

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Thanksgiving Day

We celebrate Thanksgiving at Annunciation on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. anticipated mass and at St. Anthony on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. Mass. We have much to

be grateful. While we have had hurricanes and other acts of nature, we were spared of their effects. I am so appreciative of our helpful response to those affected by Hurricane Harvey in east Texas. I have heard of much praise for our efforts and grateful prayers expressed to God for our assistance. Please come to one of the Thanksgiving Masses and join together as a church family. Let us appreciate each other, appreciate our faith and love. Be part of our sharing Christ's love in our parishes. Together we grow in Christ's love. We want his love to be perfected in us. The love that we share is a gospel given to us to live and to proclaim in word and deed. It is a gospel giving us hope. And for that, we are grateful.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, as the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

- For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful. Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.
- Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer.
- Help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Procession for Christ the King

Last year in Eunice the Catholic Parishes together concluded the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with our annual Eucharistic Procession on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We did this to move the procession to the celebration of Christ the King as the weather is more amiable for outdoor processions in November than in June, where we held the procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Last year's host parish was St. Thomas More. This year it is St. Anthony of Padua's turn to host the procession. Next year's host parish is St. Mathilda. So this year it is on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. beginning in St. Anthony of Padua's Church. Please try to attend!

Preparing for Advent and Christmas at St. Anthony
Parishioners of St. Anthony are invited to join together to assemble the trees in the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Anthony Church. Families may dedicate the tree they set up in memory of a loved one.

Giving Tree

At both Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church and at St. Anthony of Padua Church, we have a Giving Tree during Advent. Each Church's Giving Tree has its own unique practice.

For Annunciation, the Giving Tree will in the foyer area of Church for the first Sunday of Advent. On the Tree will be slips of paper with a suggested gift. Parishioners can choose a paper and place their gift in an envelope. The money collected will be used to help a needy family. The deadline for these gifts is **Sunday, December 17, 2017**.

For St. Anthony, the Giving Tree will be near the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, November 26, 2017. On the tree there will be a Christmas Ornament with a number and information regarding a gift for a child. Also near the tree there will be a poster with the corresponding number of the ornament. Parishioners are asked to take an ornament and on the corresponding poster write their name on the line number corresponding to the number on the ornament. The gifts can be placed at the Giving Tree and will be attended at that time. The last day to place the gift at the Giving Tree is **Thursday, December 14, 2017**. The gifts will be delivered to the children on December 15, 2017. Please return the ornament by placing the Christmas Ornament on the gift so that we know for who it is. Individual parishioners or groups of parishioners can come together in adopting a child. Groups could be family, class, civic organizations, or business. I take this occasion to thank parishioners of both Annunciation and St. Anthony for your love and care.

WHY DO WE DO THAT CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: If one's gift or talent is making money, and one uses that money for honorable purposes, is it considered a spiritual gift? What does our faith teach us about wealth and stewardship?

Answer: Jesus said it best: to whom much is given, much is expected. All gifts come from God, and our abilities are given to us to be used for the benefit of ourselves and of others and at the service of the Gospel. In an article entitled "The Many Faces of Stewardship," Catherine Doherty wrote about stewardship in the "nitty-gritty everydayness of my life," and about the currency or "money" of spiritual stewardship: love, understanding, and unselfishness.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

November 12, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$8,330.00
Mailed-In Offertory	2,014.00
Online Giving	270.00
Total Offertory for the week	<u>\$10,614.00</u>

Weekly Average 2017 \$9,586.90

Children's Contribution \$10.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Praying for Uncle Gary in heaven Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

* Praying for everyone.....Patrick

Number Registered Parish Families.....1494

Number of Envelopes Used.....210

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 3

Thank you for your generosity.

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

2018 MASS BOOK OPENED

The 2018 Mass book is now open for scheduling Masses. Come to the Rectory during our regular office hours to schedule Masses for your loved ones -- living or deceased. Each Mass Intention is \$5.00.

NEW SERVERS' SCHEDULE

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for December - January will soon be prepared. If you are planning to be away during this time -- or -- if you need to change your schedule - please call the office [457-5285] during office hours. Call by **Nov. 24th** to get your changes into the new schedule.



MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

For a gift to have a spiritual benefit, our intention and involvement would be part of the consideration. If I give money to a charity, but do so in order to gain a tax advantage, it could hardly be a virtuous thing on my part. But if I give because I want to help and, in fact, am even willing to get involved, I have committed myself in a deeper, more meaningful way. Regardless of our money-making talents, in the end, true stewardship comes down to how well we practice the virtues of faith, hope, and love within our life and with those in our community and church. Ultimately, the most important element in stewardship is not intangible—it's you!

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, *"Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground."* And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Questions for the Week

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 How do you know if you have been a "good and faithful servant" of the Lord?

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Why do you think this Jewish wisdom writer talks about the value and virtues of "a worthy wife"?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 What do you do to maintain a focus on the eventual return of Christ?

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Josh Aucoin, Glenn Brown, Dora Johnson Michelle LeJeune, Ken Richard	Amy Aucoin	Hunter Aucoin, Seth Aucoin Garet Hebert, Lindsay Hebert
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Michael Lombas, Norma Diaville, Barry Soileau	John Fruge	John-Michael Fruge, Alexander Ortego, Isaac Russell, Aidan Thibodeaux
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Rachel Andrus, Sarah Moser Fruge, Michael Ward	Genny Dischler	Adelie Beough, Alise Beough Julianna Arnaud, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguiard, Jr Bergeron Lynn Pavich, Barbara Thibodeaux	Lynda Perrodin	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Jillian DeVillier MC: Needed Thurifer: Needed
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Donnie Darbonne, Kayla Fontenot, Kim Miller	Life Teen Member	Brad Miller, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

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.

