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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. Matthew Hebert

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

FIRST SUNDAY

OF Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



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

Activities

- **The Giving Tree Advent Program** is at both Annunciation Church and St. Anthony Church.
- **The Light is on for You!** is a program for confessions at both Annunciation and St. Anthony occurring on the first three Wednesdays of Advent from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. At Annunciation, the second Wednesday will also have first confession for 2nd graders. At St. Anthony, the second Wednesday will also have a wedding rehearsal. We ask parishioners to be patient.
- **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is celebrated on Friday, December 8, 2017. It is a holyday of obligation as Mary under this title is the Patroness of the United States of America. Please see the mass schedule in the bulletin.
- **The Women's ACTS Retreat Team for the retreat of April 12-15, 2018** will begin their formation on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The Team will be commissioned at the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 10, 2017. Let us keep them in our prayer.
- **The Tri-Parish Advent Penance Service** is at St. Thomas More Church on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Centennial Year for the Diocese of Lafayette begins in January 2018.** As part of the **Centennial Celebrations each Church Parish** will have a celebration to honor their establishment date or to honor their patron saint. **For Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish** we will have the celebration on the weekend masses of January 6/7, 2018. **For St. Anthony of Padua Parish** we will have the celebration on June 12/13, 2018.

Family Prayer for First Week of Advent

God of new beginnings, today we begin a new year in our church with the image of a wreath. We ask you to bless our family. Help us to see our family life as a wreath, without a beginning and without an end. As we light this one candle, we recall how you have changed our family since we last gathered around the Advent wreath. Help us to be for others what our family has been for us – a helper in times of need and a source of abundant blessings to share with others. We ask this through Christ, who is the Alpha and Omega. Amen.

Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, Year A – Mark 13:33-37

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of **“the Lord of the house.”**

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely **when** he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it does not happen in our lifetime, each and everyone of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour – namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing Him we do not cringe in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

Questions for the Week

Mark 13:33-37 – Jesus wants his disciples to be alert for the end-time. How will you practice this spiritual exercise during the season of Advent?

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 – The prophet Isaiah struggles to understand the purpose of God's plans and actions in light of our human sin. Why do you think God remains “hidden” from us?

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 – In his opening prayer of thanksgiving to God, St. Paul speaks to the Corinthians of God's fidelity to believers in the context of the return of Christ. How do you think the season of Advent helps affirm St. Paul's assertion that “God is faithful”?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

FIRST SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

December 3, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

November 19, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$6,242.00
Mailed-In Offertory	2,030.00
Online Giving	20.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$8,292.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$733.00
Thanksgiving Charity Account	\$825.30

November 26, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$7,427.70
Mailed-In Offertory	45.00
Online Giving	40.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$7,512.70

Number Registered Parish Families.....	1494
Number of Envelopes Used.....	153
Number of Children's Envelopes Used	2

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



**Holy Day of
Obligation
Friday,
December 8**

6:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 4

6:15 a.m.: Lois & Jack Miller; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; George Coleman

Tuesday, December 5

12:00 p.m.: Richard Clay Chapman; M/M Henry Segar; M/M Sady Courville; Martin Bordelon Jr.; Velma R. Feucht; Bill Weatherford

Wednesday, December 6

6:15 a.m.: Rev. Edmund Daull (*Pastor*)

Thursday, December 7

12:00 p.m.: Msgr. Alphonse Martel (*Pastor*); Cynthia Fuselier; Bill Weatherford

Friday, December 8 -- Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Workers of St. Anthony Parish; Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

12:00 p.m.: James Sherrill Duos; Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

6:00 p.m.:

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Merita Guillory; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Pris Ashford (*Liv.*)

Sunday, December 10

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Fenrick Manuel; Dr. F.J. DeRouen

9:00 a.m.: Rev. Charles Clark (*Pastor*); Frankie LaFleur; J.C. Labbie; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Gary Johnson family; Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller; Elton Thibodeaux; Gary Henry; Cynthia Fuselier; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.:

6:00 p.m.: Joan Schatzle-McManus



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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FRIDAY DECEMBER 8, 2017

6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin Kim Miller, Barry Soileau	Jude Huckaby	Adelie Beagh, Alise Beagh, <i>Server Needed</i>
12:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguillard, Rachel Andrus	Candy Atteberry	<i>Servers Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Junior Bergeron, Michael Ward, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Jennifer Miller	Dominic Dupre, Aiden Thibodeaux <i>Server Needed</i>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Tommy Dietz, Stephanie Manuel, Ken Richard	Kay Dietz	Peyton LaCombe, Brennan Manuel, Brennon Thompson, Kaden Thompson
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Michael Lombas, Norma Diaville, Barbara Thibodeaux	Joan Burson	Anna Chapman, John Patrick Fruge, Jack Parks, Isaac Russell
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Doug Marcantel, Lynn Pavich	Kyle Dechotel	Victoria Marcantel, Leo Richard, Simon Richard, Kennadi Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Donnie Darbonne, Tricia Richard Todd & Debbie Ortego	Tad Richard	Anna Fruge, Vincent Thibodeaux, Emile Soileau Thurifer: Needed MC: Needed
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Brayden Gaspard, Rickey & Angie Aguillard	Life Teen Member	Emma Clause, Alexander Ortego Henry Summerlin, Doug Summerlin Jr.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: John Kirk Feucht, Leroy Vige, Amanda, Caroline & Kentry Prather, Anita Maser, Gail Landreneau, Dale Cormier, Susie Simien, Patsy Andrus, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Sheila DeRouen, Kakee Feucht, Colleen

