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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

PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

December 25, 2016 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*"Glory to
God
in the highest."*

Luke 2:13-14

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

Adoration Chapel Holyday and Holiday Schedule 2016 - 2017

The Adoration Chapel at St. Anthony of Padua Church will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Holydays and Holidays. The chapel will close at **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday,**

December 22, 2016 and reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Noticing several other churches have been closing their chapel for these Holydays and Holidays as well as hearing the difficulty of scheduling substitute adorers, it is best to provide a safe and easy arrangement for all adorers. I thank all adorers for your love of Jesus Christ. If you can, please pray at home during your regular time of adoration. This way we maintain our spirit and attitude of adoration.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

**The Christmas angels
who sang Glory to God
at the birth of Jesus
promised Peace
to those on whom
God's favor rests.
May that Peace
rest in your hearts and
enfold your lives
as you experience**

**His Birth
in your souls this Christmas
and throughout the New Year.**

Msgr. J. Robert Romero
Fr. Travis Abadie

Deacon and Mrs. Jim Cormier
Deacon and Mrs. Gary Gaudin

Church Staffs: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and
St. Anthony of Padua

Charlie Brown and the True Meaning of Christmas

In the television special "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Linus answers Charlie's question:

"Sure, Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about. Lights please!"

"And there were, in the same country, shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night," Linus narrates, quoting from Luke 2, the old King James Version. "And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, fear not! For behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord! And this shall be a sign unto you -- ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Linus continues, "And suddenly, there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.'"

Linus uses the Gospel reading from the Christmas Mass During the Night. It is Luke 2:1-14, telling Charlie Brown the true meaning of Christmas. Charlie and Linus for 51 years have told the story. Christians for 2,000 years have told the story in word and deed. With love and trust we continue proclaiming God's gift to us: A Savior has been born for us who is Christ the Lord.

Gospel Reading for Christmas at the Vigil Mass—Matthew 1:1-25

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us—Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

December 25, 2016

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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

December 11, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$9,159.00
Mailed-In Offertory 1,814.50
Total Offertory for the week\$10,973.50
Immaculate Conception Collection\$1,909.00
Retirement for Religious Collection\$1,563.00

Weekly Average 2016 \$9,942.66

Children's Contribution\$6.25

* Helped Grandma..... Matthew

* Praying for the homeless and the sick Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....150

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...

Questions for the Week

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25: Why do you think Matthew decided to open his Gospel with the genealogy of Jesus?

Isaiah 62:1-5: Isaiah prophesied a time of God's "vindication" of his people, Israel. How do you see this occurring in the birth of Jesus Christ?

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25: In Acts, Paul preaches that the good news was that God orchestrated history and fulfilled his promises to Israel in the birth of Jesus. What do you see as the message of Christmas?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 26

6:15 a.m.: Clarence Reviere (*Anniversary of Death*)

Tuesday, December 27

12:00 p.m.: Rev. Celestin M. Chambon (*Pastor*); Dr. Benny Fruge

Wednesday, December 28

6:15 a.m.:

Thursday, December 29

12:00 p.m.: Maxine Moffitt (*Liv. - Birthday*); Francis & Nadyne Guidry

Friday, December 30

6:15 a.m.:

Saturday, December 31

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Penny Schneider (*Anniversary of Death*); Leonce Thibodeaux; Shirley Janot; Leon Stelly

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Lester Reed; Norma Jean 'Mac' Miller; Vernell Soileau; Hilda Maria Roche-Diaz

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Kay Duos (*Liv. - Birthday*); Wilda Hollier; M/M C.A. Penn; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; August & Beatrice Leonards; Richard 'Dick' Miller; Chassity Sittig; Pilar Parrie; J.D. & Marshall Arabie

11:00 a.m.: Hilda Vezina; Clarence Reviere; E.J. & Vinice D. Brown; Isaac & Beulah B. Lavergne

