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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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Rev. Fr. Matthew Hebert

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Deacon Gary Gaudin

SECOND SUNDAY

OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



DECEMBER 10, 2017

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

ACTS Commissioning

Today, Sunday, December 10, 2017 at the 11:00 a.m. mass at St. Anthony we have the commissioning of the formation team for the next women's ACTS Retreat. This retreat is on April 12-15, 2018.

This means that we have two groups of parishioners from both Annunciation and St. Anthony involved in formation toward an ACTS Retreat. The men's retreat is scheduled for January 25-28, 2018. The women's retreat is scheduled for April 12-15, 2018. Parishioners are asked to keep these parishioners in your prayers as they prepare for the retreats. Also please keep in your prayers those whom God brings to the retreats.

Meeting Jesus, As Jesus Comes to Us

As we meet Jesus in Mass in his third coming or middle coming, I encourage parishioners to keep these thoughts in mind:

- **During the Liturgy of the Word** try to answer these questions: **1. What do I hear?** (What thoughts, phrases, and images stand out from the Scripture?) **2. What does it mean?** (Why did certain thoughts, phrases, and images strike me? Were there events in my life that were somewhat similar to the events in the Scripture readings? What questions do the Scriptures and homily raise about life, faith, or church?) **3. What will it cost me to live the message of today's Scripture?** (What am I being called to? What are the obstacles to living the call?)
- **During the Liturgy of the Eucharist** acknowledge that Jesus calls us to himself and brings us to the Father with him. During communion time, acknowledge Jesus is present in the Bread and Wine. In the quiet time after communion, **adore, praise, thank, and ask Jesus.** I *adore* Jesus for who He is, for his love, for his greatness. I *praise and thank* Jesus for things that happened to me, to others, and to our church parish. I *ask* Jesus for what I need to live his life or for what others I know need in their lives to live Jesus' life. One of the things I may ask Jesus is that I can overcome the obstacles in living his gospel, naming the obstacle He showed me during the Liturgy of the Word.
- **Words of advice from St. Cyril of Jerusalem:** In the year 348 St. Cyril of Jerusalem instructed the newly-baptized during his Easter sermon about coming to communion. He said, "When you approach Holy

Communion do not come with your hands outstretched or with your fingers open, but make your left hand a throne for the right one, which is to receive the King. With your hand hallowed receive the Body of Christ and answer 'Amen'. After having, with every precaution, sanctified your eyes by contact the holy body, consume it, making sure that not a particle is wasted, for that would be like losing one of your own limbs. Tell me, if you were given some gold dust, would you not hold it very carefully for fear of letting any of it fall and losing it? How much more careful, then should we be not to let fall even a crumb of something more precious than gold or jewels! After receiving the Body of Christ, approach the chalice of his Blood. Do not stretch out your hands, but bow in an attitude of adoration and reverence, and say 'Amen'." (Mystagogy Catechesis V)

Family Prayer for Second Week of Advent

God of new messengers, this Sunday you tell us in your Gospel "I am sending my messenger ahead of you." Help us to be your messengers of peace and reconciliation as we journey through this second week of advent. When we light this second candle on our wreath, let us bring your light to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the Light of the world. Amen.

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent, Year B – Mark 1:1-8

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance – clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits – feeding on locusts and wild honey. Maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity – *"I am not worthy."*

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John were not looking for a thrill. They were not lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. They were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming *"a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins."* People came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

SECOND SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

December 3, 2017

Sunday's Offertory	\$7,497.00
Mailed-In Offertory	555.00
Online Giving	200.00
Total Offertory for the week	<u>\$8,252.00</u>
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$1,626.00

Weekly Average 2017 \$9,488.90

Children's Contribution\$10.25

* *Did chores* Matthew

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

* *Helping Grandma with her animals*Patrick

Number Registered Parish Families.....1494

Number of Envelopes Used.....178

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 3

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. The crowds were anxious to do so in order to "*prepare the way of the Lord.*" For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "*prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*"

Questions of the Week

Mark 1:1-8 – St. Mark opens his Gospel with a quote from the prophet Isaiah followed by a description of John the Baptist and a snapshot of his proclaiming. How do John's words awaken you in this season of Advent?

