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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)

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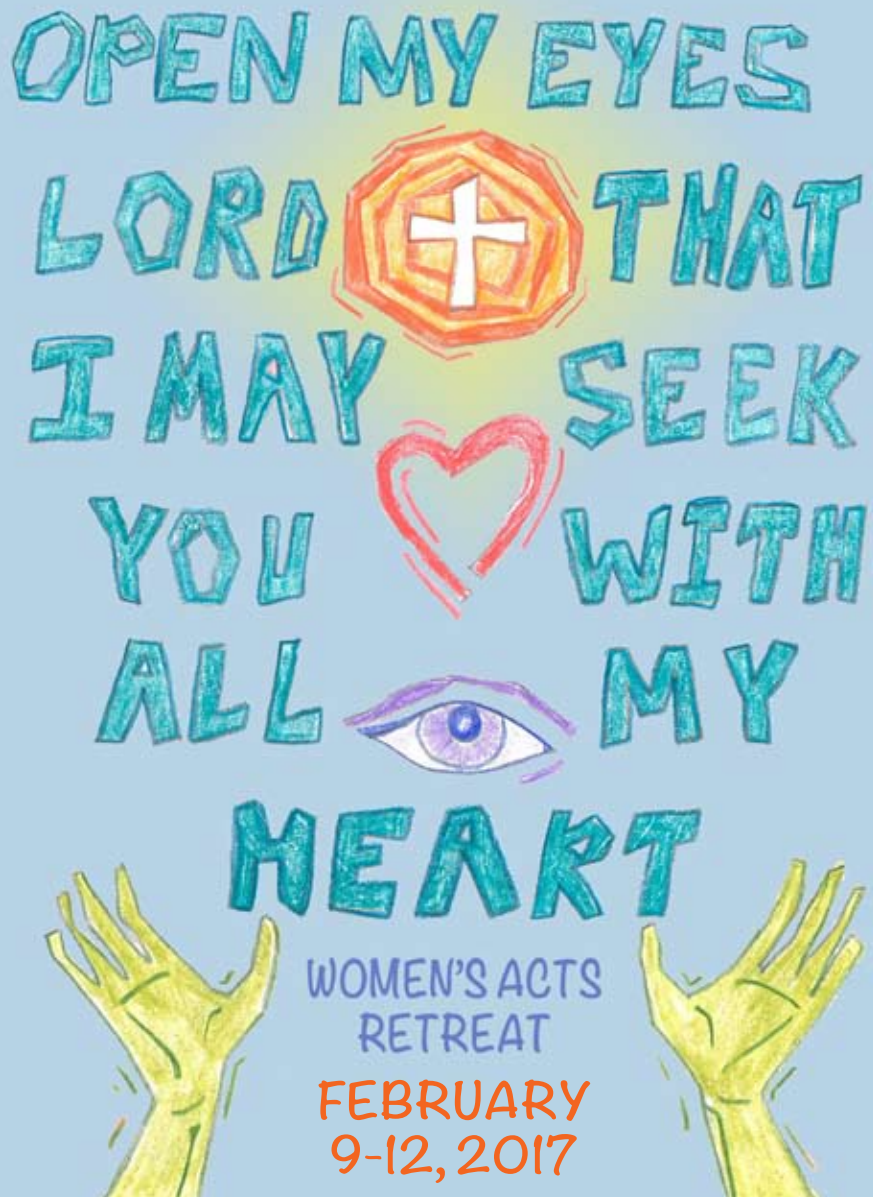
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DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH,

Women's ACTS RETREAT

We are happy today to welcome the Women's ACTS Retreat [February 9-12, 2017] 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.

Activities Ongoing and Upcoming

- **St. Anthony Pastoral Council** on February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- **That Man is You!** meets on Tuesday mornings at 5:30 a.m. in Jeanmard Hall.
- **Scout Sunday** is celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. mass St. Anthony Church on February 19, 2017.
- **Liguori Magazine Appeal** on weekend of February 23-26, 2017 at St. Anthony Church.
- **First Confession** at St. Anthony Church February 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Choice Wine Program** begins in Jeanmard Hall on March 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** on March 3, 2017 at Knights Hall.
- **Lenten Mission** at Annunciation of the B.V.M. Church on March 8/9, 2017 directed by Father Michael DeBlanc.
- **Annunciation Pastoral Council** meeting on March 15, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.
- **Confirmation at St. Anthony of Padua** on March 22, 2017 for St. Mathida, Annunciation of B.V.M, and St. Anthony at 6:00 p.m. Bishop Deshotel is the celebrant.
- **Lenten Mission at St. Anthony of Padua** on March 27/28/29, 2017 by Fr. James Kabickisi, S.J.
- **Men's ACTS Retreat** on March 30 – April 2, 2017.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the church issue an annulment?

