

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)

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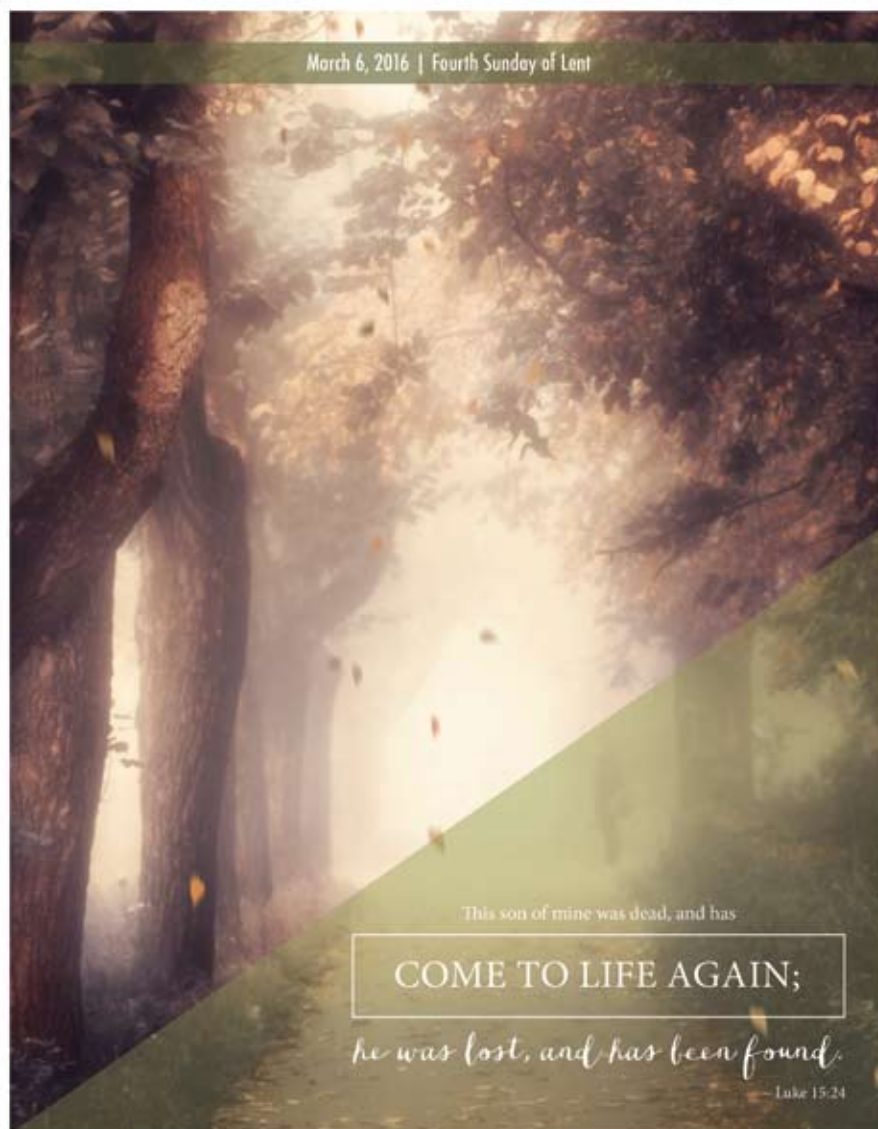
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DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH,

Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Campaign

I am awed as we come to the conclusion of the Centennial Campaign. What a blessings we have in parishioners! Annunciation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Parish raised in pledges \$95,285 which is 119% of the goal of \$80,000. St. Anthony of Padua raised in pledges \$836,690 which is 136% of the goal of \$615,000. These figures are as of February 24, 2016. According to that date, the overall success of the Centennial Campaign in the pilot phase is \$7,235,428 for a goal of 42.5 million dollars, which is 17% of goal. I appreciate everyone's good work at both Annunciation and St. Anthony.

Bishop Jarrell expresses his own appreciation and as you see in the bulletin we have an acknowledged appreciation from Mr. Shane Johnson, Director of the Office of Stewardship and Development.

