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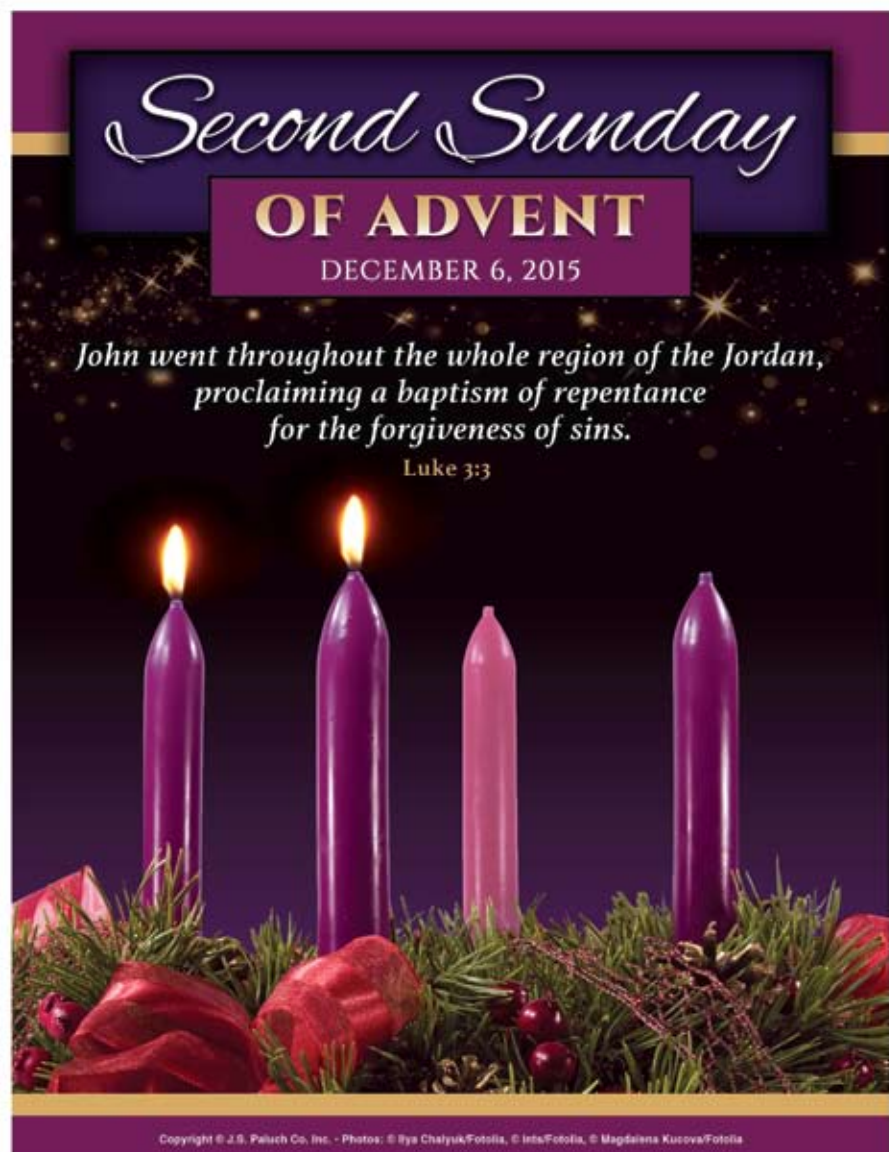
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DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH,

ACTS Commissioning

Today, Sunday, December 6, 2015 at the 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Anthony we have the commissioning of the formation team for the next women's ACTS Retreat. This retreat is on April 7-10, 2016. This means that we have two groups of parishioners from both Annunciation and St. Anthony involved in formation toward an ACTS Retreat. The men's retreat is scheduled for January 28-31, 2016. The women's retreat is scheduled for April 7-10, 2016. Parishioners are asked to keep these parishioners in your prayers as they prepare for the retreats. Also please keep in your prayers those whom God brings to the retreats.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday, December 8, 2016. It is a Holy Day of Obligation as this is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. Please see the schedule of masses for this Holy Day of Obligation in the bulletin.