Answer: The description of marriage as indissoluble is found in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Described as required by spousal love (#1644) and as foundational to the union of marriage (#1646), this quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his

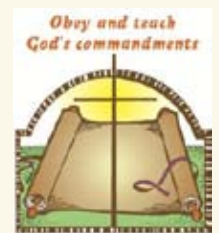
church (#1647). Spouses give themselves once and forever to each other, forming a sacramental bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends upon the sacramental bond between spouses. An annulment does not destroy the bond. Instead, it shows that a sacramental bond never took place because, at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about a sacrament, but rather the full, free, and able consent of a man and woman, one to the other. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other because they give the gift of themselves to one another. The priest or deacon is the official witness. Therefore, if the gift of self is not given, or is held back for any reason, no sacrament takes place.

Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A – Matthew 5:17-37

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will *in fact* make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary— whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 5, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$8,284.00
Mailed-In Offertory2,579.00
Total Offertory for the week\$10,863.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....\$1,553.00
Weekly Average 2017 \$10,291.25

Children's Contribution\$5.25

* Helped Grandma..... Matthew

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....173

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...

Questions for the Week

Matthew 5:17-37 - Jesus challenges his disciples to follow aspects of the Jewish law (anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths) by seemingly impossible (human) standards. How do we best order our lives according to God's standards heard today by Jesus?

Sirach 15:15-20 - The Jewish sage Sirach places a strong emphasis on making the right ethical choices. Why do you think this is so difficult for many people?

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - Paul speaks of "a wisdom of this age" versus God's eternal wisdom. How does one remain focused on God's wisdom when it is "mysterious" and "hidden"?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

Save the Date!!
St. Anthony Men's ACTS Retreat
March 30 - April 2, 2017



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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 13

6:15 a.m.: Beatrice O. Leonards (*Anniversary of Death*); Ricarda Villalba

Tuesday, February 14

12:00 p.m.: Lois & Jack Miller; Lillie C. York; Stewart Paul Rozas; Juanita F. Miller; Lillie & Louis McGee Sr.; M/M Amos Durio Sr.; Toby Durio; Rose Ledoux

Wednesday, February 15

6:15 a.m.: Rev. Alfred Bacciochi (*Pastor*)

Thursday, February 16

12:00 p.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, February 17

6:15 a.m.: Shirley Lee; Norris Young

Saturday, February 18

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Louis & Amelia Fontenot family; Ashton Noel; Wayne Ratcliff; Kern Fruge (*10th Anniversary of Death*); Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; Norbert Young

Sunday, February 19

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller; Denise L. Hanks

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Stewart Paul Rozas; Nola & 'Blackie' Roy; Johnny & Ruth Manuel

11:00 a.m.: Hubert & Gloria Fontenot; Jane V. Courville

6:00 p.m.: Anthony 'Tony' Andrepont

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Tommy Dietz, Janice Aguillard, Kayla Fontenot, Michael & Angelle Driggs	Kay Dietz	Wesley Driggs, William Driggs, Kylie Hebert, Mia Robinson
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Michael Lombas, Norma Diaville, William Parrie	John Fruge	Payton Brown, Anna Fruge, John-Michael Fruge, Jack Parks
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Donnie Darbonne, Stephanie Manuel, Lynn Pavich	Jacque Pucheu	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Kathryn Leger, Brennan Manuel
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Jr. Bergeron, Samantha Bertrand, Charles Feucht, Todd & Debbie Ortego	Rachel Smith	Landon & Kelly Fruge, Luke Trahan MC: Needed Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Angie Aguillard, Jeff & Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Christopher Leger, Kelli Richard, Harry Summerlin III, Blake Summerlin

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: David Frey, Mary Valerie LeJeune, Anita Masar, Darlene Faul, Emmitt Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Russell Courville, Suzanne DeRouen, Elaine C. Guillory, Maril Fontenot, Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Michael Folse, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touns, Dr. F.J. DeRouen, Linda Gaudin, Lenard Craig, Adam 'Brother' Johnson, Rena Mae Manuel, Dornetta Duplechain, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Christine Duplechin, Amanda Prather, Leroy Vige, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Cynthia & Roger Trahan, Ethel Meche, Mabel Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Johnny Hall, Belinda Francois, J.B. LeJeune, Lucas Huckaby (*baby*), Lynette James, Grace Fontenot, Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Vivian Vidrine, Sheila DeRouen, Alicia LaFleur, Gail Landreneau.