I mentioned to Bishop Jarrell that we are indeed blessed with the mature spirituality of our parishioners. As we were going around asking parishioners to participate in the campaign, we discovered that many parishioners have several charities they support. Parishioners were already giving. When asked to take to prayer their participation, once again we see mature spirituality as many parishioners asked God in prayer about their participation. Indeed, our results are good. But the goodness in the hearts of you our parishioners make all this possible. Thank-you!!!

Remember Annunciation and St. Anthony were two of ten parishes in the pilot phase of the campaign. The other parishes in the Diocese are divided into three blocks. In March Block 1 begins the campaign. It takes 6 months to do the campaign. So for the next 18 months we will hear of the campaign for the other parishes. When we meet relatives and friends from these other parishes, let us encourage them and share our experience. Keep praying for the success of the campaign.

Bishop's Services Appeal

We now come to a turn around as we embrace the Bishop's Services Appeal for this year. Remember the Appeal was suspended until the conclusion of the Capital Campaign. Next weekend at both Annunciation and St. Anthony we welcome Bishop Jarrell's introduction to this year's Bishop's Services Appeal. Expect to receive

letters in regard to the Appeal this week. Let us all take a deep breath, ask God to clear our minds, and be open to the Appeal.

St. Anthony Pastoral Council Elections

We are accepting nominations to St. Anthony Pastoral Council. We need to elect three members. Members whose terms are ending are Ed Benoit, Deborah Eckholdt, Doug Summerlin. Please find in today's bulletin a nomination form. Other members of the council whose terms continue are Nelson Gaspard, Jed Reviere, Tad Richard, Connie Thibodeaux. [We have a meeting on March 9, 2016 for Annunciation's Pastoral Council. We can expect another call for nominations at Annunciation soon.]

Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus crossed lines that were not supposed to be crossed. Jesus talked to women in public, touched the "unclean" to heal them, and befriended tax collectors and sinners. This did not make sense. It did not fit into the standard categories. So the religious leaders began to complain. In response, Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son. Through this story, Jesus illustrated that God loves all of his children even when they have not behaved perfectly. But more than this, the tale also deals with the resentment of the older son. Like the self-righteous Pharisees and scribes, the older brother complained. But how does the father respond? "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours."

It is important for those of us who attend Mass regularly, participate in the sacraments, and serve in our parishes not to fall into the trap of being like the bitter older brother or the complaining Pharisees. It can be easy to think that others do not deserve as much as we do, and to forget to be grateful for all that we have. But we are all called to "celebrate and rejoice" when the lost return home.

Questions of the Week

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32: Which son do you find easier to identify with?

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12: Where do you see divine reproach in the world today?

2 Corinthians 5:17-21: What do you think Paul means by the expression, "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation"?

Very Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero, U.E.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2016

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 28, 2016

Sunday's Offertory\$7,563.00
Mailed-In Offertory1,610.00
Total Offertory for the week\$9,173.00
Catholic Relief Services\$583.00

Weekly Average 2016 \$10,140.25

Children's Contribution\$6.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Helping Mom Ainsley & Reese

* Helping Granny & Paw with chores.....

Shawna, Reese, Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1488

Number of Envelopes Used.....140

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 4

Thank you for your generosity.

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

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.



The rehearsals are scheduled for:

Thursdays, March 10 & 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Church.
(We may have an extra practice during Holy Week.)

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

The new weekend Liturgical Servers Schedule for April - May 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 **March 22** to get your changes into the new schedule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Stations of the Cross are celebrated at St. Anthony Church on Fridays during Lent at 12:00 p.m. and at Annunciation Church on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 7

6:15 a.m.: Dr. Jack & Lois Miller; Jacques & Oline Guillory; Isabel Santana

Tuesday, March 8

12:00 p.m.: Flo Soileau; Maria del Pilar Parrie

Wednesday, March 9

6:15 a.m.: John & Sam Burson family (Liv.)

