

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

## PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Rev. Fr. Matthew Hebert

## DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

## SEMINARIAN:

Riley Maturin

June 24, 2018



THE NATIVITY  
OF  
ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST



*“Behold, one is  
coming after me;  
I am not worthy  
to unfasten the  
sandals of his feet.”*

Acts 13:25



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

### Regarding Disruptions in Mass

Some Parishioners have been complaining about disruptive babies at mass. This is a sensitive issue. It is an issue of evangelization. It is an issue of forming each other in the person of Christ, doing the Heavenly Father's will.

First, when we are at mass, disruptive parishioners can be talking to each other, or answering their cellphones, or other distractive behavior. On our part we have to help each other realize that we are not at a sports event. Our focus is on God and our reaction to God's activity in our life. When a disruptive baby or child has not yet learned church manners, let us try to react in a loving way and help their parents teach them. React as if it were our own grandchild.

Second, when we are at mass as a parent with a disruptive baby or child, please have care and love for other parishioners. It might be good to get out of the pew and walk to the back of church, stand up, or go to the cry room. However, if the baby has sisters or brothers who are also disruptive, it becomes more difficult. Then, baby and siblings and parents may need to go to the cry room. But let us not make the cry room a party room. Try to focus on God.

Let us reach out in love to each other. We are glad we have babies. We all need to support and encourage. Having babies at mass means we are growing and that we have parishioners to keep us around. Our church family is like our home family. We will get on each other's nerves at times. So we need to reach out like church people in a way that forms us in the person of Christ, doing the Heavenly Father's will.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** June 24 celebrates the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. How was that date chosen and why?

**Answer:** The date set for John the Baptist's birth only came into existence once the date to celebrate Jesus' birth was set. Evidence shows that by the middle of the fourth century Christians were celebrating the birth of Jesus around December 25. No one at that time knew when Jesus was born, but the date seemed to be selected to counter the Roman festival to the sun god.

Once December 25 had been selected for the birth of Jesus, a number of other dates could be set, using the biblical evidence at hand. When the angel appeared to Mary and she conceived, her cousin, Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was in her sixth month. If Jesus was born on December 25, then he had to be conceived nine months before, on March 25. If Elizabeth was then in her sixth month, then John the Baptist was due three months later on June 25.

Then why June 24? A rather convincing reason stems from John's witness in John's Gospel. There John the Baptist says that Jesus

must increase and he, John, must decrease. The other Gospels also have John point to Jesus and not himself as the chosen one of God. In making John's birth a day less than Jesus' full nine months, the Christian community communicated this Gospel reality in its liturgical calendar. Thus the Christian community continued to highlight John's mission and ministry. Maybe we could strive toward that same mission in our own lives.

### Gospel for The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

#### Luke 1:57-66, 80

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "*What will this child be?*" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "*What will this child be?*" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "*became strong in spirit.*" As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the music lessons and sports practices ... every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child himself. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "*What will this child be,*" especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents — that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

### Questions of the Week

**First Reading – Isaiah 49:1-6** - We hear one of the four "Servant of the Lord" oracles from the Book of Isaiah, composed during Israel's captivity in Babylon (around 550 BC). In what ways do you see John the Baptist fulfilling this prophecy?

**Second Reading – Acts 13:22-26** - In a synagogue in the city of Pisidia, St. Paul speaks of the preaching of St. John the Baptist, about 20 years after John's martyrdom. What does this tell us about the oral tradition of the early Church?

**Gospel Reading – Luke 1:57-66, 80** Luke is the only evangelist to narrate the birth of John the Baptist. Why do you think this was important to Luke?



# NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN

## THE BAPTIST

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### STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

June 17, 2018

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$6,542.00
Mailed-In Offertory .....	1,020.00
Online Giving .....	165.00
<b>Total Offertory for the week .....</b>	<b>\$7,637.00</b>
Bishop's Services Appeal .....	\$425.00

Weekly Average 2018 ..... \$9,215.31

Children's Contribution ..... \$6.25

\* Extra prayers ..... Matthew

\* Praying for Uncle Frank & Aunt Elaine..... Shawna, Reese,  
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1506

Number of Envelopes Used.....138

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

## Thank you for your generosity.

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

# FOOD FOR THE FOURTH



As we approach our nation's birthday, we pause to give thanks to God for all blessings He has bestowed on our country. this land of plenty. As we celebrate the 4th let us not forget those who are less fortunate. During the summer months many food banks run low on food as donations slump. To help restock the Eunice Food Bank, Saint Anthony Parish is sponsoring a food drive called "Food For The Fourth."

All parishioners are asked to contribute nonperishable can goods and dry goods. Donations will be collected before and after all masses during the weekend of June 30-July 1 and July 7-8. All donations can simply be dropped off and put in the ACTS trailer that will be in the parking lot outside of church before and after all masses on these two weekends. Your participation in this corporal work of mercy for those in need in our community is greatly appreciated!

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, June 25

6:15 a.m.: Ross Andrus (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Death); Denise Hanks (Birthday)

### Tuesday, June 26

12:00 p.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Dr. F. J. DeRouen (Anniversary of Death); Ora (Birthday) & Stanley Roy

### Wednesday, June 27

6:15 a.m.:

### Thursday, June 28

12:00 p.m.: Donald Smith

### Friday, June 29

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Hilda M. Roche

### Saturday, June 30

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Glenn Durbin;

Patrick Henry; Ed Dietz; Patricia Sittig; Helen Tanner

### Sunday, July 1

#### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau; Helen Vidrine; Lurline Fuselier

9:00 a.m.: Robert E. Brown; Frankie LaFleur; Mary Babineaux; M/M Norris Young; J.D. & Marshall Arabic; Raymond 'Poochie' Fontenot; Dr. David Elston; Dr. F.J. & JoAnn (Liv.) DeRouen (65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

11:00 a.m.:

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



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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018**

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Mitch Fontenot, Michael Lombas, Ken Richard, Barry Soileau, Barbara Thibodeaux	Randall McElwee	Madison Comeau, Alex Fontenot Emile Soileau, Aiden Veillon
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**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018**

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Charles Feucht, Ed Benoit, Reneé Benoit	Joan Burson	Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit Koy Trahan, Luke Trahan
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Donnie Darbonne, Doug Marcantel, Michael Ward	Tara LeBlanc	Adelie Beagh, Alise Beagh Peyton LaCombe, Victoria Marcantel
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Michelle LeJeune, Glenda Young Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego	Kyle Deshotel	Jace Miller, Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge <b>Thurifer:</b> Austin Poncho <b>MC: Minister Needed</b>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Rickey Aguilard, Brayden Gaspard, Kim Miller	Jennifer Miller	Garet Hebert, Lindsay Hebert Blake Summerlin, Harry Summerlin III

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER**



**Please pray for:** Elaine McGee, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Jeremy Stelly, Roland Andrus, Dirk Ortego, Gail Landreneau, Sheila DeRouen, Leroy Vige, Ann Duran, Betty Broussard, Jesse Harrington, Darleen Diaville, Elaine McGee, Craig Durbin, Rebecca Johnson, Colleen Landreneau, Earline Prather, Joan Burson, Scotty & Andrew Thibodeaux, Dustin Ortego, Amber Leree Godchaux, Jennifer Perkins, Lana Montelaro Cormier, Susan Semien, Reid Lacombe, Chad Coleman, Thibodeaux baby, 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, Harry Begnaud, Suzanne DeRouen.

*Pray for our troops & peace in the world!*

**For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:**  
[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Monday, June 25**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Wright Way Imaging -- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 26**

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Korey LaVergne - Mass of Thanksgiving.  
Wright Way Imaging -- 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
A.C.T.S. Core -- 6:00 p.m. in Ministries Building.

