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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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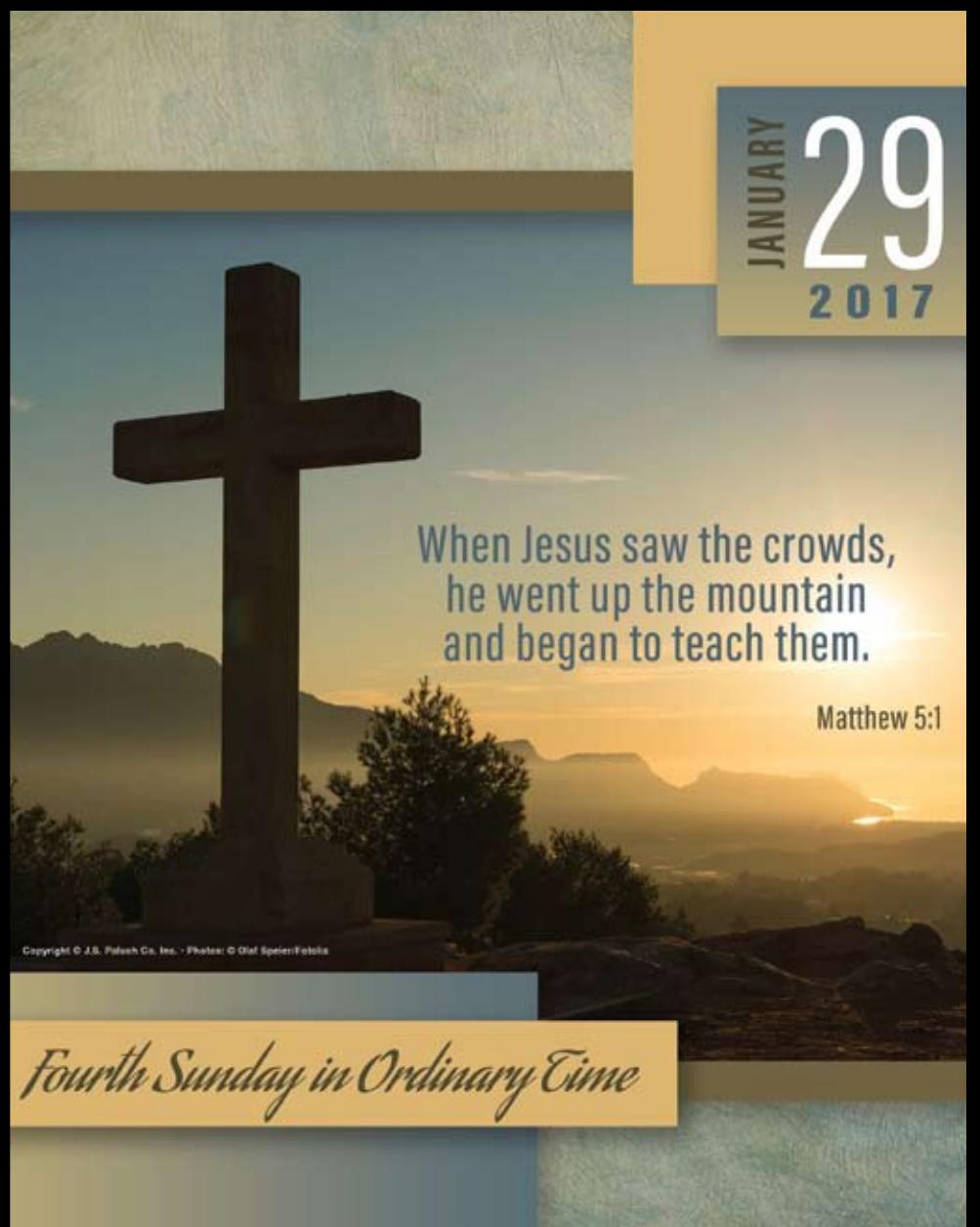
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When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain
and began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

National Catholic Schools Week

January 29 – February 4, 2017 celebrates National Catholic Schools Week. The schedule of activities for St. Edmund Catholic School can be found at www.stedmund.com. Catholic Schools' central focus is faith-base

formation in the Catholic Tradition. At St. Edmund Faith and Reason function in harmony where each complements the other is the search for the truth. Church, School, and Family work together in forming and molding character, intelligence, human and faith formation, where each person is formed in the person of Jesus Christ. Responsibility is stressed in education and in formation. St. Edmund Catholic School practices these values as an expression of the Catholic Schools Week theme, "Catholic Schools Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service."

ACTS Retreats

Today at both Annunciation and St. Anthony, an invitation to the men for the next Men's Retreat is offered. This Men's Retreat is scheduled for March 30 – April 2, 2017. Don't forget we have first a Women's Retreat on February 9 – 12, 2017. Prayer partners are needed for this retreat. Please see the Prayer Poster in Church.

No 6:00 p.m. Mass on Supper Bowl Sunday

As next Sunday (February 5, 2017) is Supper Bowl Sunday, there will be NO 6:00 p.m. mass.

