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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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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

Fifth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am," I said; "send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

The poster features a silhouette of a person with arms raised in prayer against a sunset background, with a large cross in the foreground.

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

Mardi Gras and Lent

We begin our annual Lent Time this Ash Wednesday, February 7, 2016. Lent is a time we prepare to celebrate the Lord's dying and rising at the Easter Triduum. We intensify our growth in Jesus by putting away sin and living in the freedom of God's family, as God's sons and daughters. So let us remember to keep Jesus in Mardi Gras. Use Mardi Gras as a means of merriment (not sin) before beginning the time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving of Lent.

Please find Operation Rice Bowls and the Lent 2016 "The Word Among Us" at the Church doors as means to assist us on our Lenten journey. The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at St. Anthony on Fridays of Lent at 12:00 p.m. and at Annunciation on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m. These Stations of the Cross will not be celebrated on Good Friday.

Lenten Parish Mission at St. Anthony

Our Lenten Parish Mission is entitled 'Face of the Father's Mercy.' It begins on Monday, February 15, 2016. Conducted by Fr. George Knab, OMI from Belleville, Illinois, it includes evening services at 6:00 p.m. that last not much more than an hour. The services include preaching, prayer, song and ritual that open human hearts to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Fr. George Knab will also celebrate morning Mass at 6:15 a.m. beginning Tuesday, February 16, 2016, and give a brief informal talk afterwards in Jeanmard Hall. A complete schedule will be in next Sunday's bulletin.

Fish Fry – Knights of Columbus Council

St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Fish Fry on Friday, February 12, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Donation is \$7.00 per plate. See a Knights of Columbus Member for tickets.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass, recognizing couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life in 2016, will be held on Sunday, February 28 at 2:00p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church here in Eunice. Registration is required. To register, visit www.diolaf.org/marriage or call 337-261-5653.

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C - Luke 5:1-11

Just when business was finally booming, Simon and Company closed up shop. The timing was strange, really. After a lifetime of fishing to make a living, these men had just hauled in so many fish that "their nets were tearing" and "the boats were in danger of sinking." Just imagine the profit of this night's work! Most likely for the first time, wealth was within reach. And yet, just then, Simon, James, and John left their boats on the shore and followed Jesus in the task of "catching men." This is astonishing. Not only did they give up their sudden monetary success, they gave up everything. And civilization has never been the same since.

Thanks in large part to the courage of these first apostles, our church has continued to flourish and our culture has been greatly enhanced. Those of us who are members of Christ, both clergy and laity, are likewise called to follow Christ. The tremendous sacrifices that priests and religious sisters and lay people make are heroic. Our lives stand as a powerful witness. Today, let us pause to thank God for these early followers of Jesus and all who continue to follow Jesus from their day through today to the second coming. May we all know God's blessings.

Questions of the Week

Luke 5:1-11: How would you describe Peter in Luke's call of the first disciples?

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8: What similarities do you see between the call of Isaiah and the call of Peter?

1 Corinthians 15:1-11: Why do you think Paul refers to himself as "one born abnormally"?

Lenten Resources on the Internet:

<http://www.crsricebowl.org> - app for daily reflections for every day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/lent> - free Lenten email program. Best Lent Ever 2016 available on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

<http://www.lentreflections.com> - daily free Lenten Reflections from Bishop Barron of wordonfire.org

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2016

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

January 24, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$7,686.00
Mailed-In Offertory2,415.00
Total Offertory for the week\$10,101.00

January 31, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$9,295.00
Mailed-In Offertory836.00
Total Offertory for the week\$10,131.00

Weekly Average 2016 \$10,819.00

Children's Contribution\$7.25

* Did trash Matthew

* Helping Mom Ainsley & Reese

* Helping & praying for others Ariana & MacKenzie, Shawna & Reese

Thank you for your generosity.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 8

6:15 a.m.: Pilar Parrie; Selden & Ludy Fontenot

Tuesday, February 9 - Mardi Gras

**8:00 a.m.: Hubert Fontenot (*Anniversary Burial*);
Dr. Fraser Landreneau; Mary Harrington; Emery Henry
(*Anniversary of Death*)

Ash Wednesday, February 10

6:00 a.m.: George & Pat Schneider; Penny Schneider

12:00 p.m.: Merlin Moreau

6:00 p.m.: James Sherrill Duos

Thursday, February 11

12:00 p.m.: C.A. Penn; Melanie Arnaud (*Anniversary of Death*);
Janell Bourgeois; Charles Moffitt (*Liv.*); Cailey Duplechin
family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Friday, February 12

6:15 a.m.: James Merlin Fruge

Saturday, February 13

4:00 p.m.: George Sonnier; Beth Sylvester; Newton
Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Yvonne Geerts;

Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Merlin & Lizzy (*Liv.*) Moreau;
Burley Marcantel; Flo Soileau; Ashton Noel;
Leon Stelly; Joyce L. Soileau; Jack & Lois Miller;
Genevieve Watson