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, February 13

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:20 p.m.
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. classes -- 3:30 p.m.
ACTS Core Team -- 5:30 p.m. Parish Ministries Bldg
Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High classes -- 6:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council -- 6:30 p.m. at Rectory.

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / SEE Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Men's ACTS Mission Form. -- 6:00 p.m. at Eunice K.C.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, February 16

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
First Communion Parent Meeting -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. at KC Hall.

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class -- 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

*Continuing on Tuesdays at
St. Anthony Parish Hall @ 5:30 am*

THE CHOICE Wine™

7 STEPS
TO A SUPERABUNDANT MARRIAGE

*Live the Love.
It's Real.*

A Program for Couples.

Thursdays, March 2 - April 27
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. @ Jeanmard Parish Hall
For more information and to register call:
Dr. Scott or Deborah Eckholdt @ 337.658.0484

PARADISUS DEI

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love [God],
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
—1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Centennial Jubilee Pilgrimage to *Spain & Portugal* November 6 - 15, 2017
With St. Thomas More Parish

Cost per Person

Double Occupancy	\$2,850. ⁰⁰
Single Occupancy	\$3,370. ⁰⁰

A deposit of \$450.⁰⁰ is required to hold your reservation.

Pilgrimage Includes:

- † Round-trip airfare from New Orleans (including airport taxes & surcharges.)
- † Accommodations at 3 star hotels (8 nights) such as the Ibis Styles Madrid Prado
- † Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- † Pilgrimage chaplain with daily Mass
- † Breakfast daily

For more information, contact: Kelly Pitre at klpitre@gmail.com or (337) 305-0466.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Women's HEALTHCARE OF ACADIANA

Dr. Kayla R. Fontenot, MD.
151 Hill Street, Ste 3
Eunice, LA 70535
Ph: 337-466-7246

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They make our bulletins possible.*

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For opening my eyes to my sinful self
- 2) Wife's improved health..

Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Sat. 12 am, 4 pm, 12 pm

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm

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

St. Anthony of Padua Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat February 9-12, 2017

Retreatants:

Megan Aymond
Holly Bertrand
Tricia Bertrand
Alaina Bischoff
Ashley Clark
Lindsay Cleland
Tina Cormier
Kristen Duplechin
Mary Dupre
Amy Eaglin
Katie Frey

Terri Fuselier
Michelle George
Debby Graul
Veronica Hebert
Christine Ledoux
Debra Lejeune
Caroline Manuel
Candase Martel
Cathy Miller
Debbie Miller
Gloria Miller

Haley Ortego
Michelle Reed
Morgan Richard
Pat Richard
Robbie Savoy
McKenzie Thibeaux
Brenda Venable
Laurie Young
Rachel Young
Gwen Zaunbrecher

“Open my eyes Lord, that I may seek you with all my heart”

Cf. Psalm 119

Team:

Denise Arnold
Candy Atteberry
Amy Aucoin
Doris Brown
Vanessa Brown
Brooke Conde
Rebecca Cormier
Meghan Darbonne
Jennifer David
Kylie Jo Doucet
Cecilia Fontenot
Mandy Fontenot

Sarah Fruge
Dayna LaFleur
Tara LeBlanc
Liz LeJeune
Laura Lombas
Debra Manuel
Kelly Manuel
Stephanie Manuel
Katie Mayeaux
Jennifer Miller
Kim Miller

Joan Richard
Michele Richard
Msgr. Robert Romero
Amy Simon
Rachel Smith
Beth Soileau
Nikki Sonnier
Aimee Summerlin
Cynthia Tanner
Susan Thibodeaux
Jan Ward
Suzanne Wimerley

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Michele Richard Co-Director

Kelly Manuel Co-Director

Doris Brown Spiritual Companion

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