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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. Travis Abadie

DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

Look at the birds in the sky;
they do not sow or reap,
they gather nothing into barns,
yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Matthew 6:26

February 26, 2017 • Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Liguorian Magazine Appeal

We welcome Father Frank Kriske, CSsR to St. Anthony of Padua Church this Sunday as he presents an appeal for us to subscribe to the Liguorian Magazine. Liguorian Magazine's articles are excellent aids in inspiring us to keep

growing in Jesus Christ.

Mardi Gras and Lent

We begin our annual Lenten Time this Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. Lent is a time we prepare to celebrate the Lord's dying and rising at the Easter Triduum. We intensify our growth in Jesus by putting away sin and living in the freedom of God's family, as God's sons and daughters. So let us remember to keep Jesus in Mardi Gras. Use Mardi Gras as a means of merriment (not sin) before beginning the time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving of Lent.

Please find Operation Rice Bowls and the **Lent 2017 The Word Among Us** at the Church doors as means to assist us on our Lenten journey. The Stations of the Cross is celebrated at St. Anthony on Fridays of Lent at 12:00 p.m. and at Annunciation on Fridays of Lent at 5:00 p.m. These Stations of the Cross will not be celebrated on Good Friday.

JOKE: Ashes to Ashes

Smiley Anders provided a joke recently in *The Advocate*. He says: Back when a woman would never wear slacks to church, a lady called her parish priest on Fat Tuesday evening: "*Father, my sister came in for Mardi Gras, and she forgot her skirt. Can she get her ashes in her pants?*" "No," replied the priest, "*she has to get them on her head like everyone else.*"

Lenten Missions Scheduled

A Lenten Mission is scheduled for Annunciation of the BVM Parish on March 8–9, 2017. Father Michael DeBlanc conducts this mission on the topic - **Martha and Mary: Fostering the Active Life and the Contemplative Life**. Wednesday's Theme is "Active Life of Work" and Thursday's Theme is "Life of Prayer". The time of the mission is 6–7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

A Lenten Mission is scheduled for St. Anthony of Padua Parish on March 27–29, 2017. Father James Kubicki, S.J. conducts this mission on the topic – **The Sacred Heart**. The Theme for each day is: Monday – "The True Love Story", Tuesday – "Encountering the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus" and Wednesday – "Living in Union with the Heart of Jesus". The time of the mission is 6–7 p.m. Everyone is invited.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast, and abstinence. What are the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as

Lent. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house. So in order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday.

Gospel for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A - Matthew 6:24-34

"*Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?*" No, indeed we cannot. But evidence does suggest that worrying can **subtract** time from our life span! Clearly, we are not meant to worry. It is not healthy and it is not useful. But for many of us, it is difficult not to be anxious and concerned about matters that are important to us. So what is the secret to letting go of this unnecessary anxiety?

Jesus gives us an answer in today's Gospel. "*Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.*" In other words, our focus should be on being faithful followers of God. When we put our trust in the providence of the One who "*clothes the grass of the field,*" and stop trying to rely on our own (meager) powers, then things will be taken care of: "*Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.*"

Part of the secret here, of course, is coming to accept God's will for us, even when it does not perfectly match what we may have been envisioning. There is a kind of surrender involved that puts God's plan first. Instead of getting worked up that things are not going **our** way, this kind of reliance upon God enables us to relax and accept the way things **are** going. The great spiritual writer, Jean-Pierre de Caussade, put it well in his work, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, when he said, "*To escape the distress caused by regret for the past or fear about the future, this is the rule to follow: leave the past to the infinite mercy of God, the future to His good Providence, give the present wholly to His love by being faithful to His grace.*" God takes care of the birds, the flowers, even the grass! He will also take care of us.

Questions of the Week

Matthew 6:24-34 - What are the anxieties that hinder your spiritual journey?

Isaiah 49:14-15 - The prophet Isaiah offered these words of comfort during Israel's exile in Babylon around 550 BC. When have you felt abandoned or forgotten by others or by God?