Of interest to parishioners may be an article by the National Geographic Magazine entitled "How the Virgin Mary Became the World's Most Powerful Woman." Mary barely speaks in the New Testament, but her image and legacy are found and celebrated around the world. This article is in the December 2015 issue and on the Internet at <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2015/12/virgin-mary-text>. Also we can tune in Sunday, December 13th, to National Geographic Channel's Explorer series episode *The Cult of Mary* at 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Both Christians and Muslims who find a common value in the covenant mother know and love her.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared a extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning on December 8, 2015 and ending on the Solemnity of Christ the King in 2016. The theme for the year is "Merciful Like the Father". With this Sunday's bulletin, I begin giving parishioners more information in regards to the Year of Mercy. Please keep an eye for this information.

Website for St. Anthony Church

With help from parishioners in website formation, I am happy to announce that we have a website at this address: www.stanthonyeunice.org. While the website is active by this Sunday, it is not completed. Please visit as work continues. I thank parishioners who helped with the construction.

Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Campaign

The Centennial Campaign has scheduled for **St. Anthony of Padua Church** the Kick-off Weekend next weekend – December 12-13, 2015. We ask parishioners to please be receptive to the appeal. The Centennial Campaign has scheduled for **Annunciation of the BVM Church** the commitment weekend pew appeal on December 19-20, 2015. Annunciation Parish will be the first parish in the Diocese of Lafayette to complete the Campaign. As both Annunciation and St. Anthony are in the pilot phase to the campaign, the campaign expresses appreciation to parishioners' cooperation and good will.

Second Sunday of Advent, Cycle C – Luke 3:1-6

Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There, a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying in the desert." The message that John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.

As we prepare to welcome the Lord this Advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth. The rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and docility to the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

Questions of the Week

Luke 3:1-6: Why do you think historical context was so important to St. Luke?

Baruch 5:1-9: What do you find most comforting in Baruch's words of encouragement?

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11: St. Paul speaks of praying "always with joy" to the Philippians. When do you find yourself praying with joy to the Lord?



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

November 22, 2015

Sunday's Offertory\$6,822.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,800.00
Total Offertory for the week\$8,622.00
Catholic Campaign\$703.00

November 29, 2015

Sunday's Offertory\$8,268.00
Mailed-In Offertory361.00
Total Offertory for the week\$8,629.00

Weekly Average 2015 \$9,705.48

Children's Contribution\$11.00

* Chores Matthew

* Helping Granny decorate for Christmas Ariana & MacKenzie,
Shawna & Reese

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7

6:15 a.m.: Msgr. Alphonse Martel (*Pastor*); Lois Miller; Adulas Thibodeaux

Tuesday, December 8 -- Immaculate Conception

6:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Clarence Paddy Reviere; Norma Jean Miller; James Sherrill Duos; Deidre Manuel McGee; Jean Reviere

12:00 p.m.: Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Nick Pavich; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Debra L. LeJeune; Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Kendall Fontenot family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Special Intention

6:00 p.m.:

Wednesday, December 9

6:15 a.m.: James Morgan family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Lee Roy Fontenot (*Birthday*)

Thursday, December 10

12:00 p.m.: Rev. Charles Clark (*Pastor*); James Morgan family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Pris Ashford (*Liv. - Birthday*)

2016 CHURCH CALENDARS

Our 2016 Church calendars are available for pickup this weekend at the doors of the Church. Please take one for your family.

Thank you to our donors for the 2016 calendar -- Gerald's Auto Sales; State Farm (*Kendall Fontenot, Agent*) and Zeb Stearns, M.D.



ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE



The 29th Annual KLFY-TV-10 Food Net "Food for Families" Food Drive is scheduled for Dec. 8, 2015, 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at 251

W. Park Ave. (old DMV Building) We are again asking for your help in whatever way possible to continue to help feed the hungry and help the less fortunate. We accept non-perishable food items, toiletries, as well as monetary donations.

Friday, December 11

6:15 a.m.:

Saturday, December 12

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Jacob Comeaux; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); John Raymond Manuel; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Leon Stelly; Bertrand family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Jacque Ardoin

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Juanita Guillory; Agnes Lavergne; Vernell Soileau

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Fred Parker; Dan Guillory Sr.; 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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8, 2015