Thursday, March 10

12:00 p.m.: Rev. Olivier Bre (Pastor); Elaine Abshire

Friday, March 11

6:15 a.m.: John Sr. & Dorothy Jane Huckaby

Saturday, March 12

4:00 p.m.: Rev. Blaise Branche (Pastor); Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Jeanne & Cindy Miller; Thelma & Leroy (Liv.) Vige (Anniversary); Merlin & Lizzy (Liv.)

Moreau; Joyce L. Soileau; Debra L. LeJeune; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Dr. Benny Fruge

Sunday, March 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

9:00 a.m.: Msgr. Harry Benefiel (Pastor); Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Jose Gabriel Beauchamp (Liv.); Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Dr. Jack & Lois Miller; Flo Soileau; R.P. Fontenot; Lloyd Leonards; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (Liv.); Jerry Reviere

11:00 a.m.: Katie Tujague (Liv.)

6:00 p.m.: Anthony Fuentes

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Michael Lombas, Janice Aguillard, Vergie Ardoin, Candy Atteberry, Stephanie Manuel	Jude Huckaby	Wesley & William Driggs, Jack Parks, Brennon Thompson
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SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dr. Zeb Stearns, Charles Feucht, Norma Diaville	Joan Burson	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Christopher Fuselier, David Stearns
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Sarah Moser Fruge, Ed & Reneé Benoit	Rachel Smith	Hannah & Rebecca Benoit, Greta Miller, Doug Summerlin Jr.
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Todd & Debbie Ortego, Donnie Darbonne, Samantha Bertrand	Genny Dischler	Landon & Kelly Fruge, Luke Trahan Thurifer: Jacque Richard MC: Daniel Lombas
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Maggie Parks, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Life Teen Member	Adrienne Bergeaux, Ashton Eckholdt Sarah Fruge, Katelyn Guillory

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Fenrick Manuel, Craig Durbin, Bruce Vige, Jim Miller, Joe Elfert, Mable Courville, Calvin Lavergne, Elliot Arabie, Kelly McFarland Sr., Nelda Durbin, Norbert Young, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Shirley Janot, Mary 'Bobbie' Thibodeaux, Phillip Venable, Lisa LeBouef, Jann Huckaby Hebert, Joan Burson, J.C. Labbie, Delores Labbie, Jane Courville, Sheila Fuselier, Paul Rozas, Ann Duran, George Coleman, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Elwin 'E.J.' Zaunbrecher, Carla Bollich, Kathy Henderson, Darlene Faul, Kaitlyn Mire, Bradley Manuel, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Son's safe return.
- 2) Grandson's new job.



Adorers needed for the following hours starting at: *Tues. 2 am; Thurs. 2 am, 3 am; Fri. 4 pm; Sat. 2 am, 3 am, 11 am; Sun. 1 am*

Prayer Partners Needed: *Mon. 8 am, 9 am; Wed. 7 am, 8 am, Noon, 1 pm; Thurs 4 pm, Sat 3 pm*

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, March 7

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 1:30 p.m.
Elementary Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 3:30 p.m.
C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall
ACTS Core Team Mtg. -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Ministry Bldg.
Jr. High Faith Formation (C.C.D.) -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8

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. in Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 9

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m. / St. Ed Elem. Mass -- 8:00 a.m.
Women's Faith Sharing -- 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall
S.G.S. -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. at St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, March 10

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Holy Week Choir Practice -- 6:00 p.m. in Church.

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

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

Sunday, March 13

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

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.



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ANNULMENTS:

What They Are and How to Go About It
(What the Church Means by a Declaration of Nullity and How to Petition for One)

When: Thursday,
March 10, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Where: St. Mathilda
Church Hall

Presenter:
Very Rev. Msgr.
Robie Robichaux,
JCL, VJ

Mercy:
the bridge that connects
God and **man**,
opening our hearts
to the **hope**
of being **loved** forever
despite our *sinfulness.*



-Pope Francis

Contact: Nikki Sonnier @
337-322-8738
or email: nsonnier@diolaf.org

ST. EDMUND CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Our Students...
Develop strong, positive Christian values reflected in the school motto... Unity, Cooperation and Kindness.

And...
Become well-rounded, responsible adults in an ever changing world.

St. Edmund students continually excel...

