>St. Thomas More Savoy -- 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>St. Thomas More Cemetery:</b>
Fuselier -- 11:30 a.m.	Blessing of St. Thomas More Cemetery
Carron -- 12:00 a.m.	after 10:00 A.M. Mass
Courville -- 12:30 a.m.	
<i>(Times are approximate)</i>	

**ROSARY PRAYED DAILY**

During the month of October, a Rosary and a Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed daily at 5:30 p.m. at the Shrine of the Blessed Mother in front of St. Anthony Rectory.



**PERPETUAL ADORATION**

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Grace of the confessional.
- 2) Son returning from army.

***Adorers needed for the following hours  
starting at: Wed 2 am, 8 am, 5 pm, Sat. 11  
am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, 12 midnight***

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

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



## How to Build a Culture of Life

*Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?*

### October Respect Life Month 2017 -- "Be Not Afraid"

#### **OUR CHRISTIAN IDENTITY . . . . .**

To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: "*We are not the sum of our weakness and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.*" [John Paul II, *Homily, 17th World Youth Day, Downsview Park, Toronto, July 28, 2002.*]

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially Confession and the Eucharist.

#### **OUR MISSION AS CHRISTIANS . . . . .**

The knowledge and realization of how deeply we are loved by God elicits a response of love that simultaneously draws us closer to God and, at the same time, impels us to share his love with others.

Embracing a relationship with God means following in his footsteps, wherever he may call. Just as Jesus invited St. Peter and St. Andrew to become his disciples, he invites us to do the same: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:10)

Being a disciple of Jesus naturally includes sharing the Gospel with others and inviting them into a deeper relationship with God. As Christians, our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples.

#### **MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP . . . . .**

This doesn't necessarily mean quitting our jobs or moving to foreign countries. For most of us, our mission field is daily life: "Christ teaches us how to evangelize, how to invite people into communion with him, and how to create a culture of witness: namely, through love. A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization. [USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, *Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization*. Copyright © 2012, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.]

The first step towards living this life is allowing Jesus to meet and transform us daily. If we respond to his grace, our lives will show we have something beyond what the world offers: we follow a person whose love changes our lives, so we want others to also experience his transforming love.

When we live in union with God, open to his prompting, we're more able to see the opportunities for witness and his guidance in responding to these opportunities. We may fear doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing, but we do

not need to be afraid. Jesus promised his disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)

#### **IDENTITY CRISIS . . . . .**

As a society and as individuals, we often measure ourselves by false standards: by what and how much we do, our successes or failures, how others treat us, the degree of our pleasure or independence, etc. And when these changeable substitutes prove to be insufficient, or when we are faced with challenges and suffering, we may feel helpless, alone or abandoned; we may be tempted to feel as though our lives have decreased value or worth.

By God's love -- individual, real, unchanging -- is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather *whose* we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.

#### **OUR RESPONSE . . . . .**

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant, and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life, and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way.

Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.

#### **A CULTURE OF LIFE . . . . .**

This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God's love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus -- the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.

Let us go, therefore and not be afraid. God is always with us.  
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