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, November 20

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Rectory Office Closed

Daily Mass -- **** 8:00 a.m. **** *No noon mass this day.*

Friday, November 24

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
Rectory Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Assemble Advent trees -- 9:00 a.m. in Church.
Confessions -- 3:00 p.m. / Sunday Anticipated Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 26

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Procession -- 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Church
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Masses will be hold on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima, 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Douglas Deshotel presiding. Those couples celebrating **25, 40, 50, 60 or more** years of married life during the year of 2018 are asked to pre-register online at www.diola.org/marriage or call 337-261-5653 by **February 15, 2018.**

Save the Date!!

St. Anthony Men's ACTS Retreat
January 25-28, 2018



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.uscb.org/cchd/collection

L. A. S. ANNUAL BAKE SALE

THIS WEEKEND November 18 / 19 -- our Ladies Altar Society are hosting a Bake Sale. Pick up a dessert for your family and help support our Ladies Altar Society.



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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For healing.
- 2) Sparing us from hurricanes.

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.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 20

6:15 a.m.: Sandifer Burson family (*Liv.*)

Tuesday, November 21

12:00 p.m.: Dr. Benny Fruge; George Soileau; Dana Dubois Guthrie

Wednesday, November 22

6:15 a.m.: Deanna Burson family (*Liv.*); Nick & Lynn (*Liv.*) Pavich (*Wedding Anniversary*)

Thursday, November 23 -- Thanksgiving Day

****8:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners & Clergy (*Past & Present*); Willie Roy Fontenot; Frankie LaFleur; Belle Gillette; August & Beatrice Leonards; Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Blake Feucht; Anthony 'Tony' Andrepont, Donald V. Tanner Sr.; Herbert Stelly; Helen & Felix Horaist Sr.; Fenrick Manuel; Vernell Soileau; Red & Mary Foret

Friday, November 24

6:15 a.m.: Paul Rozas; Peggy & 'G' Bourgeois; Bobby & Clara (*Liv.*) Soileau (*Wedding Anniversary*); Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Saturday, November 25

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Merita Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Leon Stelly; Kirk Stelly; Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*); John Kirkland; Marene Fruge

Sunday, November 26

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Dr. F.J. DeRouen, Lester & Rena Manuel family

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabia; Gary Johnson family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller

11:00 a.m.:

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

Joint Statement by the Lutheran World Federation and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity on the conclusion of the year of the common commemoration of the Reformation, 31st October 2017

On 31st of October 2017, the final day of the year of the common ecumenical Commemoration of the Reformation, we are very thankful for the spiritual and theological gifts received through the Reformation, a commemoration that we have shared together and with our ecumenical partners globally. Likewise, we begged forgiveness for our failures and for the ways in which Christians have wounded the Body of the Lord and offended each other during the five hundred years since the beginning of the Reformation until today.

We, Lutherans and Catholics, are profoundly grateful for the ecumenical journey that we have travelled together during the last fifty years. This pilgrimage, sustained by our common prayer, worship and ecumenical dialogue, has resulted in the removal of prejudices, the increase of mutual understanding and the identification of decisive theological agreements. In the face of so many blessings along the way, we raise our hearts in praise of the Triune God for the mercy we receive.

On this day we look back on a year of remarkable ecumenical events, beginning on 31st October 2016 with the joint Lutheran-Catholic common prayer in Lund, Sweden, in the presence of our ecumenical partners. While leading that service, Pope Francis and Bishop Munib A. Younan, then President of the Lutheran World Federation, signed a joint statement with the commitment to continue the ecumenical journey together towards the unity that Christ prayed for (cf. Jn 17:21). On the same day, our joint service to those in need of our help and solidarity has also been strengthened by a letter of intent between Caritas Internationalis and the Lutheran World Federation World Service.

Pope Francis and President Younan stated together: “Many members of our communities yearn to receive the Eucharist at one table, as the concrete expression of full unity. We experience the pain of those who share their whole lives, but cannot share God’s redeeming presence at the Eucharistic table. We acknowledge our joint pastoral responsibility to respond to the spiritual thirst and hunger of our people to be one in Christ. We long for this wound in the Body of Christ to be healed. This is the goal of our ecumenical endeavours, which

we wish to advance, also by renewing our commitment to theological dialogue”.

Among the blessings of this year of Commemoration is the fact that for the first time Lutherans and Catholics have seen the Reformation from an ecumenical perspective. This has allowed new insight into the events of the sixteenth century which led to our separation. We recognize that while the past cannot be changed, its influence upon us today can be transformed to become a stimulus for growing communion, and a sign of hope for the world to overcome division and fragmentation. Again, it has become clear that what we have in common is far more than that which still divides us.

We rejoice that the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, solemnly signed by the Lutheran World Federation and the Roman Catholic Church in 1999, has also been signed by the World Methodist Council in 2006 and, during this Commemoration Year of the Reformation, by the World Communion of Reformed Churches. On this very day it is being welcomed and received by the Anglican Communion at a solemn ceremony in Westminster Abbey. On this basis our Christian communions can build an ever closer bond of spiritual consensus and common witness in the service of the Gospel.

We acknowledge with appreciation the many events of common prayer and worship that Lutherans and Catholics have held together with their ecumenical partners in different parts of the world, as well as the theological encounters and the significant publications that have given substance to this year of Commemoration.

Looking forward, we commit ourselves to continue our journey together, guided by God’s Spirit, towards the greater unity according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ. With God’s help we intend to discern in a prayerful manner our understanding on Church, Eucharist and Ministry, seeking a substantial consensus so as to overcome remaining differences between us. With deep joy and gratitude we trust “that He who has begun a good work in [us] will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Ph 1:6).