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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)

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*I am the living bread
that came down
from heaven;
whoever eats
this bread will
live forever.*

John 6:51

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Advisory Councils and ACTS
Core Team for 2018-2019 Services**
I am pleased to update parishioners on the membership of Advisory Councils, and St. Edmund Athletic Booster Board and ACTS Core Team for the 2018-2019 services.

Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary Finance Council members are Denise Arnold (*Trustee*), Neil LeJeune (*Trustee*), John Eric Fontenot, and Deacon Cormier (*ex-official*), Luke Sanders.

Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary Pastoral Council members are Kristie Bertrand, Mamie David, John Eric Fontenot, Jennifer Johnson, and Monica Sanders and as ex officio members Denise Arnold (*Trustee*), Neil LeJeune (*Trustee*) with Deacon Cormier. Members who came off the council are Edwin Daugeaux, and Luke Sanders. We thank these members and all parishioners for your good service to God and Church.

St. Anthony Finance Council members are Karl Aucoin (*Trustee*), Dr. Ben Miller (*Trustee*), David Clause, Steven Moosa, Jan Ward, Bob Soileau, and Rodney Sonnier (*Bookkeeper*).

St. Anthony Pastoral Council members are Candy Atteberry, James Bergeron, Donnie Darbonne, Mark DeRouen, Sarah S. Oliver, Wayne Richard, Eric Vizona and as ex officio members Karl Aucoin (*Trustee*), Dr. Ben Miller (*Trustee*). Members who came off the council are Connie Thibodeaux and Jed Reviere. We thank these members and all parishioners for your good service to God and Church.

St. Edmund Catholic School Advisory Council members are Kody Bieber, Brett Manuel, Randy Miller, Donnie Richard, Douglas Summerlin, Angelle Driggs, and Holly Vidrine. The member who came off the Council is Mitch Thibodeaux. We thank former members and continuing members for their service and dedication to the mission of the School.

St. Edmund Athletic Booster Club Board members are Paul Brown, Terry Brown, Corey Diaz, Mike Driggs, Debra Eckholdt, Brett Manuel, Brad Miller, and Randy Miller. Members who came off the board are Matt Coleman, Nancy Lafleur, and Doug Summerlin. We thank these members and all who help in the mission of the school.

ACTS Core Team members are: Sheila Aucion, Chad Briscoe, Daniel Conde, Kyle Deshotel, Debbie DeRouen, Kylie Doucet, Keefen LaCombe, Tara LeBlanc, Doug Marcantel, Lynda Perrodin, Tad Richard and Rachel Smith. Members who came off the team are Charles Feucht, Tim Fontenot, Stephanie Guillory, and Rhoda Huckaby. We thank these former members and new and continuing members for their good service to the Team and to the ACTS Retreat.

THE ASSUMPTION

The graces of Jesus' redemption are outside of time and space.

Mary is conceived without original sin. In the feast of the Assumption, we celebrate the result of that reality! Mary's soul and body are not separated at the moment of death, nor does her body decay. She is brought up, body and soul, into Heaven. Even in apostolic times, no religious site has claimed the actual body of Mary. Considering the Church's enthusiasm for relics, this is a startling fact! After Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire, the site of her empty tomb became a place of local pilgrimage. On this feast, we remember that just as Jesus has taken care of his mother, he will take care of us!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday of the Year, Year B – John 6:41-51

Have you ever approached a hushed group and were certain they were talking about you? It's an uncomfortable feeling to catch people murmuring about what you did, said, or didn't do. It breeds division and exclusion. In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to just the opposite.