**Wednesday, June 27**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.  
Women's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

**Thursday, June 28**

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 29**

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

**Saturday, June 30**

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

**Sunday, July 1**

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



## IMMACULEE ILLBAGIZA RETREAT

**August 3 - 4, 2018**

This retreat includes Immaculee's witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. No one will leave this retreat the same as when they come. Tickets available at [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com)

### Retreat Schedule

#### Friday, August 3, 2018

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. doors open
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Retreat begins / Session 1
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Break
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Session 2

#### Saturday, August 4, 2018

- 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Session 3
- 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. Session 4 / Conclusion



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## PRAYER FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.



During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

*Written by Bishop Schexnayder,  
Second Bishop of Lafayette*

## ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

On **July 24, 2018**, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the process. Two workshop times are offered: 10:00 am – noon, or 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Diocesan offices, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. All are invited to attend. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or email to [catrahan@diolaf.org](mailto:catrahan@diolaf.org). There is no charge for this workshop.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Peace in my family.
- 2) Son's sobriety & second chance at new life.



**Adorers needed for the following hours starting at:** Sun. 11 am, Tues. 7 pm; Wed 8 am, 5 pm, Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, midnight

**Prayer Partners Needed:** Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 4 pm, Fri 5 am, 7 am;  
To commit one hour - call Brenda Castro 457-7965.





# St. Anthony of Padua Church

## July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Pray for Pope Francis <b>Food for the Fourth Collection</b> 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	<b>2</b> Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	<b>3</b> Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel	<b>4</b> Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell <i>Independence Day</i> 8:00 AM Mass -- no 6:15 a.m. Mass <u>Rectory Office Closed</u>	<b>5</b> Pray for Msgr. Romero	<b>6</b> Pray for Fr. Matthew Hebert 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 7:00 PM Baptism Class	<b>7</b> Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks <b>Food for the Fourth Collection</b> 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass @ St. Mathilda
<b>8</b> <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Pray for Deacon Jim Cormier Men's ACTS Pulpit Talks <b>Food for the Fourth Collection</b> 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	<b>9</b> Pray for Deacon Korey Lavergne 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	<b>10</b> Pray for Fr. Dustin Dought & Fr. Travis Abadie	<b>11</b> Pray for Fr. Darren Eldridge & Den. Chuck Ortega 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Mission Formation	<b>12</b> Pray for Fr. John Brown SJ & Fr. Matthew Barzare	<b>13</b> Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat & Den. David Gullory 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	<b>14</b> Pray for Fr. Austin Leger & Fr. Henry Broussard <i>Second Collection: Bishops Services Appeal</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	<b>16</b> Pray for Deacon Robbie Leger 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	<b>17</b> Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux	<b>18</b> Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu & Fr. Alphonse Thainese 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Mission Formation	<b>19</b> Pray for Fr. Chris Cambre 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus	<b>20</b> Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk & Fr. Jerry Mesley 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	<b>21</b> Pray for Fr. William Massie Men's ACTS Team Mini-Retreat at Parish Hall
<b>22</b> <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Pray for Fr. Gil Dutel & Fr. Tom Voorhies 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	<b>23</b> Pray for Fr. William Schambough 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	<b>24</b> Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau	<b>25</b> Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown & Fr. Tommy Montelaro 6:00 PM Women's ACTS Mission Formation	<b>26</b> Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement	<b>27</b> Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis & Sr. Nell Murray 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane	<b>28</b> Pray for Fr. Jim Brady & Fr. Jonathan Janise
<b>29</b> <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran & Fr. David Hebert 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass	<b>30</b> Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur & Fr. Keenan Brown 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation	<b>31</b> Pray for Sr. Joel Miller & Sr. Stephanie Brignac				
<p><b>Food For the Fourth</b> June 30 / July 1 &amp; July 7 / 8 Bring your donation of can / dry goods to help restock the Eunice Food Bank.</p>						