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 - Paul warns the Corinthians against judging others by our human standards. How do you resist this temptation?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 26, 2017

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 19, 2017

Sunday's Offertory\$7,854.00
Mailed-In Offertory422.50
Total Offertory for the week\$8,276.50
Bishop's Services Appeal\$354.00
Weekly Average 2017\$10,215.00

Children's Contribution\$5.25

* Fed dogs..... Matthew

* Praying for sick ones with no families..... Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1496

Number of Envelopes Used.....139

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 2

Thank you for your generosity.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIED FISH DINNER

St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus Council 1745 is sponsoring a Fish Fry on **Friday, March 3, 2017**. The price for each dinner is \$7.00 and comes with fried fish, chips, coleslaw and a drink. You can pick up your Fried Fish Dinner on Friday from **4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Eunice. You may purchase a ticket this weekend after all masses this weekend or contact any Knight.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 27

6:15 a.m.: Clara Soileau (*Liv. - Birthday*); Roderick Vezinat

Tuesday, February 28 -- Mardi Gras

****8:00 a.m.:** Stewart Paul Rozas; Donald Tanner, Sr.; Rita Broussard

Wednesday, March 1 -- Ash Wednesday

6:00 a.m.: Shirley Janot; George & Pat Schneider; Penny Schneider; Frankie LaFleur; Berchman & Hilda Chaumont

12:00 p.m.: Wilda Hollier; Rose Ledoux; Stewart Paul Rozas

6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, March 2

12:00 p.m.: Jacques & Oline Guillory; Stewart Paul Rozas

Friday, March 3

6:15 a.m.: Denise L. Hanks; August & Beatrice Leonards

Saturday, March 4

4:00 p.m.: Burley Marcantel; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Leonce Thibodeaux; Gladys & Howard Landreneau; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Stewart Paul Rozas; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Kirk Stelly; Leon Stelly; Norbert Young; Kenneth Moosa

Sunday, March 5

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

9:00 a.m.: Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Jake Schatzle (*Anniversary*); Frankie LaFleur; M/M Norris Young; Lois & Jack Miller; Chassity Sittig; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Ken Miller (*Liv. - Birthday*); Julius Bischoff

11:00 a.m.: Hilda Vezina; Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Blake Feucht

6:00 p.m.: Julius Bischoff

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

6:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin Ken Richard, Norma Diaville	Jude Huckaby	Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge, <i>1 Server Needed</i>
12:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Angie Aguillard, Samantha Bertrand, Lynn Pavich, Kayla Fontenot	Candy Atteberry	Elijah Dupre, <i>2 Servers Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Abadie	Raymond Aguillard, Sarah Moser Fruge, Donnie Darbonne, Barbara Thibodeaux	Jennifer Miller	Payton Brown, Dominic Dupre, Christopher Leger, Kiley Tausin

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Debbie DeRouen, Mitch Fontenot, Michael Lombas, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Mark DeRouen	Evan Aucoin, Alex Fontenot, Christopher Fuselier, Greta Miller
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SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

7:00 a.m.	Fr. Henry Broussard	Charles Feucht, Norma Diaville, William Parrie	Tara LeBlanc	Ariana Manuel, MacKenzie Manuel, Avery McGee, Elizabeth McGee
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Jason & Kelly Bertrand	Lynda Perrodin	Adelie Beaugh, Ashley Bertrand, Nicholas Bertrand, Kathryn Leger
11:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Jr. Bergeron, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt, Todd & Debbie Ortego	Aimee Summerlin	Anna Chapman, Ashton Eckholdt, Doug Summerlin Jr. MC: Needed Thurifer: Phillip Thibodeaux
6:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Brayden Gaspard, Jeff & Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Sarah Fruge, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Michael Folse, C.J. Godeaux, Karen LeJeune, Betty Durham, Suzanne Derouen, Rene Duplechain, Haley Dupre Touns, 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 Laverigne, Johnny Hall, 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.

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

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, February 27

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28 - Mardi Gras

Rectory Office is Closed

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.

****Daily Mass -- 8:00 a.m. -- NO noon Mass.**

Ash Wednesday, March 1

Mass Schedule -- 6:00 a.m., 12:00 noon & 6:00 p.m.

St. Edmund All School Mass -- 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 2

Ladies Altar Society -- 9:30 a.m.

