

# 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

JANUARY 14, 2018

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED  
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

*"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

JOHN 1:36

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

### Appreciations

I cannot say thank-you enough for the beautiful Advent and Christmas décor for both Annunciation Church and St. Anthony Church. I appreciate the good work parishioners were able

to accomplish. May God continue to keep us in his care.

Deacon Cormier, Deacon Gaudin, Father Hebert and I also thank everyone for your good wishes and Christmas cards at Christmas. We appreciate and love you!!!

### Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Parish Celebrations – Annunciation of the BVM

In conjunction with the Centennial Theme “A Century of Love” for the Diocese of Lafayette, Annunciation had its parish celebration last weekend. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was established as a Church Parish on January 8, 1964. The highlight was the 9:00 a.m. mass followed by the parish social. We had guests and former pastors and Parish Life Coordinators. It was a great gathering of parishioners in the Lord Jesus. We appreciated our faith, our community and our God. St. Anthony of Padua will have its parish celebration of “A Century of Love” on June 12 and 13, 2018.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - January 15

In Catholic social tradition, “rights” correspond to the treatment every person deserves not because of background or individual merit, but by virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God. As followers of Christ, we are called to a concern for our brothers and sisters. This means that, in acknowledging rights, we also acknowledge responsibilities.

Pope St. John Paul II writes, “every man is his ‘brother’s keeper’, because God entrusts us to one another” (*Evangelium Vitae*, 19). In our complicated world, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by public policy. However, we are not exempt from engaging in public life. Today, we remember that we are all called to work to ensure that social structures uphold human dignity and support true human flourishing.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

**Question:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18, and ends on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. What does one have to do with the other?

**Answer:** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit [geii.org](http://geii.org).

### Eunice Catholic Pastors

### Rotate Altar and Pulpit Next Weekend

In conjunction with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Eunice Catholic Pastors will rotate churches next weekend (January 20/21). Father Sensat will offer masses at St. Anthony’s 4:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Msgr. Romero will offer masses at both St. Mathilda and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Father Eldridge will offer masses at St. Thomas More.

### Justin Fatica of Hard As Nails

Justin Fatica returns to Eunice on Monday, January 22. He will be at St. Edmund School at 8:15 a.m. and at Eunice High School at 1:00 p.m. He will be at St. Anthony Church at 6:00 p.m. At each place he will present a program on the theme of “Love No Matter What”. All people of good will are invited to attend the program at St. Anthony. It is a great time for parents to attend as well.

### Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B - John 1:35-42

“He first found his own brother Simon and told him, ‘We have found the Messiah.’” After spending the day in the



# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

January 7, 2018

Sunday's Offertory .....	\$8,326.50
Mailed-In Offertory .....	930.00
Online Giving .....	55.00
Total Offertory for the week .....	<b>\$9,311.50</b>
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$1,678.00

Weekly Average 2018 ..... \$9,311.50

Children's Contribution.....\$1.25

\* Extra prayers ..... Matthew

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....1494

Number of Envelopes Used.....153

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...

company of Christ, Andrew took action. He shared the good news! Instead of keeping his newfound friendship with Jesus all to himself, Andrew invited his brother into the fold. Andrew found Simon and "*brought him to Jesus.*" This was no small matter because Simon would become Peter, the first pope! How important it is to bring others along with us to meet Christ!

Yet, how often do we reach out with the kind of confidence that Andrew had? Are we ready and willing to share our faith with our family and friends? Do we consider our relationship with Jesus a gift to be shared, or a fact to be safely hidden away in our personal prayer corner?

Part of our call as Christians is to evangelize others, to share with them the good news of salvation. Loving Jesus and following his moral commands is essential, of course, but it is not the end of the story. The Gospel message is meant for all people, and we are meant to be its messengers. Sometimes this requires us to step out of our comfort zone. It may mean speaking up when we'd rather be silent. It may mean inviting someone to Mass when they might say no. But it might also mean a conversion for someone we care about. It might mean a new minister for the Church. Ultimately, it might mean another saint in heaven.

None of that is up to us, however. What we can control is only whether we share our faith joyfully and extend the invitation to others to experience the peace that comes from knowing Christ.