Update on Centennial Campaign

The Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Campaign advances to Bloc III Phase. St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Duralde) were in the Pilot Phase. Thus far, the Campaign has advance through the Pilot Phase, Bloc I Phase and Bloc II Phase. As of January 13, 2017, the Campaign is at 75% of its overall goal. Of the \$42,500,000 Goal, \$31,671,715 is pledged. What an accomplishment! Let us continue to pray for the Centennial Campaign and for all who participate in it. Let us continue to encourage our relatives and friends in the Bloc III Phase. Parishes and Chapels near us who are in Bloc III Phase are St. Thomas More (Eunice), Our Lady Queen of All Saints (Ville Platte), Sacred Heart of Jesus (Ville Platte), St. Joseph (Ville Platte), Sacred Heart (Belaire Cove), Our Lady of Mercy (Opelousas), St. Edward (Richard), St. Thomas (Savoy), St. Leo IV (Roberts Cove), St. Edmund (Branch), St. Bridget (Lawtell), and Sacred Heart (Prairie Ronde).

As we were in the Pilot Phase, we already received the first installment of the 30% returning to St. Anthony and Annunciation. These were received on August 31, 2016. St. Anthony of Padua received \$38,878.52. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary received \$3,841.21. I am grateful to

parishioners who are participating in the campaign. I know it is an expression of your love for God and Church. I pray God blesses you abundantly.

DID YOU KNOW?

Question: If I arrive at Mass after it's begun, at what point is it too late to receive Holy Communion?

Answer: To arrive late at Mass isn't only about fulfilling your Sunday obligation; it's also an act of love and respect for Jesus and your fellow worshippers. If you have a good reason for arriving late, such as bad weather, etc., the Lord may excuse you. But if you arrive for Sunday Mass after the Consecration, you haven't really attended Mass, you shouldn't receive Holy Communion, and if on a Sunday, you should attend another Mass (if at all possible). You should strive to be at Mass from its beginning to its end.

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Cycle A – Matthew 5:1-12a

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." Here, in a nutshell, is the Christian belief about the afterlife. We trust that heaven is open to believers who accept the gift of salvation and follow the way of the Lord, even (or especially) when that way is difficult!

The beatitudes in today's Gospel give us a program for following the path to heaven. These famous words offer a kind of twofold image. There are, on the one hand, the beatitudes about what we should do and be: poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, and peacemakers. Such qualities are reflections of the nature of God in whose image we are meant to live. When we embrace and reflect this image to the world, there is no doubt we are walking on the path of God's will.

Then, there are also the beatitudes about what we are called to endure: mourning, hunger for righteousness, persecutions and insults due to our belief in Jesus. These are the trials that often beset the life of a faithful Christian — admittedly more so in some ages and areas than in others. But Jesus makes it clear that even these trials and struggles are a sign that a Christian is on the right path, not that God has abandoned him or her, but that the reward of heaven lies around the corner.

One of the greatest consolations of our faith is that even when life does not unfold according to our own perfect designs, even when there is suffering to deal with, even when we do not have great success in the eyes of the world, we can maintain hope and peace as we await the "reward" of the just. The eternal happiness of heaven will be worth every ounce of temporary trial here on earth.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

January 22, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$9,168.00
Mailed-In Offertory846.50
Total Offertory for the week**\$10,014.50**

Weekly Average 2017 \$10,685.17

Children's Contribution\$5.25

* Helped Grandma..... Matthew

* Praying for the homeless and the sick Shawna, Reese,

Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....159

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 2

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 5:1-12 - We hear today the beatitudes, the opening of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Which beatitude do you most easily resonate with, and which do you find most challenging?

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 - Why do you think the prophet Zephaniah places such a high value on the virtue of humility?

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 - Paul evokes an examination of conscience among the Christians in Corinth. How does Paul want this to impact the Corinthians' "boasts"?



Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Men's ACTS Retreat

March 30 - April 2, 2017



**Registration Forms
are available at the
doors of the Church...
and may be turned in
at the Rectory office.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 30

6:15 a.m.: Rita Lambert & family (*Liv*)

Tuesday, January 31

12:00 p.m.: Amanda Lafleur (*Liv. - Birthday*); Hilda M. Roche; Stewart Paul Rozas; Donald V. Tanner, Sr.; Juanita F. Miller; Merlin Marcantel (*Anniversary of Death*)

Wednesday, February 1

6:15 a.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas

Thursday, February 2

12:00 p.m.: Rev. Louis Laroche (*Pastor*); Stewart Paul Rozas; Frankie LaFleur

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday, February 4

4:00 p.m.: Burley Marcantel; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Gladys & Howard

Landreneau; Joan (*Liv.*) & Lou Latour (*Wedding Anniversary*); Willis David; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Berchman & Hilda Chaumont; Stewart Paul Rozas; Norbert Young; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Sunday, February 5