The reading opens with the crowds "*murmuring*" their doubts about Jesus after he has proclaimed himself the Bread of Life. "*Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph ... how can he say 'I have come down from heaven'?*" In his response, Jesus brings up the Israelites and the manna God brought them in the desert. If you turn back to the story in Exodus, you'll see another similar word: *murmuring*. As the going got tough, the Israelites doubted Moses and God's plan to protect and care for them as a chosen people. Here, Jesus proposes a difficult theological

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

August 5, 2018

Sunday's Offertory.....	\$8,222.00
Mailed-In Offertory	1,141.00
Online Giving	30.00
Total Offertory for the week.....	\$9,393.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$1,273.00

Weekly Average 2018 \$9,096.80

Children's Contribution \$5.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Praying for Nanny Jane Ellen Ulery..... Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1506

Number of Envelopes Used.....163

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...

concept. Jesus himself is "the living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world."

This is not an exclusive concept. "Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me." Why? Because "the Father who sent me draw[s] him." The next time you're at Mass, take a few moments to watch the communion line. Young and old, families and singles, diverse races and cultures and stories ... we are all drawn to the Eucharistic table. Catholic doctrine may require faith, but it is a faith possible for anyone who seeks truth. Christianity does not hide behind locked doors in an exclusive clubhouse, whispering behind the backs of nonbelievers. Jesus compels us to share the love of God the Father for his children, that we one day be joined with Him and "live forever."

Questions of the Week

First Reading – 1 Kings 19:4-8 - Within the larger narrative of today's reading, the prophet Elijah has been fleeing for his life from Queen Jezebel after defeating the false prophets of the god, Baal. In desperation and exhaustion, Elijah prays for death. The Lord responds by sending an angel to strengthen Elijah. How does prayer strengthen you in your spiritual journey?

Second Reading – Ephesians 4:30-52 - Paul presents a series of ethical imperatives for the Ephesian Christians to live by. How well does our faith community live to these standards?

Gospel Reading - John 6:41-51 - Jesus is not deterred by the Jews murmuring against him as he continues to speak of himself as "living bread." Why do you think some of the Jews found this idea so threatening?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 13

6:15 a.m.: Beatrice O. Leonards (Birthday); A. Frank & Elaine McGee (Liv.)

Tuesday, August 14

12:00 p.m.: Codrey Menard; Helen Tanner; Chase Manuel

Wednesday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Glenn Durbin; Francisco J. Beauchamp (Liv. - Birthday)

12:00 p.m.: Helen Tanner; Jared Manuel family (Liv. & Dec.); Jayia Watford (Birthday)

6:00 p.m.: Kristen Pleak; Ed Dietz;

Thursday, August 16

12:00 p.m.: Helen Tanner; Karen Rougeau; Liz Moreau

Friday, August 17

6:15 a.m.: Ross Andrus (Birthday)

Saturday, August 18

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ashton Noel; Glenn Durbin; Sally Fontenot; Ed Dietz; Annette Comeaux Vickery (24th Anniversary of Death); Paul Rozas; Helen Tanner; Ricarda Villalba; Chase Manuel; Mary Baham Lambert

Sunday, August 19

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau; Helen Vidrine; Chase Ryan Manuel

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Mary Babineaux; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Herbert Stelly; Gene Duplechin; Codrey Menard

11:00 a.m.: Ozzie Mott

6:00 p.m.:



