

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. Matthew Hebert

## DEACONS:

Deacon Gary Gaudin  
Deacon Korey LaVergne



Jesus said,  
"The kingdom of heaven  
may be likened to a  
man who sowed good  
seed in his field."

*Matthew 13:24*

*July 23, 2017*

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

### Parishioners Involved In Missionary Work

We have two parishioners who are involved in Missionary work. These are Grace Fontenot and Meghan Fontenot. Grace Fontenot is involved with Justice For All, which is a Pro-life Ministry, training High School and College age students to make abortion unthinkable. Meghan Fontenot is involved with Hard As Nails Ministry, working with High School and general population on motivational rallies. These rallies encourage conversion of life to Christ and Church. Anyone wanting to assist financially these parishioners in their work may do so by forwarding a donation to: Justice For All, 113 N. Martinson, Wichita, KS 67203-6129 for Grace Fontenot and <https://www.gofundme.com/my-hard-as-nails-missionary-fund> for Meghan Fontenot. Please also keep them in your prayers!

### Vacation Bible School at Annunciation

Vacation Bible School at Annunciation of the BVM is scheduled for this week on July 24 – 28, 2017. Let us pray for everyone involve in the program and their families.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

**Answer:** Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story? Their names are found in an apocryphal gospel known as “The Infancy Gospel of James.” Apocryphal, or hidden, gospels consist of accounts of Jesus’ life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James’ infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. The fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life. Long before Grandparents’ Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the Savior’s human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the

Incarnation — God becoming human!

### Gospel for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A - Matthew 13:24-43

“*The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.*” This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today’s Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, “The devil’s finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist.” Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our post-modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It does not seem “scientific” enough for us because it can not be seen or “proven.” But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, “Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls ‘a murderer from the beginning’” (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, “*Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil*” (1 John 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God’s supreme power. The devil “cannot prevent the building up of God’s reign” (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.

### Questions for the Week

**Matthew 13:24-43** - We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Which parable do you find useful in more fully understanding the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?

**Wisdom 12:13, 16-19** - According to the Jewish sage who wrote Wisdom, what are some of the attributes of God?

**Romans 8:26-27** - Paul writes of the Spirit aiding us in our weaknesses. In this regard, where do you see the Spirit at work in your life today?

*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2017

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## STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

July 16, 2017

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$9,209.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	1,319.25
<b>Total Offertory for the week .....</b>	<b>\$10,528.25</b>
Missionary Appeal .....	\$2,136.00

Weekly Average 2017 ..... \$9,610.85

Children's Contribution .....\$5.25

\* Helped Mom..... Matthew

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....1494

Number of Envelopes Used.....160

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 2

**Thank you for your generosity.**

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

## NEW SERVERS' SCHEDULE

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for August - September will soon be prepared. If you are planning to be away during this time -- or



-- if you need to change your schedule - please call the office [457-5285] during office hours. Call by **July 24<sup>th</sup>** to get your changes into the new schedule.

## CALENDAR SPONSORS NEEDED...

Sponsors are needed for our 2018 church calendars. You, and / or your business, can have your name / name of business on each copy of the church calendar. We need some sponsors to help defray the cost of the calendars -- the total cost be about \$1,300 for 900 copies. The calendars depict beautiful religious paintings for each month of the year. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the Rectory office -- 457-5285 -- by August 7.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 24

**6:15 a.m.:** Melanie Arnaud (*Liv - Birthday*); Melissa Vendale (*Liv - Birthday*); Paul Rozas; Brittany Ardoin

### Tuesday, July 25

**12:00 p.m.:** Tony Fuselier; Norma Jean Miller; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; Robert Etney Brown

### Wednesday, July 26

**6:15 a.m.:** Nelwyn Moore

### Thursday, July 27

**12:00 p.m.:** Nelwyn Moore; Adam 'Brother' Johnson

### Friday, July 28

**6:15 a.m.:** Royce Normand

### Saturday, July 29

**4:00 p.m.:** Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Merita Guillory; Leon Stelly; Kirk Stelly; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Robert E. Brown

### Sunday, July 30

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller; Vernell Soileau; Brooke Renee Saucier

**9:00 a.m.:** Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Fr. Travis Abadie (*Liv*)

**11:00 a.m.:** Calvin Raymond Kibodeaux

**6:00 p.m.:** Antoinette Guillory

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

### SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

4:00 p.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Debbie DeRouen, Barry Soileau, Barbara Thibodeaux	Mark DeRouen	Christopher Fuselier, Ariana Manuel MacKenzie Manuel, Jack Parks
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### SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

