

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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President

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. Matthew Hebert

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

SEMINARIAN:

Riley Maturin

*Be strong, fear not,
here is your God.*

Isaiah 35:4



**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
MEN'S A.C.T.S. RETREAT
SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2018**

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

Men's ACTS Retreat

We are happy today to welcome the Men's ACTS Retreat [September 6-9, 2018] at the 11:00 a.m. return mass. I appreciate all parishioners' concern and prayers for the retreat. I also appreciate those who made the retreat. Let us be one in thanking and praising God for His good work in our lives.

Annunciation's Bazaar

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Bazaar is on the weekend of **September 15/16, 2018**. This is a great family oriented activity. Activities on Saturday, September 15, 2018 begin following 4:00 p.m. mass with Bingo and Burgers. Activities on Sunday, September 16, 2018 begin at 10:00 a.m. with BBQ Plate Lunches (Chicken or Pork), Cold Beverages, Sweet Shop, Live Auction & Raffle, Country Store, Kid Games & Fun Jump. Everyone is welcome.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

PATRIOT DAY

[Patriot Day is observed on September 11th each year and provides remembrance for all those who were injured or killed in the September 11th, 2001 attacks on the United States of America.]

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of

their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Amen.

Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Mark 7:31-37

"Jesus ... went by way of Sidon ... into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. *"He has done all things well."*

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. *"Be opened! Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly."* The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask God to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, *"He has done all things well."*

Questions of the Week

First Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a - Nearly 800 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied that the Lord would come to save and heal his people. We hear Jesus fulfilling this prophecy in today's Gospel reading. Why do you think God waited 800 years to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy?

Second Reading – James 2:1-5 - James warns of the dangers of showing partiality for the rich over the poor. Why does this remain a challenge for believers even today?

Gospel Reading - Mark 7:31-37 - Why do you think Jesus ordered the people who witnessed his healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment not to tell anyone?

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

September 2, 2018

Sunday's Offertory.....	\$6,578.00
Mailed-In Offertory	850.00
Online Giving	255.00
Total Offertory for the week.....	\$7,683.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$1,316.00

Weekly Average 2018 \$8,937.50

Children's Contribution \$10.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....1506

Number of Envelopes Used.....136

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 4

Thank you for your generosity.

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

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Any child 5th grade or older and a parishioner of St. Anthony Church -- interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285. A form will be available soon to be filled out.



ALL servers (new & old) **MUST** attend this training before being scheduled for weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.

**Beginning Tuesday, September 11
at St. Anthony Parish Hall
@ 5:30 AM**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 10

6:15 a.m.: Carla Watford (*Birthday*)

Tuesday, September 11

12:00 p.m.: Codrey Menard; Helen Tanner; Jared Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Stephanie Manuel (*Liv.*); Lynda Perrodin (*Liv.*); Dana Landry (*Liv.*); Tricia Bertrand (*Liv.*); Charles Manuel (*Anniversary of Death*)

Wednesday, September 12

6:15 a.m.: Rodney Manuel; Elburn Chatman

Thursday, September 13

12:00 p.m.: Vila & Emery Henry (*Wedding Anniversary*); Helen Tanner

Friday, September 14

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Sherry McManus Hundley (*Birthday*); Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Darryl Chatman

Saturday, September 15

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ashton Noel; Glenn Durbin; Sally Fontenot; Ed Dietz; Gene Duplechin

Sunday, September 16

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Mary Babineaux; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Gary Henry; Codrey Menard; Karen Rougeau; Liz Moreau

11:00 a.m.: Blake Feucht; Helen Tanner

6:00 p.m.: Joan Schatzle McManus; Ozzie Mott



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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Kayla Fontenot, Mitch Fontenot Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Nikki Sonnier	Anna Chapman, Madison Comeau Alex Fontenot, Aiden Veillon
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Michael Lombas, William Parrie, Ken Richard	Joan Burson	John Patrick Fruge, Isaac Russell Koy Trahan, Luke Trahan
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Sem. Riley Maturin, Donnie Darbonne, Barry Soileau	Jacque Pucheu	Emma Clause, Bailey Conde Brennon Thompson, Kaden Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego, Barbara Thibodeaux	Tim Fontenot	Avery, Elizabeth & Lauren McGee Jace Miller Thurifer: Austin Poncho MC: Minister Needed
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Sem. Riley Maturin, Brayden Gaspard, Kim Miller	Jude Huckaby	Emile Soileau, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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, 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, Tammie Boone, Patricia Gaspard, Lana Montelaro Cormier, Ben Burson, Bradley Bertrand, Chad Coleman, Sloane Fontenot

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, September 10

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 4:00 p.m.
Jr. High Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 6:00 p.m.
ACTS Core -- 6:00 p.m. at Ministries Building.

Tuesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 12

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund All School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 13

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Friday, September 14

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Mass -- 9:30 a.m.
SEH Football vs Mamou -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)
EHS Football vs Rayne -- 7:00 p.m. (Home)

Saturday, September 15

Altar Server Training (ALL Servers MUST attend) -- 9:00 a.m. in Church.
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

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



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 meat, Abstain from any particular food or beverage, Fast (one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal one full meal), 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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Abortion fails women.

Abortion is often portrayed as essential for women to achieve freedom and equality with men, yet many report feeling some degree of pressure or aborting to please someone else—often their partner.¹ Further, after the abortion, many women report feelings of depression, suicidal or self-harm inclinations, sadness, shame, and regret.² For example, Cynthia Carney in an amicus brief submitted to the Supreme Court described the aftermath of her abortion saying, "For 23 years, I went into crying spells, depression, suicidal thoughts. Emotionally it devastated me." Camelia Murphy explained, "I have suffered with low self-esteem, self-hatred, suicidal impulses, constant anxiety (especially about sex and about making decisions)." Donna Razin said that her abortion caused her "[d]eep regret – initially I was suicidal – as the years have progressed I have developed a heightened level of bitterness and anger and self-hate."³ Women would be better served if society tried to creatively answer the needs of single mothers, mothers trying to get through school, mothers needing higher or more stable finances, etc. rather than telling them that the death of their children is the best answer. We can and should do better for all women.

content/uploads/2011/10/Gonzales-v.-Carhart-Amicus-Brief-Excerpts.pdf.

³ Brief of Sandra Cano, the former "Mary Doe" of *Doe v. Bolton*, and 180 women injured by abortion as Amici Curiae in support of Petitioner. *Gonzales v. Carhart*, 550 U.S. 124 (2007) (Nos. 05-380, 05-1382), <http://thejusticefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Gonzales-v.-Carhart-Amicus-Brief-Excerpts.pdf>.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

Abortion stops a beating heart.

Abortion advocates usually refer to the human being growing in her/his mother's womb in dehumanizing terms like "product of conception" and suggest that most abortions are done before fetal organs are functioning. Actually, the vast majority are done after the fetal heart has begun beating. A baby's heart begins to beat at about 21 or 22 days after fertilization.¹ That's at about 3 weeks of development. The vast majority of abortions in the United States are done well after this point.²

¹ Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud, *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, 7th edition: Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Co., 2003, at 330.

² 60% are done after the 6th week of "gestational age" counting from the last menstrual period, or the 4th week of development. Jatlaoui TC, Shah J, Mandel MG, et al. *Abortion Surveillance—United States, 2014*. *MMWR Surveill Summ* 2017; 66(No. SS-24):1-48.

¹ Coleman, Priscilla, et al, "Women Who Suffered Emotionally from Abortion: A Qualitative Synthesis of Their Experiences" *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* Volume 22 Number 4 Winter

2017, <http://www.jpands.org/vol22no4/coleman.pdf>

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St. Anthony of Padua Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat September 6-9, 2018

Retreatants:

Trey Aymond
Kent Belfour
Ben Bollich
Dominic Brown
Robert Carron
Robby Clark
Eric Dupuis
Adam Fontenot
Johnny Fontenot
Terry Fruge
Sam Fulkerson

Brayden Gaspard
Jude Johnson
Mike Johnson
Stephen LeJeune
Riley Maturin
Benjie Miller
Aaron Pousson
Benny Reed
Paul Richard
Brett Smith

Travis Teets
Joey Thibodeaux
Mark Triplett
Christian Walker
Jude Wedlock
Chris West
Huey Wyble
Jason 'Rock' Zaunbrecher
Patrick Zaunbrecher
Reggie Zaunbrecher, Jr.
Wayne Zaunbrecher

"Be strong, fear not. Here is your God!" *Isaiah 35:4*

Team:

Rickey Aguillard
Kip Bertrand
Mark Bertrand
Justin Daigle
Donnie Darbonne
Malcom Darbonne
Fred Fruge
Nelson Gaspard
Richie Gaspard
Dr. Bob Guillory
David Guillory

Michael Guillory
Clint Hebert
Fr. Matt Hebert
Tony Hebert
Lloyd Hollier
Dustin Huckaby
Jude Huckaby
Keith James
Ryan Mayeaux
Cliff Miller
Matt Miller

Peter Miller
Joel Mire
Ken Richard
Kevin Richard
Ben Smith
Rodney Sonnier
Kyle Vidrine
Eric Vizona
James Wallace
Randy Young
Byron Zaunbrecher

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