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 -- ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Sem. Riley Maturin, Charles Feucht	Jacque Pucheu	Adelie Beaugh, Alise Beaugh <i>Altar Server Needed</i>
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Sem. Riley Maturin, Lynn Pavich	Candy Atteberry	<i>Altar Servers Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Vergie Ardoin, Sarah Moser Fruge, Michael Ward	Rachel Smith	<i>Altar Servers Needed</i>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Kayla Fontenot, Michael Lombas, Mike & Angelle Driggs	Jude Huckaby	Wesley & William Driggs Ariana & MacKenzie Manuel
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Norma Diaville, Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel	Joanne Brinkman	Anna Fruge, John Patrick Fruge Brennan Manuel, Jack Parks
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Sem. Riley Maturin, Mitch Fontenot, Tricia Richard	Tad Richard	Bailey Conde, Alex Fontenot Peyton LaCombe, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Jr. Bergeron, Kal Landry Todd & Debbie Ortego	Charlotte Darbonne	John Austin, Joshua & Justin Landry MC: Needed Thurifer: Jack Miller
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Brayden Gaspard, Sem. Riley Maturin, Kim Miller	Lynda Perrodin	Vincent Thibodeaux, Ava Warner Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Dustin Ortego, Amber Leree Godchaux, Jennifer Perkins, Lana Montelaro Cormier, Susan Semien, Reid Lacombe, Chad Coleman, Thibodeaux baby, Frank McGee, Tyler Bellow, Jordan Zygulski, Liz Charlie, John & Elaine Guillory, Pat Manuel, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Linda Gaudin, Yvonne Perrodin, Robert Duran, Dr. Kevin LeJeune, Rene Vidrine, Donna Ardoin Rossner, Suzanne DeRouen, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Pauline Miller, Shirley Ortego, Claude DeVillier, Hollie Matte, Leroy Vige, Gail Landreneau, Sheila DeRouen, Ann Duran, Juanita LeBouef, Anward Mayeaux Jr., Karl Comeaux, Elaine McGee, Craig Durbin, Hunter Vidrine, Henry Trahan, Nell Johnston, August Courville Jr., Jesse Harrington, Joan Burson, Earline Prather.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, August 13

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Men's A.C.T.S. Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Tuesday, August 14

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 15 -- Assumption of the BVM
+ Holy Day of Obligation +
Mass Schedule: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, August 16

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Women's A.C.T.S. Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at K.C. Hall.

Friday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 18

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

Sunday, August 19

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.
Life Teen Core Team Training -- 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

THANK YOU MESSAGE

On behalf of the Manuel and Soileau families, we wanted to thank everyone for the beautiful gift of love and support we have received from our communities. We will never be able to properly put into words how grateful we are for every prayer, hug, flower, plant, food, call, text, kind word, or note we have received. It has been impossible to ignore the beauty of love, even now in the hardest time of our lives.

Chase's life was an absolute gift. He was so full of joy and love and even now, his love is still growing. We truly believe that the grief we are feeling now is how God feeds about every one of us until we return to him in heaven. We can only imagine how they have been celebrating now that this beautiful little soul has returned!

Chase has been keeping us on our toes from the minute we discovered he was coming. He was always a step ahead, loved to say, "I do it myself!" and "I'm tiny and cute!" I have always joked that I should never have named him Chase, because that's all I have been doing since the day he was born. Chase was aggressive with his love, and always pushed us to be better versions of ourselves. He made us better parents by pushing us to be open to more children, learning how to make time for four, and now, in typical Chase fashion he is teaching us how to chase him to heaven. Never have we clung to God and yearned for heaven as we do now.

We have received so many graces to be able to see God's hand all around us, and to be able to find moments of peace while we try to find our new normal without our sweet boy. Your prayers, masses, and rosaries are working, and we ask that you continue to keep our family in your prayers. We will never be able to repay all the kindness and compassion everyone has shown to us, but please know how truly touched and grateful we are. Chase isn't gone, he has simply gone ahead, and we will be together again.

All our love and blessings,
Jared & Brittany Manuel
Ham & Brenda Manuel

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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R.C.I.A. STARTS SOON...



The "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is a program beginning **September 19th** - which prepares persons for entrance into the Catholic Church and / or prepares adult baptized Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It can also help Catholics develop a deeper understanding of their

faith and grow in their relationship with Christ. So, if you or someone you know fits either category, please call the church parish office to speak with Deacon Gary Gaudin who will give you more information [337-457-5285]. Please call before August 24 so that adequate preparations might be made. It will be held at St. Mathida's Parish Hall in Eunice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This is a combined effort of the following Catholic Church Parishes: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Duralde), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (Chataignier), St. Ann (Mamou), St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice), St. Mathilda (Eunice), St. Thomas More (Eunice).

FAITH FORMATION (C.C.D.)