7:00 a.m.	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Michael Lombas, William Parrie, Ken Richard	John Fruge	Evan Aucoin, John-Michael Fruge, Isaac Russell, Brennon Thompson
9:00 a.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Mitch Fontenot, Stephanie Manuel, Doug Marcantel	Tara LeBlanc	Alex Fontenot, Brennan Manuel, Victoria Marcantel, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Jr. Bergeron Lynn Pavich, Glenda Young	John Debarge	Anna Belle Fontenot, Kelly & Landon Fruge <b>MC: Needed</b> <b>Thurifer: Needed</b>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Alicia LaFleur, Angie & Rickey Aguiard	Tony LaFleur	Dominic Dupre, Camille Leger, Mia Robinson, Luke Trahan

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Craig Durbin, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Amanda Prather, Jo Ann DeRouen, Mary Brignac, Jason Duran, Louetta Labbie, Charles Francois, John Duplechin, Rodger Gillard, Shane & James Francois, Angie Guillory, Mallory Ortego, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Sheila DeRouen, Gail Landreneau, Delores Labbie, Daphne LeJeune, Ali Manuel, Elsie Stelly, Debbie Smith, Agnes 'Chickie' McGee, Sam & Rena Mae Reed, Colleen Landreneau, John Lejeune, Darlene Faul, Dornetta Duplechain, Thelma Lejeune, Bob & Chris Kukuczka, Diane West, Naomi Swanson, Viv Vidrine, Yola Belleau, Brandon Butler, Ed Dietz, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Lorita Smith.

***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, July 24

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

### Tuesday, July 25

Crossing the Goal -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Women's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall

### Wednesday, July 26

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

### Thursday, July 27

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

### Friday, July 28

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

### Saturday, July 29

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.

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

### Sunday, July 30

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

Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.



## MAN-TO-MAN MEN'S CONFERENCE



**Saturday, August 19, 2017**

6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
Lafayette, LA

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

*(Doors open at 7:00 AM)*

\$35 per person

*(includes jambalaya lunch)*

Men 18 years and older

**Keynote Speaker:**

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

**Special Guest Speakers:**

Bishop Douglas Deshotel

Fr. Floyd Calais

Fr. Joel Faulk

**Master of Ceremonies:**

Fr. Bryce Sibley

For more information and to register, visit

[www.M2M2017.com](http://www.M2M2017.com)

You are  
**INVITED!**

Join us! We'll be hosting...

**Our Lady of  
Fatima's Pilgrim  
Virgin Statue**

**When:** Sunday, July 23 2017 4:00 PM

**Where:** Michelle LeJeune  
128 N Tanglewood Dr  
Eunice, LA 70535-6814

America Needs Fatima's life-like statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be displayed in our home for all to venerate. This beautiful image of the Blessed Mother and Her message will surely stir your soul.

The Marian program features an inspiring audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group Rosary. America Needs Fatima custodians will be displaying a wide selection of fine religious articles, such as hand-crafted crucifixes, statues, rosaries, medals, and books.

For more information, call: ( 337-466-3085

*Don't miss this unique opportunity!*

**Save the Date!!**

**St. Anthony Women's ACTS Retreat**  
**September 21-24, 2017**

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



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## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Allowing me to be in chapel with you..
- 2) For our family's safe vacation travels.

**Adorers needed for the following hours**

**starting at: Sun noon, Tues 6 pm, Wed 3 am,  
8 am, Thurs. 3 am, Sat. 11 am, 12 am, 1 am, 12 pm, 2 pm**

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

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





# END OF LIFE MATTERS

## **Rev. Keith LaBove**

Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Lafayette  
Hospital Chaplain, Diocese of Lafayette

Whose life is it, anyway? Must we do everything? Who decides? Does a living will help? These and other questions will be discussed at a seminar to be offered by Fr. Keith LaBove, Pastor of St. Patrick Church and long-time hospital chaplain. We will explore basic church teaching on the stewardship of life and end of life care, look at some specific issues that arise, and talk about advanced directives. This one night session will be repeated at 4 locations. All are invited and welcome to attend any of the presentations. Pre-registration is not required, and there is no cost to attend. Please join us!

## END OF LIFE MATTERS WORKSHOP SESSIONS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
224 West 5th Street, Crowley  
6:00-7:30 pm—Parish Hall

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2017

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
406 East Pinhook Road, Lafayette  
6:00-7:30 pm—In Church

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017

Holy Ghost Catholic Church  
747 North Union Street, Opelousas  
6:00-7:30 pm—Parish Hall

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2017

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church  
2514 Old Jeanerette Road, New Iberia  
6:00-7:30 pm—Parish Hall

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For more information, please contact:

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