The Class of 2015 received 88 scholarships totaling approximately \$992,702 with 57% of the class receiving TOPS.

Teaching Character through Education from Pre-K to Twelfth Grade

ST. EDMUND SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING FAMILIES

MARCH 7TH - 11TH
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

REGISTRATION FOR NEW FAMILIES

MARCH 14TH - 18TH
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. EDMUND CATHOLIC SCHOOL Administration Office

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The 'Saint Edmund' Experience...

- ~ Weekly school mass, penance services and class retreats
- ~ A proven, quality environment for Pre-K to 12th Grade
- ~ Early childhood program for Four year olds
- ~ 29,000 sq.ft. multi-purpose facility which includes 7 - Jr. High Classrooms and St. Edmund's High School Gymnasium
- ~ Physical Education, Music, Library and Recess offered for elementary students
- ~ Accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- ~ Extracurricular activities
- ~ Parent Involvement
- ~ Honors and Dual Enrollment
- ~ Promethean Interactive Boards
- ~ ACT Prep
- ~ Senior Legacy Project
- ~ Campus Ministry

Saint Edmund School accepts student applications for admission to any grade regardless of race, creed or national origin. There is no discrimination in the admission of educational policies, financial aid, athletics or extracurricular activities.

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In Humble Gratitude

CAMPAIGN TOTALS

(as of February 24, 2016)

St. Anthony of Padua

Goal
\$615,000

Raised to Date
\$836,690

Families Participating
175

*"Jesus looked at
them and said,
'With man this is
impossible, but
not with God; all
things are
possible with
God.'"*
 (Mark 10:27)

CAMPAIGN TOTALS

(as of February 24, 2016)

Annunciation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Goal
\$80,000

Raised to Date
\$95,285

Families Participating
45

A Sincere Thank You

On behalf of the Diocese of Lafayette, Bishop Michael Jarrell and the Centennial Campaign Priest Advisory Committee, I want to say thank you to those of you who have chosen to make a gift or prayed for the success of the campaign.

Pledge collection is administered by the Diocese of Lafayette. Once your gift is received and recorded at your parish, it is then mailed to the Centennial Campaign Office located at the Diocesan Central Office (Chancery). This effort allows us to record gifts in our database software, provide gift acknowledgements, and remit payment reminders according to the schedule that was noted on the submitted pledge card. For convenience, we also offer the option of online giving which allows for recurring payments by credit or debit card. To take advantage of this option, simply visit our website (diolaf.org > OFFICES > Centennial Campaign) and follow the directions provided onscreen.

The Diocese of Lafayette acknowledges your generous act of stewardship and pledges to be good stewards of the gifts you have given to the Centennial Campaign. Please contact the Centennial Campaign Office at 337.261.5656 regarding questions you have concerning the campaign or your pledge.

CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

Overall Success

Raised to Date - \$7,235,428

Families Participating - 1470

Thank you,

Shane Johnson
Director, Office of Stewardship and Development

Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together
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**DON'T
FORGET!!**
MARCH 13
**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME**



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 7, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. Through prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we give families around the world the tools they need to rise above poverty and provide for themselves—and their communities. We might call it the "CRS Rice Bowl effect."

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

I encourage all individuals within the Diocese of Lafayette to use CRS Rice Bowl as a tool for your Lenten journey this year as it is both beneficial to your spirit and to the lives of the suffering. 75% of gifts support programs around the world that feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and heal the sick. 25% of gifts are donated to various local diners and service centers committed to alleviating hunger and poverty within the Diocese of Lafayette.

I recommend that you visit crsricebowl.org to find enriching resources, including:

- Lenten devotions and prayers
- Reflections for faith-sharing communities and youth ministry groups
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school educators and religious educators
- Ideas for community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events
- A new app that delivers prayers and resources directly to your mobile device

With prayers for your good health and for all of God's blessings, I am

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,



Most Reverend Michael Jarrell
Bishop of Lafayette

Pastoral Council nominations are being accepted at
St. Anthony of Padua Church.
Three (3) positions are opened.

Nomination Form for St. Anthony Pastoral Council
NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 29, 2016

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

[Print]

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.