We are currently underway in preparing our Faith Formation (Catechism) program for the upcoming year. We are in need of volunteers to serve in this rewarding ministry. We invite you to come and share your faith with our young people and play a part in leading them closer to Christ. Our elementary program meets on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00. Junior High on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 and our high school program takes place on Sunday evenings after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the Office of Faith Formation (457-7505) for more information.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Relief from back pain.
- 2) Allowing me to serve you.

Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Sun. 11 am, Tues. 7 pm; Wed 8 am, 5 pm, Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, midnight

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 4 pm, Fri 5 am, 7 am;
To commit one hour - call Brenda Castro 457-7965.



NOVENA FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE: AUGUST 3-SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

PRAY

May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

FAST

Offer a sacrifice for the intention.

Here are some suggestions to consider each Friday as you pray for the weekly intention:

- **Abstain from meat¹**
 - **Abstain from any particular food or beverage**
- **Fast (one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal one full meal)²**
 - **Offer up the day's inconveniences**
 - **Give up some form of entertainment for the day**
 - **Give up anything else of your choice**
 - **Offer a work of charity**

LEARN

AUGUST 17, 2018

Abortion is not health care.

Abortion advocates speak as if abortion is health care, a procedure that is morally and emotionally equivalent to surgically removing one's tonsils or appendix. It is often conveyed as so morally neutral that only a few religious outliers find it objectionable. Yet in reality, the vast majority, over 85%, of OB/GYNs, coming from many faiths or no faith refuse to be associated with or perform an abortion.¹ In addition, according to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, 86% of hospitals were not involved in abortion.² Finally, even Roe acknowledges that abortion is unlike other procedures performed by a health professional and that unborn children deserve some protection.³ Abortion is not health care and we do a disservice to women and health care providers to pretend it is.

¹ Stulberg, Debra B., et al, "Abortion Provision Among Practicing Obstetrician-Gynecologists," *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 118(3): 609-614, September 2011

https://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Fulltext/2011/09000/Abortion_Provision_Among_Practicing.16.aspx

² Henshaw, Stanley K, "Abortion Incidence and Services in the United States, 1995-1996," 30 *Perspectives on Sexual & Reproductive Health* 263-70 (Nov./Dec. 1998),

<https://www.guttmacher.org/journals/psrh/1998/11/abortion-incidence-and-services-united-states-1995-1996>.

³ *Roe v Wade*, 410 U.S. 113, 155 (1973) (emphasis added):

"[T]he right of privacy, however based, is broad enough to cover the abortion decision; that the right, nonetheless, is not absolute and is subject to some limitations; and that at some point the state interests as to protection of health, medical standards, and prenatal life, become dominant." And again (p. 159) (emphasis added): "The pregnant woman cannot be isolated in her privacy. She carries an embryo and, later, a fetus... The situation therefore is inherently different from [other situations where the

Court has recognized a constitutional right of privacy, such as] marital intimacy, or bedroom possession of obscene material, or marriage, or procreation, or education...."

AUGUST 24, 2018

Roe's extreme abortion license is not widely supported.

Abortion advocates claim that Roe enjoys broad public support and some recent polls seem to provide evidence for this claim. But most polls don't explain Roe's extreme abortion license and some misrepresent it. For example, a 2016 Pew Research Center poll claims 69% of Americans favor *Roe v. Wade* and 28% oppose it.¹ But the poll wrongly describes Roe as establishing "a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy." The fact is, Roe made abortion legal through all 9 months of pregnancy and for virtually any reason.² The vast majority of Americans oppose the policy of nearly unlimited abortion dictated by Roe, and most believe abortion should not be legal for the reasons it is most often performed. A June 2018 Gallup poll shows that 72% of Americans said abortion should be illegal in the second trimester and 87% said abortion should be illegal in the last trimester.³ A 2018 Marist poll shows that 51% of women said abortion should never be permitted (9%) or permitted only in cases of rape, incest, and to save the woman's life (42%).⁴

So why do polls show a majority of Americans favoring *Roe v. Wade*? Because they don't really know what Roe did.

¹ Pew Research Center poll, November 30-December 5, 2016.

² See *supra* notes 1-4.