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Dr. Fraser Landreneau; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; Chassity Sittig; Cooney Brown (*Liv. - Birthday*); J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Stewart Paul Rozas; Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M A.F. McGee, Sr.; M/M Amos Durio; Toby Durio; Vila & Emery Henry; Melanie Arnaud

11:00 a.m.: Hilda Vezina; Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Blake Feucht

6:00 p.m.: M/M Howard Gaspard; M/M Walter Long

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Kayla Fontenot, Kal Landry Michael Lombas, Amy Simon	Nikki Sonnier	Madison Comeau, Justin Landry, Joshua Landry, Isaac Russell
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Josh Aucoin, Glenn Brown, Norma Diaville	Amy Aucoin	Hunter Aucoin, Garet Hebert, Lindsay Hebert, Kiley Tauzin
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Raymond Aguiard, Sarah Moser Fruge, Ken Richard	Genny Dischler	Evan Aucoin, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Scott Eckholdt, Deborah Eckholdt, Michelle LeJeune, Tricia Richard	Tad Richard	Ashton Eckholdt, Brennon Thompson, Greta Miller MC: <i>Needed</i> Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux

NOTE: There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass this Sunday, February 5, 2017.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Joan Burson, 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, Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touns, 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, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Cynthia & Roger Trahan, Ethel Meche, Mabel Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Johnny Hall, Belinda Francois, J.B. LeJeune, Lucas Huckaby (*baby*), Lynette James, Grace Fontenot, Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro.

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

Monday, January 30

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. classes -- 3:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Team Mtg. -- 6:00 p.m. Ministries Bldg.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 1

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Catholic School Week Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
Men's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Eunice K.C. Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, February 2

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
First Penance Service -- 6:00 p.m. in Church

Friday, February 3

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

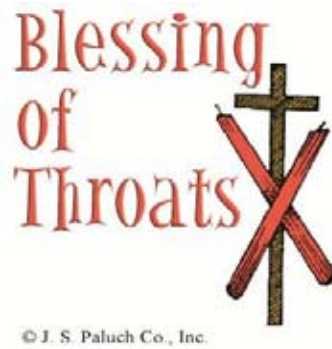
Saturday, February 4

First Saturday Our Lady of Fatima Mass -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Mathilda Church.
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 5

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
NOTE: There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass this Sunday.

**BLESSING OF
THROATS ON
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 3 @
6:15 A.M. MASS
ST. BLAISE,
BISHOP AND
MARTYR**



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2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS AVAILABLE

If you have made any contributions to the church through the envelope system or by bringing the contributions to the office -- your 2016 contribution statement will be available at the Rectory office. Call the office (457-5285) and leave your name and address -- and the contribution statement will be mailed to your home.

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, Feb. 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.

C.D.A. BAKE SALE

The weekend of February 11-12 -- our *Catholic Daughters* will be hosting a Bake Sale. Pick up a dessert for your family and help support all the good works of our Catholic Daughter of Americas.



TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
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*Starting on Tuesday, January 31 at
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PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Our new, healthy grandbaby.
- 2) Bringing me closer to you.

***Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Wed. 12 am; Sat. 12 am, 12 pm***

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 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

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Msgr. Romero Mass Schedule: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. No Life Teen Mass & No Life Night - Super Bowl</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM C.D.A. 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pray for Pope Francis 8:00 AM St. Edmund Catholic School Week 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. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 6:00 PM 1st Communion Penance Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 7:00 PM Baptism Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pray for Bishop Emerita Michael Jarrell Second Collection: Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass @ St. Mathilda</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzate 11:00 AM ACTS Return Mass & Reception 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat & Den. David Guillory 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 5:30 PM ACTS Core Team 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes 6:30 PM Pastoral Council</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Austin Leger Valentine's Day 5:30 AM That Man Is You!</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pray for Deacon Jim Cormier 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ KC - VP 6:00 PM S.G.S. 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pray for Den Chris Cambre</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge & Den. Chuck Ortego Catholic Daughter Bake Sale weekend</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Fr. John Brown, S.J. 9:00 AM Mass - Scout Sunday 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk & Fr. Jerry Mesley President's Day 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Formation @ KC - Eunice 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pray for Deacon Robbie Leger 6:00 PM First Communion Parent Meeting 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu & Fr. Alphonse Thainese Second Collection: Bishops Services Appeal</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis & Sr. Nell Murray</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mardi Gras Pray for Fr. Jim Brady & Fr. Jonathan Janise 8:00 AM Mass -- no noon Mass</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran & Fr. David Hebert Washington's Birthday 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Mission Form. @ Family Cen. VP 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for Fr. William Schambough</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown & Fr. Tommy Montelaro</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Women's ACTS Retreat at A.B.C. - Feb. 9-12</p>						
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<p>31</p> <p>Pray for Fr. William Schambough</p>						
<p>Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions:</p> <p>Daily Offering: Father, here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day -- all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings -- all I am and possess. With Mary, Mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month.</p> <p>Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.</p>						
<p>Rectory Office Closed</p> <p>St. Edmund School closed</p>						