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

The Choice Wine -- 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3

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

Way of the Cross -- 12:00 p.m. in Church.

KC Annual Fish Fry -- 4:30-6:30 p.m. at KC Hall.

Baptism Class -- Call the Rectory to register.

Saturday, March 4

First Saturday Mass -- 8:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More.

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

Sunday, March 5

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Classes -- 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church today, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app [crsricebowl.org]! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.



Lent



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017**. The Mass schedule for Wednesday is 6:00 a.m., 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. Ashes will be distributed following the homily.



Reminder: Tuesday (Feb. 28) is Mardi Gras -- **NO noon Mass** -- Mass @ 8:00 a.m.



St. Edmund Catholic School est. 1911

2017 - 2018 Registration

Returning Families

March 6 - 10
in administrative building
8:00 - 3:00

New Families

March 13 - 17
in administrative building
8:00 - 3:00

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES apply if registering at this designated time.

St. Edmund Catholic School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Daughter's new job.
- 2) For small problems.

Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Sat. 12 am, 4 pm, 12 pm


Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 11 am, 4 pm; Fri 7 am; Sat 3 pm, 4 pm

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





March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>St. Edmund Catholic School est. 1911</p> <p>2017 - 2018 Registration</p> <p>Returning Families March 6 - 10 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p> <p>New Families March 13 - 17 in administrative building 8:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Travis Abadie 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM ACTS Core Team 6:00 PM C.D.A. 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pray for Deacon Gary Gaudin 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:00 PM S.G.S.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Pray for Pope Francis Rodney's Birthday Mass Schedule: 6:00 a.m., 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. 8:00 AM St. Edmund All School Mass</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI 9:30 AM Ladies Altar Society 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation 6:30 PM The Choice Wine</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Dinner (Pick up at KC Hall) 9:30 AM Nursing Home Masses 12:00 PM Way of the Cross 7:00 PM Baptism Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell Second Collection: Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund 8:00 AM First Saturday Mass @ St. Thomas More</p>
<p>5</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent Pray for Msgr. Romero 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Clinton Sensat & Den. David Guillory 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Austin Leger 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pray for Deacon T.J. Richard 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Pray for Deacon Robbie Leger 6:30 PM The Choice Wine 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Nathan Comeaux St. Patrick's 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 12:00 PM Way of the Cross</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Stephen Ugwu & Fr. Alphonse Thainese Second Collection: Bishops Services Appeal</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Second Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Matthew Barzare Daylight Saving Time -- set clock ahead 1 hour 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Kendal Faulk & Fr. Jerry Mesley 8:00 AM Calendar Planning Day 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Henry Broussard 5:30 AM That Man Is You! 6:00 PM Men's ACTS Formation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Joseph Sai Tran & Fr. David Hebert 8:00 AM SEE Mass 6:00 PM Confirmation Mass (Bishop Deshotel) 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Pray for Fr. William Schambough 6:30 PM The Choice Wine</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 12:00 PM Way of the Cross</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Sonny Brown & Fr. Tommy Montelaro 9:00 AM First Communion Retreat (Parent & Child)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Lent Pray for Fr. Blaine Clement 6:00 PM Life Teen Mass</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pray for Sr. Agnes Thevis & Sr. Nell Murray 1:20 PM SEH School Mass 3:30 PM CCD Elem. classes 6:00 PM CCD JrHS classes</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Jim Brady & Fr. Jonathan Janise 5:30 AM That Man Is You!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Gil Dutel & Fr. Tom Voorhies 8:00 AM St. Ed Elem. Mass 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. @ St. Mathilda</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Pray for Sr. Joel Miller & Sr. Stephanie Brignac 6:30 PM The Choice Wine</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Pray for Fr. Paul Lafleur 9:30 AM Nursing Home Mass @ Eunice Manor & Oak Lane 12:00 PM Way of the Cross</p>	<p>40 Days Fasting Prayer Works of Love</p>
<p>Men's ACTS Mission Retreat at Maryhill (March 16 - 19)</p>						
<p>Confirmation Interviews (March 6 - 10)</p>						
<p>Men's ACTS Retreat at ABC (March 30 - April 2)</p>						