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 – Around 550 BC, the prophet Isaiah proclaimed these words of comfort to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Who needs to hear comforting words from you this Advent?

2 Peter 3:8-14 – According to Peter, God's delay in returning Christ to the world is so that "all should come to repentance." How does this divine delay call us to holiness?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 11

6:15 a.m.: Gene Duplechin

Tuesday, December 12

12:00 p.m.: Leona Berken; Velma R. Feucht

Wednesday, December 13

6:15 a.m.: Susannah Bischoff; Robert Etney Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Thursday, December 14

12:00 p.m.: J.D. (*Birthday*) & Marshall Arabie; Julius Bischoff; Liz Moreau

Friday, December 15

6:15 a.m.: Susannah Bischoff (*Birthday*)

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau; Dr. F.J. DeRouen

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.C. Labbie; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller

11:00 a.m.: Saul Ann Aple

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguillard, Candy Atteberry, Ken Richard, Glenda Young	Nikki Sonnier	Jillian DeVillier, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee, Lauren McGee
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Charles Feucht, William Parrie, Kal Landry	Charlotte Darbonne	Christopher Fuselier, John Austin Landry Joshua Landry, Justin Landry
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dr. Chip Hebert, Shelia Aucoin, Mitch Fontenot	Karl Aucoin	Alex Fontenot, Gabby Fontenot, Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Kayla Fontenot Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Aimee Summerlin	Henry & Doug Summerlin, Austin Miller MC: Needed Thurifer: Jack Miller
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Kim Miller, Mike & Angelle Driggs	Life Teen Member	Wesley & William Driggs, Ariana & MacKenzie Manuel

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Kakee Feucht, Colleen Landreneau, John Lejeune, Kathy Fruge, Evette Fall Bellow, Shirley Ortego, John Edward Thibodeaux, Pat Manuel, Andrew Aucoin, Hunter Vidrine, Bill Miller, 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, Glenn Durbin, Dale Larry, Greg Thibodeaux, Betty Sparks, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Cynthia Fuselier, Erika Dupont, Sheila DeRouen, Leroy Vige, Patricia Sittig.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, December 11

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (CCD) Mass -- 4:00 p.m.
Jr. High Faith Formation (CCD) classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.
Women's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. FLC/VP

Wednesday, December 13

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. at Parish Hall.
The Light is on for You! -- 6:30 p.m. in Church
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Hall.

Thursday, December 14

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Choir -- 5:30 p.m. in Church
Adult Christmas Choir -- 6:15 p.m. in Church..

Friday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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

LITURGICAL DECORATIONS



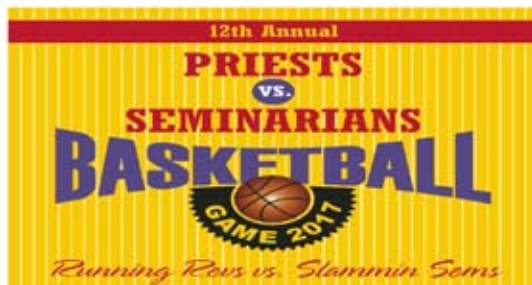
In the coming weeks, you may wish to make a donation towards paying for Altar flowers and decorations for the church. Your donation (*in a separate envelope*) can be put into any collection basket or mailed to / dropped off at the Rectory. If you would like to make the donation in memory of a loved one (*living - or - deceased*), please write their names on the envelope. On the weekends of December 16/17 & 23/24 - a list of the donations will be published.