Landreneau, John Lejeune, Kathy Fruge, Evette Fall Bellow, Shirley Ortego, John Edward Thibodeaux, Pat Manuel, Andrew Aucoin, Hunter Vidrine, Bill Miller, Joseph & Dorothy Thibodeaux, Dwayne Richard, Murriss Gorley, Gertie Kibodeaux, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Craig Durbin, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Jo Ann DeRouen, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Hubert J. Blanchard, Rose Comeaux, Cynthia Price, Ann Duran, Carl Comeaux, Marcus Venable, Helen Tanner, Glenn Durbin, Dale Larry, Greg Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Cynthia Fuselier, Erika Dupont, Patricia Sittig.

*Pray for our troops &
peace in the world!*

The Light is
ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

December 6, 13 & 20

St. Anthony of Padua Church

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CHRISTMAS CHOIRS



The Children's Christmas Choir will be practicing to sing at the Children's Liturgy at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Any St. Anthony parishioner from the 2nd grade on up can sing in this choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 7, 14 & 21 at 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

Any St. Anthony parishioner interest in singing for the **10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass** (*there will NOT be a Midnight Christmas Mass this year*) can join the choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 14 & 21 at 6:15 p.m.** We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices. For more information contact: Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, December 4

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (CCD) Mass -- 4:00 p.m.
Jr. High Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 6:00 p.m.
C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Social
A.C.T.S. Core Team -- 6:00 p.m. Ministries Building

Tuesday, December 5

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Women's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. KC Hall

Wednesday, December 6

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
The Light is on for You! -- 6:30 p.m. in Church
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Hall.

Thursday, December 7

Ladies Altar Society -- 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Choir -- 5:30 p.m. in Church
ACTS Renewal Gathering -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

St. Edmund All School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 9

Men's ACTS Team Mini Retreat in Duralde.
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Sunday Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Women's ACTS Commissioning Mass -- 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m. / Life Night -- 7:00 p.m.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

The 31st Annual KLFY-TV-10 Food Net "Food For Families" Food Drive is scheduled for **December 5, 2017, 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** at the Eunice Food Bank (Formerly the old DMV building)



251 West Park Avenue. We accept non-perishable food items, toiletries, as well as any monetary donations.

LITURGICAL DECORATIONS



In the coming weeks, 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 mailed to / 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. On the weekends of December 16/17 & 23/24 - a list of the donations will be published.

C.D.A. ORNAMENT SALE

The Catholic Daughters will be having a Christmas Ornament Sale **THIS** weekend, December 2 & 3. Stop by their table to see these beautiful Christmas ornaments after the Masses next weekend.



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Being cancer free..
- 2) Brother's peaceful passing.

Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Wed 8 am, 5 pm, Sat. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 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.



EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

SOURCE: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

**The following examination of conscience is based upon the Confiteor.
Please reflect quietly after each part is read.**

I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD

- § Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?
- § Do I seek a deeper relationship with God in this sacrament of reconciliation?

AND TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- § Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, or fellow students?
- § Have I contributed to the well being and happiness of others at home?
- § Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering and dying in other parts of the world?
- § Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?

THAT I HAVE GREATLY SINNED

- § Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?
- § Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse? my parents? my children? my parish?
- § Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?

IN MY THOUGHT AND IN MY WORDS

- § Have ever harbored ill thoughts against another person?
- § Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?
- § Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor, the unborn, or people of other races?
- § Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?

IN WHAT I HAVE DONE

- § Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?
- § Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?

- § Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?
- § Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?
- § Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

AND IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO

- § Have I neglected by responsibilities to my family?
- § Have I neglected my health?
- § Have I neglected my prayer life?
- § Do I use the earth's resources wisely?

THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY MOST GRIEVOUS FAULT

- § Do I recognize my own sins?
- § Does my ego or my self-righteousness prevent me from seeing my own errors?
- § Do I blame broken relationships on others?

THEREFORE I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER-VIRGIN AND ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS

- § Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?
- § Do I worship with my Community each Sunday?
- § Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?

AND YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

- § Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?
- § Do I support and defend other members of my family?
- § Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?
- § Do I treat those who wait on me or who work with me with the dignity they deserve as fellow human beings?

TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD OUR GOD.

- § Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?
- § Do I remember to pray for others in my parish, especially for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments?
- § Do I pray for the living and the dead?