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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

MARCH 5, 2017

*Jesus was led by the
Spirit into the desert
to be tempted
by the devil.*

Matthew 4:1

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

Lenten Mission for Annunciation of BVM 2017

A Lenten Mission is scheduled for Annunciation of the BVM Parish on March 8 – 9, 2017. Father Michael DeBlanc conducts this mission on the topic - **Martha and Mary: Fostering the Active Life and the Contemplative Life.** Wednesday's Theme is "Active Life of Work" and Thursday's Theme is "Life of Prayer". The time of the mission is 6 – 7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Fr. Michael DeBlanc II is the current Parochial Vicar at St. Michael Catholic Church in Crowley. He is from Parks, Louisiana, where he spent much of his life with his parents: Michael DeBlanc, Sr., and Pamela Roy DeBlanc; and his two siblings: younger brother, Blake, and older sister, Amanda. He graduated from Breaux Bridge High School in 2006 and attended UL Lafayette for one year. He entered seminary in Fall 2007 at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and Philosophy in Spring 2010. He attended graduate school at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans from 2010 to 2014, where he received a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Lafayette on June 21, 2014 and was first assigned to St. Genevieve church in Lafayette from 2014 to 2016. In July 2016, he was transferred to St. Michael Catholic Church in Crowley, where he continues to serve.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: At times, temptation seems so powerful that is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Answer: Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid, because temptation is not something we create or even recognize sometimes, but rather it comes from evil. But it would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones. Herein lies the wisdom of the Church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do

Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to the prompting our conscience to choose good.

Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Cycle A - Matthew 4:1-11

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That is an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. Isn't it interesting that the *"tempter"* should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus, saying, *"Command that these stones become loaves of bread."*

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power—and had a bite to eat while he was at it—but he did not. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth. *"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the *"cunning"* serpent has been sliding around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan *"the tempter"* for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree *"in the middle of the garden."* But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

Questions of the Week

Matthew 4:1-11 - In his responses to the temptation of the devil, Jesus quotes from the Book of Deuteronomy and Psalms. How does sacred Scripture guide you in times of distress?

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 - What does this excerpt from the creation story of Adam and Eve teach us about the nature of evil?

Romans 5:12-19 - In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul juxtaposes the disobedience of Adam with the obedience of Christ. During this season of Lent, how can you confront this tension in your spiritual life?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 5, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 26, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$8,532.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,190.00
Total Offertory for the week\$9,722.00

Weekly Average 2017 \$10,160.22

Children's Contribution\$6.25

* Fed dogs..... Matthew

* Praying for those addicted to drugs Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....162

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 3

Thank you for your generosity.

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

EASTER DECORATIONS

You may wish to make a donation towards paying for Altar flowers and decorations for the church. Your donation (*in a separate envelope*) can be put into any collection basket or dropped off at the Rectory. If you would like to make the donation in memory of a loved one (*living or deceased*), please write their names on the envelope.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

At Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church the Stations are celebrated on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 6

6:15 a.m.: Kendall Fontenot (*Liv. - Birthday*)

Tuesday, March 7

12:00 p.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas; Rita Broussard

Wednesday, March 8

6:15 a.m.: Maria del Pilar Parrie

Thursday, March 9

12:00 p.m.: J.C. Labbie; Hilda M. Rodne; Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, March 10

6:15 a.m.: Rev. Oliver Bre (*Pastor*); Ricarda Villalba; Elaine Abshire (*Birthday*)

Saturday, March 11

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Uline B. Reed; Shirley Janot; Jeanne & Cindy

Miller; Lorraine Forbes Gipson; Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; Norbert Young; Anna & Thomas Manuel; Dorothy Jane & John B. Huckaby Sr.; Berchman & Hilda Chaumont

Sunday, March 12

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Denise L. Hanks; Thelma & Leroy (*Liv.*) Vige; Hilda Roche-Diaz; Carla F. Miller

9:00 a.m.: Rev. Blaise Branche (*Pastor*); Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Ross Michael Andrus; Frankie LaFleur; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Julius Bischoff; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas

6:00 p.m.: Anthony'Tony' Andrepont

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Kayla Fontenot, Dora Johnson, Barry Soileau	Nikki Sonnier	Madison Comeau, Kylie Hebert, Gavin Oliver, Aiden Veillon
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SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Denise LeBouef, Ed & Reneé Benoit	Joan Burson	Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit, Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Michael & Angelle Driggs	Michelle LeJeune	Wesley Driggs, William Driggs, Jack Parks, Luke Trahan
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Raymond Aguiard, Janice Aguiard, Vergie Ardoin, Glenda Young	Kyle Deshotel	Anna Belle Fontenot, Anna Fruge, Vincent Thibodeaux MC: Needed Thurifer: Jacque Richard
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Kim Miller, Maggie Parks, Amy Simon	Life Teen Member	Phillip Fontenot, Samual Hebert, Austin Miller, Jack Miller

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Michael Folse, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touts, 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, J.B. LeJeune, Lucas Huckaby (*baby*), Lynette James, Grace Fontenot, Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Vivian Vidrine, Sheila DeRouen, Alicia LaFleur, Gail Landreneau, Delores Labbie, Logan Landry, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Joan McManus, Agnes 'Chickie' McGee, Susan Boone, Mary Lou Boone.

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, March 6

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:20 p.m.
Confirmation Interviews -- at Rectory.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. classes -- 3:30 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High classes -- 6:00 p.m.
C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
ACTS Core Team -- 6:00 p.m. in Ministries Bldg.

Tuesday, March 7

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
S.G.S. -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
The Choice Wine -- 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 10

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Mass -- 9:30 a.m.
Way of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. in Church.

Saturday, March 11

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

Sunday, March 12

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

ENCOUNTER INOVATION

We encounter the Singh family in India, where a mother and father are using innovative farming techniques to feed their family amidst a flood. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



THE CHOICE Wine

7 STEPS
TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

Thursdays, March 2 - April 27
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ Jeanmard Parish Hall
For more information and to register call:
Dr. Scott or Deborah Eckholdt
@ 337.658.0484



St. Edmund Catholic School est. 1911

2017 - 2018 Registration

Returning Families
March 6 - 10
in administrative building
8:00 - 3:00

New Families
March 13 - 17
in administrative building
8:00 - 3:00

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES apply if registering at this designated time.

St. Edmund Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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- 1) Good tests results.
- 2) My new job.

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starting at: Sat. 12 am, 4 pm, 12 pm**

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm

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



ENCOUNTER LENT

Encounter ourselves

Encounter our neighbors

Encounter our God



*“The Good News is no mere matter of words ...
It is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others.” —Pope Francis*

This Lent both Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and St. Anthony of Padua Parish participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter anew our neighbors, our God and ourselves. As we, the global Church, celebrate the holy season of Lent, it is especially appropriate to come together in prayer as a family, reflecting on the role we each play in building up God’s one human family.

Please consider these suggestions in shaping our own families’ Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar [found in the folded Rice Bowl] daily to guide your Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- As a family, read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey—and guide your Lenten almsgiving.
- Prepare simple meatless meals on Fridays throughout Lent, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Be sure to visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities our Lenten gifts are changing through CRS Rice Bowl. We will be collecting your CRS Rice Bowls on Palm Sunday, please place them in the container near St. Joseph’s statue.

25 % of our Rice Bowl contributions are returned to the Diocese of Lafayette for care of local needs. Last year of this 25%, \$1,500 was given to the Eunice Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl has a free Lenten app. Download it for iPhone or Android devices and get daily Lenten reflections right on your phone. (crsricebowl.org/app)

The Rice Bowl Program helps us encounter neighbors each week by bringing us a person, country and meal:

- March 5-11: The Singh Family from India with Dalma with Spinach (Vegetable Stew)
- March 12-18: Evelina from Zambia with Ifisashi (Peanut Stew Over Polenta)
- March 19-25: Fernando from El Salvador with Pupusas de Queso (Cheese-stuffed Tortillas)
- March 26-April 1: Maria from Mexico with Arroz Rojo (Red Rice)
- April 2-8: Dita from Ethiopia with Injera with Atkilt Wat (Cabbage and crepes)
- April 9-15: Micaela from the Micronesian Island of Chuuk living in Hawaii with breadfruit

Visit: crsricebowl.org to watch a video of each week’s presentations and crsricebowl.org/recipes.

Visit: crsplatodearroz.org for the Spanish website.

CRS Rice Bowl is sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS is motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality.
