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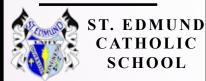
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MASS SCHEDULE:

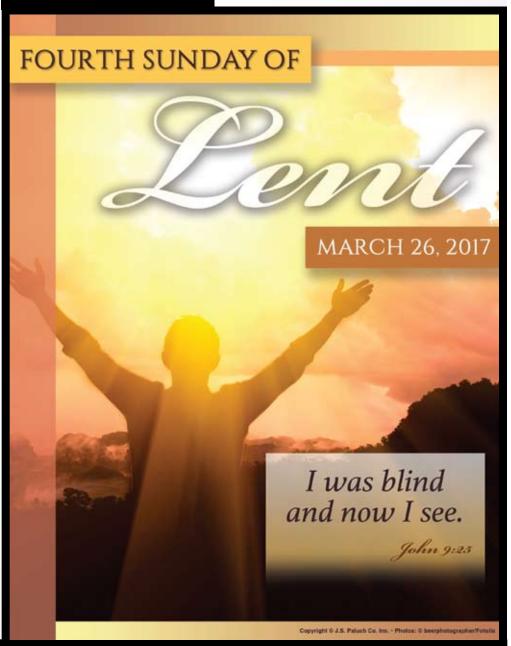
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:15 a.m.

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

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

Lenten Mission

We welcome **Father James Kubicki**, **S.J.** to St. Anthony of Padua as he introduces the Lenten Mission for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 27/28/29, 2017. The Mission is from 6-7 p.m. each night. **The Mission**

theme is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each evening's topic is: Monday: "The True Love Story"

Tuesday: "Encountering the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" Wednesday: "Living in Union with the Heart of Jesus"

Children's Mission

At the same time as Faher Kubicki conducts the mission, we have a **Children's Lenten Mission** in Jeanmard Hall for children who are potty trained and up. Children who are age 11 and older can attend as a Counselor and those below the age of 11 can attend as Camper. To prepare activities, registration is required. However, walk-ins will be accepted. **The Children's Lenten Mission activities are:** Monday: Holy Thursday/ Last Supper; Tuesday: the Crucifixion; Wednesday: the Resurrection. The Children's Mission is a childcare service in hopes parents can attend the mission in church.

Men's ACTS RETREAT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Eunice) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (Duralde) The Men's ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for March 30—April 2, 2017. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for the success of the retreat. Please offer an hour of prayer for the men on retreat and for those on the retreat team. There still is time to sign up on the poster in church. The return mass for the retreat will be the 11:00 a.m. mass on April 1st. Following mass a small reception is held in Jeanmard Hall. As next Sunday's 11:00 a.m. mass is

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

the return mass, parishioners are invited to attend and welcome

all involved in the retreat.

Question: Does God make people suffer because of their sins?

Answer: Let's use the analogy of parents. If your children did something wrong, would you make them suffer? In other words, would you make them feel pain just because they did something wrong? You might chastise them, and the punishment or correction might not be pleasant, but out of love for your children, you will not hurt them just to hurt them. Sometimes, they suffer the consequences of their actions and that is punishment enough. You hope they learn and grow from their choices, both good and bad choices.

God is a loving Father. He allows us to suffer the consequences of our sins, so that we will turn to him for his love and forgiveness.

God wants us to grow in holiness, in virtue, in grace. He gives us free will so that we can choose, and the choices we make either bring us joy or bring us suffering. From that, we learn and grow. God does not hurt us or make us suffer to get even with us. He loves us and wants the best for us. When we suffer, he suffers with us so that we know how much we need him and how much he loves us.

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A - John 9:1-41

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The prevailing theology of Jesus' time led people to believe that any kind of disability was a punishment from God. So Jesus' disciples assumed that the man born blind suffered that affliction because of someone's sin: either his parents' or his own. But Jesus sets the record straight. Not only did he reject the idea that the blindness was a punishment for sin; he also went so far as to suggest that this very trial was an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed.

And sure enough, it was. Jesus worked a miracle of healing for the man who followed his directions and "came back able to see." So it was that the "works of God" became "visible" through a man who was blind! But, ironically, not everyone had the eyes to see the miracle. The Gospel tells us that "there was a division among them" as they debated whether this remarkable healing was really an act of God.

Jesus stated that he came "so that those who do not see might see." And so, who are we? Are we blinded by our own expectations of how God is *supposed* to work? Are we so caught up in our own vision of what we *wish* would happen that we fail to appreciate what is actually unfolding before our very eyes? It is so easy to perceive trials, disabilities, sickness, and misfortune as a curse or the result of being abandoned by God. But today's Gospel suggests another reality. In the midst of these very difficulties, God wants to reveal himself, to show his love and mercy. It may not always be in the exact way we expect, but without a doubt, even in these challenging times, God is always at work.

Questions for the Week

John 9:1-41 - In his healing of the man born blind, Jesus teaches the Pharisees about their own spiritual blindness. How do you discern your areas of blindness?

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a - The Lord anointed young David as Israel's next king because of what was in David's "heart" and not by his external appearance. How would God assess the state of your heart?

Ephesians 5:8-14 - Paul urges the Ephesian Christians to "expose" the "fruitless works of darkness." What challenge do you see in this spiritual exercise?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO St. Anthony of Padua Church

March 19, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$7,157.50
Mailed-In Offertory	
Total Offertory for the week	<u>\$8,416.90</u>
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$334.00
Weekly Average 2017	\$9,930.61
Children's Contribution	\$5.25
* Extra prayers	Matthew
* Praying for sick and the elderly	Shawna, Reese,
	Ariana & MacKenzie
Number Registered Parish Families	1496
Number of Envelopes Used	180
Number of Children's Envelopes Used	<i>! 2</i>

Thank you for your generosity.