CHRISTMAS CHOIRS



The Children's Christmas Choir will be practicing to sing at the Children's Liturgy at the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Any St. Anthony parishioner from the 2nd grade on up can sing in this choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 14 & 21 at 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

Any St. Anthony parishioner interest in singing for the **10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass** (*there will NOT be a Midnight Christmas Mass this year*) can join the choir. Rehearsals will continue on these dates: **Thursday: Dec. 14 & 21 at 6:15 p.m.** We need both **MALE & FEMALE** voices. F.M.I. contact: Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285.



December 27, 2017 • 6:30 pm Tip-Off
Cathedral-Carmel Gym
848 St. John Street, Lafayette

The Light is
ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.
December 13 & 20
St. Anthony of Padua Church



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church
4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church

Sunday, December 24

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church
9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church



2017 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Annunciation Church - Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Vigil Mass
10:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Night

Monday, December 25

7:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass at Dawn
9:00 a.m. Annunciation Church - Mass During the Day
9:00 a.m. St. Anthony Church - Mass During the Day
No 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, Dec. 30 - Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

Regular weekend Mass Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2018 - 6:15 a.m. Mass
(NOT a Holy Day of Obligation)



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For my husband's "yes" to you.
- 2) Successful knee replacement.

Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: Wed 8 am, 5 pm, Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 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.

Final Declaration of the 4th Catholic-Muslim Forum (8 November 2017, Berkeley, USA)

The Catholic-Muslim Forum, established in 2008 by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (P.C.I.D.) and the Signatories of the “Open Letter” (*A Common Word*) to Pope Benedict XVI and other Christian Leaders, held its Fourth Seminar in Berkeley (CA, USA), from 6th to 8th November 2017 on the theme, “Integral Human Development: Growing in Dignity. Catholic and Muslim perspectives.”

The Seminar, hosted by Zaytuna College, was held under the patronage of HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan, Coordinator of the Muslim side of the Forum, and that of His Eminence Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, President of the P.C.I.D.

The theme was studied under three sub-themes, treated respectively from the Catholic and the Muslims viewpoints: 1) “What does it mean to be human?”; 2) “Integral human development”; and 3) “Obstacles and opportunities to integral human development.”

Twelve persons from each side participated, along with six observers.

After listening to the presentation of the Papers by Muslim and Catholic Scholars, the participants noted with satisfaction significant convergences between their respective traditions. Such convergences constitute a motive of hope not only for Christians and Muslims but for all, favoring a meaningful collaboration for the promotion of integral human development.

After sharing viewpoints, ideas, and concerns, the participants agreed on the following:

1) Christianity and Islam both assert that God created humanity, placing it at the very summit of creation, for use with gratitude and wisdom with respect for the laws of nature as stewards for the earth and her resources gifted by Almighty God for all generations.

2) God bestowed on every human being inalienable dignity from which fundamental human rights are derived, as well as the obligation of governments to protect them.

3) We assert the equal dignity and value of all persons irrespective of their race, gender, religion, or social status, and we categorically condemn any attempts to stereotype any people or attribute collective guilt to them for the actions of individuals among them.

4) Freedom of conscience and of religion resides at the peak of the edifice of human rights. Therefore, our collective duty demands that we respect, preserve, and promote such rights.

5) God, our Creator, wills the integral growth of every human being for the full flourishing of God’s gifts: body, soul, intellect, and spirit.

6) Christianity and Islam have moral, intellectual, and spiritual resources that can contribute to the integral human development of both individuals and communities. Persons of good will committed to the common good are the natural allies of believers desirous of the holistic development of persons, communities, and all of humanity and the conservation of the environment that sustains us.

7) As believers, we are called to do all we can to address all that hinders the integral development of humanity, including any erroneous interpretations or understandings of our respective sacred texts and traditions.

8) We believe that insecurity, conflicts, and the proliferation of armaments constitute grave obstacles to the realization of God’s will for humanity, its well being and growth in peace and security. This is why we consider it our moral obligation to denounce wars and the arms trade that facilitate them, and instead use humanity’s resources for our personal and collective flourishing.

9) Together, as believers, we assert that those in need of development must be enabled to fulfill their destiny, allowing them to take their rightful place as full members of the human family according to God’s will.