6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin Janice Aguillard, Samantha Bertrand	Jude Huckaby	Gavin Oliver, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Dr. Zeb Stearns, Angie Aguillard	John Debarge	David Stearns, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Rachel Andrus, Sarah Moser Fruge, Glenda Young	Jacque Pucheu	Katelyn Guillory, Kiley Tauzin <i>Server Needed</i>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Dora Johnson, Alicia LaFleur, Michael Lombas, Stephanie Manuel	Tony LaFleur	Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee, Jack Parks, Brennon Thompson
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Barry Soileau, Norma Diaville, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Genny Dischler	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Madison Comeau, Greta Miller
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Dr. Chip Hebert	Craig Soileau	Adelie Beaugh, Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert, Samuel Hebert
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Lynn Pavich, Todd & Debbie Ortego	Maghon Manuel	Christopher Luke Fuselier, Phillip Fontenot, Isaac Russell Thurifer: Daniel Lombas MC: Cole Bergeron
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Brayden Gaspard, Angel & Jeff McGee	Life Teen Member	Adrienne Bergeaux, Dominic Dupre, Sarah Fruge, Doug Summerlin Jr.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

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



Please pray for: Bobby Taylor, Andre Sattler, Ann Duran, Roger Hollier, Kathy Henderson, Georgie Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Fenrick Manuel, Craig Durbin, Clarice Zaunbrecher LeJeune, Faith Cox, Jordon Rayborn, Carlos Fuentes, Paige Beard, Perry Vidrine, Sylvia Veillon, Carl Comeaux, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Renee Duplechian, 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, Ruth Vige, Karl Aucoin.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, December 7

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 3:30 p.m.
C.D.A. Meeting & Christmas Social -- 6:00 p.m. Hall.
ACTS Core Team Meeting -- 6:00 p.m. Ministries Bldg.
Jr. High Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Masses: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.

Wednesday, December 9

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Women's Faith Sharing -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Light Is On For You (*Confessions*) -- 6:30-8:00 p.m.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, December 10

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir Practice -- 5:30 p.m. in Church.
S.G.S. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Adult Christmas Choir -- 6:30 p.m. in Church.

Friday, December 11


Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 12

Men's ACTS Team Mini-Retreat -- in Duralde
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 13

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.

The Light is ON for You. 

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Dec. 2, 9 & 16 / All Parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette



Dear Parishioner:

If you have a friend or relative who is away from the Catholic Church, please list their name and address below. A letter from Bishop Jarrell will be mailed to this person inviting him/her to **“Come Home for Christmas”**

Name: _____

Address: _____

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MASS SCHEDULE...

Immaculate Conception



Tuesday, December 8

6:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation

DOOR OF MERCY

The Rite of the Opening of the Door of Mercy in the Diocese of Lafayette will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Jarrell at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette on Sunday, December 13, 2015, at 10:45 a.m. It will include the celebration of the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited to attend.

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. 10 (in Church), Dec. 17 (in Parish Hall) 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. 10 (in Church), Dec. 17 (in Parish Hall). at 6:30 p.m.** We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Bringing nephew back from point of death.
- 2) Bringing me closer to you.

Adorers needed for the following hours

starting at: Mon. 2 pm; Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am; Sun. 1 am, 2 am, noon

Prayer Partners Needed: Tues 1 pm, Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm

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



Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy



Logo and Theme

Description of the Logo as provided by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization:

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36)

serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called *mandorla* (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Sites of Pilgrimage Diocese of Lafayette, Year of Mercy 2015-2016

There are ten churches and shrines chosen from throughout the Diocese of Lafayette to serve as pilgrimage sites. A booklet will be provided for pilgrimages as well as any interested person of mercy to pray with and reflect on the pope's statement, his official prayer for the year, scriptural passages and parables, the works of mercy and a pilgrim's prayer which can be used at each of the sites.

Sites of Pilgrimage in the Diocese of Lafayette – Year of Mercy

Central Region:

- Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Lafayette: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Monastery of Mary, Mother of Grace Chapel, Laf. Carmelites: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Shrine to Divine Mercy in Reception Room, Daily Mass 6:45 a.m., Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Mercy, Henderson: Sunday – Saturday, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Devotional after 5:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour of Mercy, 3rd Thurs. of each Month.

North Region:

- Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Leonville: Sunday – Saturday, 7:00 – 7:00 p.m., St. Leo Church available at same hours.
- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Opelousas: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sacred Heart Shrine, Duralde: Sunday – Saturday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

South Region:

- St. Joseph Catholic Church, Patterson: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church: Sunday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Rosary 6:00 a.m. Mon-Fri followed by mass. Mass and Novena on Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

West Region:

- Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Church Point: First Sunday, Confession 8:00 a.m., Mass 9:00 a.m., Monthly Adoration, 3:00 p.m., 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday, Confession 8:00 a.m., Mass, 9:00 a.m., Daily Mass M, Th, Fri 7:00 a.m., Tu, W 5:30 p.m.
- Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, Rayne: Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mass 9:30 a.m.