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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

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Rev. Fr. Travis Abadie

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

April 23
2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."

John 20:19

(OR SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY)



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

The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

On May 5, 2000 the Office of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree establishing the Sunday after Easter as “Divine Mercy Sunday”.

The Holy Father, Saint John-Paul II gave the reason for this. He said that Divine Mercy “is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.”

A Prayer

Dear Jesus, I am like Thomas today. Thomas did not believe you were raised. I do not believe in your mercy. Let Thomas’ finger lead me to believe. As Thomas touches your wounds, let me also reach out and touch your wounds. Let your wounds in your hands; in your feet; in your side heal me of my sins, of my hate, of my un-forgiveness, and of my lack of mercy. May the hold that the prince of darkness has on me be cut. Heal me, dear Jesus, of the root cause of my lack of belief. Jesus make me whole and let your Spirit of Mercy lead me to forgive those who sin against me and who hurt me. Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.

Let me say with all believers to the Heavenly Father, “Eternal Father, I offer You the body and blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world.” “For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” “Holy God, holy mighty one, holy immortal one, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” Amen.

Acts of Mercy Taught by the Church

The Corporal Works of Mercy are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, and bearing wrongs patiently.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: On the wall above the altar area of our church there is an eagle, a lion, an angel, and a bull. What do they represent?

Answer: Each symbol represents a Gospel. These symbols helped people to differentiate the Gospels at a time when most people could not read. The image of a man or angel represents the Gospel of Matthew and signifies Christ’s human nature. The lion, a symbol of royalty and power, represents the Gospel of Mark and denotes Christ the King. The ox or calf, the sacrificial victim, represents the Gospel of St. Luke and highlights the priestly character of Christ’s mission. The eagle stands for the Gospel of

St. John because his theology is much more developed than the three synoptic Gospels. Just as an eagle soars above the earth, so John’s theology soars above the other Gospels. The symbols for the Synoptics probably come from how each one begins. One of the initial lines of the Gospel of Mark begins: “A voice of one crying out in the desert.” In the wilderness you can hear the roar of the lion for miles around. Matthew’s Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, and represents Jesus’ human roots. The Gospel of Luke opens with the story of Zechariah the high priest who offered a sacrifice of a bull on behalf of the nation.

Gospel Reading for Second Sunday of Easter, Cycle A – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” This greeting from the resurrected Christ must have been a profound one for the disciples. They were living behind locked doors “*for fear of the Jews,*” which really meant for fear of their own lives. They had seen what happened to Jesus and did not want to face the same fate. Imagine the paralysis of this fear, keeping them locked inside a prison of their own making.

But even the walls and the locks could not keep Jesus out! He came “*although the doors were locked*” and brought them a message of peace. And then their fear turned to gladness for they “*rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*”

This transformation from sadness to joy, from fear to peace was not just a gift for these first disciples. It is a gift for all of the followers of the Lord, ourselves included! When we are afraid of what might happen in our lives, where we are trapped or paralyzed by the burdens of our own habitual sins, Jesus wants to step in and offer us peace. This is what we celebrate today on this feast of the mercy of Christ. His love and peace — the gift of his mercy — is meant for all of us, weak, sinful, and scared though we may be.

We who receive this great gift of mercy from the Lord are also called to be merciful to others. We are called to be peacemakers and to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Our celebration of Divine Mercy need not stop at the doors of our own hearts. We can seek ways to be ministers of God’s mercy to others, reaching out with the love of God, bringing comfort and consolation to those who need it most.

Questions for the Week

John 20:19-31 - Today’s Resurrection account details Thomas’ initial doubt that Jesus actually rose from the dead. How do you react to people who “doubt” the resurrection of Jesus?

Acts 2:42-47 - Luke presents the early community of believers in Jerusalem of one heart and mind, rejoicing in the Resurrection. How does our faith community compare in response to the good news of the Resurrection?