Sunday, February 14 - First Sunday in Lent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Lester Reed;
Merlin Marcantel

9:00 a.m.: J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Frankie LaFleur;
Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Gerald Miller (*Anniversary
of Death*); Blake Feucht; Nilas & Lillie Young; M/M
Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth
Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux;
Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*); Octave & Bessie Courville;
Janet & Louis McGee Jr. (*Liv.*); Melissa Ann Venable
(*Liv.*); Shelly Brown (*Liv.*); Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.;
M/M Amos Durio Sr.; M/M A.F. McGee Sr.; Lillie C.
Young; Johnny & Ruth Manuel

11:00 a.m.: Flo Soileau; Dr. Jack & Lois Miller

6:00 p.m.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

6:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin Vergie Ardoin, Norma Diaville	Jude Huckaby	Dominic Dupre, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Angie Aguiard, Janice Aguiard, Linda Gaudin, Lynn Pavich	Genny Dischler	Elijah Dupre, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Brayden Gaspard, Maggie Parks, Angel & Jeff McGee	Jacque Pucheu	Kelly & Landon Fruge, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie & Fr. Knab	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Kal Landry, Michael Lombas, Kim Miller	Nikki Sonnier	Noah Clause, Kailey Miller, Joshua & Justin Landry
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero & Fr. Knab	Stephanie Manuel, Ed & Reneé Benoit	Joan Burson	Hannah & Rebecca Benoit, Wesley & William Driggs
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie & Fr. Knab	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Rachel Andrus, Sarah Moser Fruge	Genny Dischler	Adelie Beaugh, Madison Comeau, Camille Leger, Kathryn Leger
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie & Fr. Knab	Charles Feucht, Candy Atteberry, Samantha Bertrand Todd & Debbie Ortego	Rachel Smith	Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard, Kiley Tausin Thurifer: Jacque Richard MC: Daniel Lombas
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie & Fr. Knab	Rickey Aguiard, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Life Teen Member	Ashton Eckholdt, Katelyn Guillory, Kylie Hebert, Mia Robinson

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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, 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 'Bobbie' Thibodeaux, Phillip Venable, Lisa LeBouef, Jann Huckaby Hebert, Joan Burson.

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, February 8

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9 -- Mardi Gras

Rectory Office Closed
Daily Mass -- 8:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 10

Mass Schedule: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
ACTS Women's Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at K.C. Hall
ACTS Men's Retreat Reunion -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Friday, February 12

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Eunice Manor & Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
Stations of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

Saturday, February 13

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

Sunday, February 14

Masses -- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, February 10, 2016. The Mass schedule for Wednesday is 6:00 a.m., 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed following the homily.



Reminder: Tuesday (Feb. 9) is Mardi Gras -- NO noon Mass -- Mass @ 8:00 a.m.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES

Lent is a time of penance. We do fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We do abstinence from meat on the other Fridays of Lent. Fasting is eating one full meal with two lighter meals during the day. The lighter meals together should not be more than the one full meal. We do not eat between meals. Abstinence from meat means that we do not eat meat. The obligation to fast binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. The obligation to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent binds Catholics who are 14 years and older. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. Lenten disciplines should never endanger our health.

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2016 ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Masses are sponsored annually by the Office of Marriage and Family Life Ministry. The Mass is designated for the recognition of couples who are celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60 or more** years of married life. Pre-registration is required by all couples who wish to be recognized during the Marriage Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be on **February 28, 2016 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Eunice at 2:00 p.m.** with Bishop Michael Jarrell presiding. Go to www.diolaf.org/marriage or call 337-261-5653 to register.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. and at Annunciation Church on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Successful ACTS Retreat.
- 2) Drawing me closer to you, Jesus.



Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Tues. 2 am; Thurs. 2 am, 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am, 11 am; Sun. 1 am

Prayer Partners Needed: Mon. 8 am, 9 am; Wed. 7 am, 8 am, Noon, 1 pm; Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm

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

Parish Initiative

Our Catholic Church is universal, but it is in our own parish that each of us experiences our faith most directly and intimately. The local parish is where we enter the Church, and grow closer to God through the Mass and Sacraments.

The Diocese is the sum of its parishes, schools, and institutions. The **Centennial Campaign: *Building Our Future Together*** aims to benefit the parishes so they may benefit the communities they serve.

Of every dollar raised up to our goal of \$615,000, 30% will return to our parish to help us purchase a new church organ and make repairs and improvements to the old St. Edmunds school gym. Additionally, 50% of every dollar raised above the parish's goal will also return to St. Anthony of Padua.

As we draw to the end of our campaign, let's thank the amazing volunteers who have helped make all this possible. Our effort was led by Candy Atteberry, Karl Aucoin, Edward Benoit, Charles Feucht, Sarah Fruge, Deacon Gary Gaudin, Lynn Pavich, Ramona Reviere, Cynthia Tanner, Sharon Fontenot, and Becky Pucheu.

"There is one who scatters, yet increases more, and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."
(Proverbs 11:24-25)