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

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE!

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your



faith, then join us for Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. Anthony Parish will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible on Mondays, April 3-May 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. -or- 6:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, fill out a form found on the tables located in the back of church, then return to rectory - or contact: Stephanie Guillory at 580-6784; Debbie DeRouen at 288-7402; Joe Feucht at 496-4000.

HOLY WEEK CHOIR

Any St. Anthony parishioner interested in singing for Holy Week Masses can join this choir. We need both MALE & FEMALE voices. For more info, call Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285. Rehearsals are: Thursdays, March 30 & April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Masses for the Week

Monday, March 27

6:15 a.m.: J. W. Zaunbrecher (Birthday)

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 p.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas; Donald V. Tanner, Sr.; Rita Rozas Broussard

Wednesday, March 29

6:15 a.m.: James Ranton (14th Anniversary of Death)

Thursday, March 30

12:00 p.m.: Stewart Paul Rozas; Vila Henry (Birthday)

Friday, March 31

6:15 a.m.: Hilda M. Roche

Saturday, April 1

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce

Thibodeaux; Gladys & Howard Landreneau; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Jessie Comeaux family (Liv. & Dec.); Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; Stewart Paul Rozas; Annie F. Montelaro

Sunday, April 2

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Carla F. Miller; Vernell Soileau;

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; Dr. Jack & Lois Miller; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Molly West (Liv.); John McManus

(Liv.); Julius Bischoff; Margaret Jo Ward Cooper; Foston Fruge; Nick Pavich (3rd Anniversary of Death)

11:00 a.m.: Hilda Vezina

6:00 p.m.:



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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2017					
4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Tommy Dietz, Michelle LeJeune, Barbara Thibodeaux, Jan Ward	Kay Dietz	Payton Brown, Madison Comeau, Kylie Hebert, Aiden Veillon	
Sunday, April 2, 2017					
7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Vergie Ardoin, Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel	John Fruge	John-Michael Fruge, Brennan Manuel, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee	
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Jason Bertrand, Kelly Bertrand, Sarah Moser Fruge	Charlotte Darbonne	Ashley Bertrand, Nicholas Bertrand, Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge	
11:00 a.m. Men's ACTS Return Mass	Fr. Abadie	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, ACTS Members	ACTS Member	Anna Fruge, Jack Parks, Luke Trahan MC: <i>Needed</i> Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux	
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Kayla Fontenot, Brayden Gaspard, Kim Miller	Life Teen Member	Dominic Dupre, Elijah Dupre, Sarah Fruge, Christopher Leger	

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Toups, 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, J.B. LeJeune, Lucas Huckaby (baby), Lynette James, Grace Fontenot, Lindsay Henry, Mary Montelaro, Joan Burson, Vivian Vidrine, Sheila DeRouen, Alicia LaFleur, Gail Landreneau, Delores Labbie, Logan Landry, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Joan McManus, Agnes 'Chickie' McGee, Susan Boone, Darlene Faul, Diane Derouen, Nelwyn Moore, Clyde Fruge, Dana Dubois Guthrie, Alida Berzas, Belinda Francois, Anita Maser, Mark Hunter Vidrine.

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, March 27

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / SEH Mass -- 1:20 p.m. Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Elem. classes -- 3:30 p.m. Faith Formation (C.C.D.) Jr. High classes -- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Church. Children's Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Tuesday, March 28

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Church.
Children's Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 29

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / SE Elem. Mass -- 8:00 a.m. Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Church. Children's Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, March 30

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m. Holy Week Choir Practice -- 6:00 p.m. in Church. The Choice Wine -- 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Men's ACTS Retreat (March 30 - April 2)

Friday, March 31

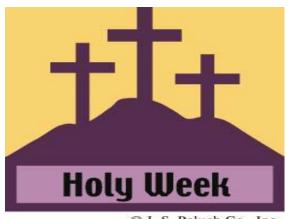
Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Mass -- 9:30 a.m. Way of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. in Church.

Saturday, April 1

First Saturday Mass -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Anthony Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Anticipated Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 2

Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. / Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m. Men's ACTS Return Mass & Reception -- 11:00 a.m.



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St. Anthony Church HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tri-Parish Lenten **Penance Service**

Monday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church

Confessions...

Confessions will **NOT** be scheduled after Wednesday (April 12) Confession schedule resumes Monday (April 17)

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday -- Mass @ 6:15 a.m. Tuesday -- Mass @ 12:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday -- April 13 Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration is suspended for the Easter Triduum --Chapel will close at 6:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday and will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Easter Monday.)

> Good Friday -- April 14 Service @ 3:00 p.m.

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Holy Saturday -- April 15 Easter Vigil Mass @ 8:00 p.m.

(No 4:00 p.m. Mass & No Confessions)

Easter Sunday -- April 16 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. ** No 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass ** Pastoral Council nominations are being accepted at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Two (2) positions are opened.

Nomination Form for St. Anthony Pastoral Council NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 28, 2017 @ noon

> Msgr. Romero, I nominate for the St. Anthony of Padua Pastoral Council:

> > [Duin4]

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Name:
Address:
Phone:
Name of person nominating [Print]:
Phone of person nominating:

Deliver this Nomination to the church office or place in the collection basket.

EASTER DECORATIONS

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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church the



Stations are celebrated on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.



St. Anthony of Padua Church

April 2017