1 Peter 1:3-9 - In Peter’s prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, what reasons does he give for believers to “rejoice”?

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

April 23, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

April 9, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$6,723.00
Mailed-In Offertory	3,329.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$10,052.00
Collection for Eastern European Churchs	\$343.00
Rice Bowl Collection	\$1,058.75
<i>Weekly Average 2017</i>	<i>\$9,824.33</i>
Children's Contribution	\$10.50
* <i>Helped Grandpa..... Matthew</i>	
* <i>Helping Granny & Paw..... Shawna, Reese,</i>	
<i>Ariana & MacKenzie</i>	
<i>Number Registered Parish Families.....</i>	<i>1494</i>
<i>Number of Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>151</i>
<i>Number of Children's Envelopes Used.....</i>	<i>3</i>

Thank you for your generosity.

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

SAVE THE DATE:
HAPPY DAYS 2017

Vacation Bible School -- our Happy Days Program will be held June 12-16, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Registration forms will be in the bulletin beginning in May. **Teens AND Adults** are NEEDED to help with our Happy Days Program. Please call the Faith Formation Office at 337-457-7505 and leave your name, address and phone number. So, save the date and register early.

All Are Welcome! Sign up early!!

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Women's ACTS Retreat
September 14-17, 2017

Registration
Forms will be
available
SOON...



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 24

6:15 a.m.: Paul Rozas; Priscilla Rozas (*Birthday - Liv.*); Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*); Chad Abadie

Tuesday, April 25

12:00 p.m.: Bobby Soileau (*Birthday*); Rita Rozas Broussard; Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*)

Wednesday, April 26

6:15 a.m.: Pat Schneider (*Birthday*); Herbert Stelly; Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*)

Thursday, April 27

12:00 p.m.: J.D. & Marshall (*Anniversary of Death*) Arabie; Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*)

Friday, April 28

6:15 a.m.: Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*); Chad Abadie

Saturday, April 29

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Tony Bourgeois; Shirley Janot; Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; M/M Stewart Rozas; Anna & Thomas Manuel; Joan McManus; Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*)

Sunday, April 30

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

9:00 a.m.: Burley Marcantel; Carole Sue & Debbie Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Gracie Zaunbrecher (*Liv.*); Johnie Hall; Julius Bischoff

11:00 a.m.: John Nolas Guillory & Jo Ellen Guillory; Chad Abadie

6:00 p.m.:

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Dora Johnson, Michael Lombas, Ken Richard	John Debarge	Juliette Broussard, Robert Broussard, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee
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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Angelle Driggs, Michael Driggs	Lisa Miller	Wesley Driggs, William Driggs, Christopher Fuselier, Andre Miller
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Tricia Richard	Tad Richard	Leo Richard, Simon Richard, Isaac Russell, Brennon Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Barbara Thibodeaux, Jr. Bergeron, Samantha Bertrand	Tim Fontenot	Avery & Samuel Heinen, Jack Parks MC: Needed Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Angel McGee, Jeffrey McGee	Michelle LeJeune	Dominic Dupre, Sarah Fruge, Kylie Hebert, Christopher Leger

MINISTERS OF PRAYER

Please pray for: Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Vivian Vidrine, Sheila DeRouen, Alicia LaFleur, Gail Landreneau, Delores Labbie, Logan Landry, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Agnes 'Chickie' McGee, Susan Boone, Darlene Faul, Diane Derouen, Nelwyn Moore, Clyde Fruge, Dana Dubois Guthrie, Rene Duplechain, Alida Berzas, Belinda Francois, Anita Maser, Mark Hunter Vidrine, Ed Dietz, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Mary LeJeune, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Stephanie Bergeron Guillory, Craig Durbin, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Amanda Prather, Dr. F.J. DeRouen Jr, Jo Ann DeRouen, Mary Brignac.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, April 24

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:20 p.m.
Bible Study -- **10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall.