No 6:00 p.m. Mass



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016 -- SOLEMNITY OF MARY

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Rickey & Angie Aguillard, Charles Feucht, Kim Miller, Amy Simon	Genny Dischler	Adelie Beagh, Camille Leger, Kathryn Leger, Abby Miller
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 -- SOLEMNITY OF MARY

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Brad Miller, Rachel Andrus, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Lisa Miller	Brad Miller, Clay Miller, Kate Miller, Mary-Helen Miller
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Brayden Gaspard, Samantha Bertrand, Lynn Pavich	Randall McElwee	Dominic Dupre, Christopher Fuselier, Christopher Leger, Kiley Tauzin
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Kayla Fontenot, Barry Soileau Jeff & Angel McGee	John Fruge	John-Michael Fruge, Anna Belle Fontenot, Kelly & Landon Fruge Thurifer: Jacque Richard MC: <i>Minister Needed</i>

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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 Duplechain, Haley Dupre Troups, 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 Lavergne.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:
www.parishesonline.com

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Adoration Chapel

Closed Thursday, Dec. 22 at 12:00 p.m.(noon) until Tues., January 3 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Monday, December 26

Rectory Office Closed

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday, December 27

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Thursday, December 29

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Rectory Office Closed

(Friday, Dec. 30 - Monday, Jan. 2)

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Saturday, December 31

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.

Anticipated Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1

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

Note: No 6:00 p.m. Mass New Year's Day

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Liturgical Decorations have been donated by -- or -- in memory of *(living or deceased)*:

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2017 NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church
4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

Sunday, January 1

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
11:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
No 6:00 p.m. Mass





THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Allowing me to spend time with you.
- 2) Blessings in my financial situation.

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.





St. Anthony of Padua Church

January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God <i>New Year's Day</i> Pray for Pope Francis Mass Schedule: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. No 6:00 p.m. Mass	2 Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 6:00 PM C.D.A. Rectory Office Closed	3 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Adoration Chapel opens @ 12:00 p.m. (noon) 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	4 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda	5 Pray for Msgr. Romero 9:30 AM Ladies Altar Society	6 Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 7:00 PM Baptism Class	7 Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass @ St. Anthony		
8 Epiphany of the Lord Pray for Deacon Jim Cormier 11:00 AM Men's ACTS Commissioning Mass 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Testing	9 Pray for Den Chris Cambre 1-20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JHIS classes Rectory Office Closed	10 Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	11 Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge & Den. Chuck Ortega 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Form. @ Family Cen. VP 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation 7:00 PM R.C.I.A.	12 Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzate 6:00 PM S.G.S.	13 Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat & Den. David Guillery 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	14 Pray for Fr. Austin Leger <i>Second Collection:</i> <i>Bishops Services Appeal</i>		
15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	16 Pray for Deacon Robbie Leger <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> No CCD classes Rectory Office Closed	17 Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	18 Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu & Fr. Alphonse Thainese 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Ecumenical Unity Service @ EHS Auditorium 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Form. @ Family Cen. VP 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation	19 Pray for Fr. John Brown, S.J. 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	20 Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk & Fr. Jerry Mesley 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	21 Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard		
22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran & Fr. David Hebert 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	23 Pray for Fr. William Schambough 1-20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JHIS classes Rectory Office Closed	24 Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation Justin Fatlica... Hard as Nails	25 Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown & Fr. Tommy Montelaro 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ KC - Eunice 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Formation 7:00 PM R.C.I.A.	26 Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement	27 Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis & Sr. Nell Murray 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	28 Pray for Fr. Jim Brady & Fr. Jonathan Janise Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks		
29 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Fr. Gh Duvel & Fr. Tom Voorhies 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	30 Pray for Sr. Joel Miller & Sr. Stephanie Brignac 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM ACTS Core Team 6:00 PM CCD JHIS classes	31 Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	2016 Gulf Coast Formation Conference				Confirmation Retreat (120 - 122) @ A.B.C.	Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions: Christian Unity: That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.
Catholic School Week (Jan. 29 - Feb. 4)								