Tuesday, April 25

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary School Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Pilgrimage Informational Meeting -- 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

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

Saturday, April 29

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

Sunday, April 30

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
St. Anthony Church Family Picnic -- following the
11:00 a.m. Mass -- gathering in front of Church.
Life Teen Mass. -- 6:00 p.m.



Kelly Pitre will host a signup meeting Wednesday night, **April 26 at 6:00 pm** at St. Anthony Church regarding the upcoming Spain and Portugal Pilgrimage in November. Father Sensat will be our Spiritual Director. This is the 100th anniversary of the Fatima visions and miracle. If you feel a calling to renew your faith through a Pilgrimage, now is your opportunity! You can attend this meeting to learn more or contact Kelly Pitre @ 337-305-0466 or www.wayfaringcajun.com

EASTER DECORATIONS



Donations for Easter decorations have been made in honor / memory of (*living or deceased*): John Nolan Guillory, Jo Ellen Guillory Fall, Blake Feucht, Judge Nilas & Lillie Young, Lillie & Louis McGee Sr., Melanie Arnaud, Thelma Vige, James Merlin

Fruge, M/M Willie Belfour, Hazel & Ortere LaHaye, Jeanette & Raymond Aguillard, Connie & Ed Larson, Sarah Marie Carrell, Clarence 'Paddy' Reviere, Norma Jean Miller, Burnis Cooper, Loretta Cooper Gaspard, Connie Andrus, M/M David Guilbeau, M/M Lennie Coco, Denise L. Hanks, M/M Norris Young, Paul Luther Fontenot, Albert & Genevieve Fontenot, Morris & Bertille Diaville, Rodney Diaville & Kim Ridout, Carla, Julia & Jayia Watford, Jack Allen Parks, Effie Menier & Bergeron family, Israel family, Perry & Jane Vidrine family, Ira Richard, M/M Launey Duplechain, M/M Jack Richard, Richard Clay Chapman, M/M Sady Courville, M/M Henry Segar, Herbert Stelly, Harry & Theresa Aymond family, Leroy & Lou Melancon family, Daniel Melancon family, Ross Andrus, Willie Mae Fuselier, Merlin Marcantel, M/M August Courville Sr., Bart Courville, Frankie LaFleur, Dennis Wayne Prather, Nita Prather, Jacque Arabie, Zula Arabie, Dorothy Arabie Paul LeJeune, Carla Sattler, Michael Sattler, Lee Roy & Rena Fontenot, Larry Fontenot, Anward Mayeaux Sr., Hubert & Gloria Fontenot; Eve & Monita Benoit.

The Paschal Candle was donated by Mrs. Belle Manuel in memory of Dr. Sylvan Manuel and Jan Clothilde Manuel.



Pastoral Council nominations are being accepted at St. Anthony of Padua Church.
Two (2) positions are opened.

Nomination Form for St. Anthony Pastoral Council
NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 28, 2017 @ noon

Msgr. Romero, I nominate for the St. Anthony of Padua Pastoral Council:

[Print]

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Name of person nominating [Print]: _____

Phone of person nominating: _____

Deliver this Nomination to the church office or place in the collection basket.

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You are invited...



St. Anthony Parish Family Picnic

April 30, 2017

**11:00 a.m. Mass in Church
Followed by Picnic on Church grounds**

Bring your snacks and lawn chairs. Parish will provide drinks, chips, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Life Teen students will be offering face painting for the children.

SPRING FAIR HOURS
Fri. 5 pm - 9pm
Sat. 10am-9pm
Sun. 10am-6pm

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SATURDAY @ 8:00PM
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Shrimp & Crawfish
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Burgers & Fries

**Boiled
Crawfish!**

RIDES, RIDES, RIDES

Cotton Candy,
Popcorn,
Funnel Sticks
Nachos

Wristband Sales:
Mon. May 1 5:30-7pm
@ St. Edmund Cafeteria
Thurs. May 4th 7:30 - 8:30am
@Jeanmard Parish Hall

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