*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 15

6:15 a.m.: Anthony 'Tony' Andrepont (*Birthday*); Jeffery Brunet (*Anniversary*); Lillie Young

### Tuesday, January 16

12:00 p.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Paul Rozas

### Wednesday, January 17

6:15 a.m.: Cynthia Fuselier

### Thursday, January 18

12:00 p.m.: Eddie Larson family (*Liv.*)

### Friday, January 19

6:15 a.m.: Liz Moreau; Ricarda Villalba

### Saturday, January 20

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus;

Ed Dietz; Leon Stelly; Kirk Stelly; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Mary Lou & Shelton Boone; Jeanne Miller; Cindy Miller

### Sunday, January 21

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m.: Johnny & Ruth Manuel; Tony Fuselier; Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Kelly Keller; Geraldine L. Keller; Louise & Shawn Ortego (*Liv.*); Megan & Trey Aymond (*Liv.*); Mandy Bertrand (*Liv.*); Nicole Bertrand (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.: Cynthia Fuselier

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

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Sensat</b>	Michael Lombas, Vergie Ardoin, Barbara Thibodeaux Ken Richard, Barry Soileau	Nikki Sonnier	Evan Aucoin, Jack Parks Leo Richard, Simon Richard
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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Hebert</b>	Norma Diaville, Angelle Driggs, Mike Driggs	Craig Soileau	Emma Clause, Christopher Fuselier Wesley Driggs, William Driggs
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Sensat</b>	Samantha Bertrand, Jason Bertrand, Kelly Bertrand	Jacque Pucheu	Ashley Bertrand, Nicholas Bertrand Brennon Thompson, Kaden Thompson
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Sensat</b>	Deacon Gary Gaudin, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt Todd & Debbie Ortego	Kyle Deshotel	Alexander Ortego, Vincent Thibodeaux, Austin Miller <b>Thurifer:</b> Jack Miller <b>MC: Minister Needed</b>
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Brayden Gaspard, Angel McGee, Jeff McGee	Life Teen Member	Camille Leger, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** 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,  
Carl Comeaux, Marcus Venable, Helen Tanner,  
Glenn Durbin, Dale Larry, Greg Thibodeaux,  
Betty Sparks, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Erika Dupont,  
Sheila DeRouen, Leroy Vige, Patricia Sittig,  
Sally Fontenot, Royne Fontenot, Susan Semien,  
Ann Duran, Evette Fall Bellow, John Landreneau,  
Gail Landreneau, Joan Burson, Pamela Lejeune Deville,  
Lisa Miller, Doug Bergeron, Pauline Miller,  
Randy Courville, Cathy Bergeron, Colleen Landreneau.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Monday, January 15

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

-- **Rectory Office Closed** --

### Tuesday, January 16

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

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Women's ACTS Mission Formation -- 6:00 p.m. FLC/VP

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

### Wednesday, January 17

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

St. Edmund All School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.

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

R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

### Thursday, January 18

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus -- 7:00 p.m. KC Hall

### Friday, January 19

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Retreat -- (Jan. 19-21) at A.B.C.

### Saturday, January 20

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

### Sunday, January 21

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

Confirmation Retreat Return Mass -- 11:00 a.m.

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

Life Night -- 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

***Pro-Life Rally & March***  
***Saturday, Jan. 20 in Lafayette***  
***9:30 a.m. Rally @ UL Quad***  
***11:30 a.m. March to the Cathedral***  
[\*\*\*https://diolaf.org/events/pro-life-rally-2\*\*\*](https://diolaf.org/events/pro-life-rally-2)



# CENTURY OF LOVE

News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

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## The Seed is Sown: The Beginnings of Catholic Acadiana

**"My dear Attakapas people,"** these words of Bishop Jules Jeanmard marked the Breaux Bridge native's joy at returning to southwest Louisiana to serve as the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Lafayette in 1918.

The Attakapas were one of four major native tribes that inhabited the vast lands between the Atchafalaya River and the Sabine River. Though the territory had been claimed for France in 1699 as part of Louisiana, it was not until the 1740s that the first European settlers lived in the area. They formed small settlements named Opelousas and Attakapas (later St. Martinville).

Religious activity in the territory was extremely limited. At the time, all of Louisiana was under the pastoral care of the Bishop of Quebec. The first recorded Sacrament in the region was a baptism on May 16, 1756 in a home near present day Washington. In 1762, Louisiana was given from France to

Spain and the Catholic Church in Louisiana was placed under the care of the Bishop of Santiago de Cuba, a Spanish colony.

The region was forever changed when thousands of Acadians decided to make the area their home after being exiled from Acadie. They initially settled in the Attakapas District and would be the first to establish a Church parish in southwest Louisiana. 1765 marked the formal establishment of the Parish of St. Martin de Tours in St. Martinville, the Mother Church of the Acadians in Louisiana.

St. Landry Church was established in Opelousas in 1776, the same year the American Revolution began in the British Colonies. The final decades of the 18th Century saw new settlers from France as well as Spain and their territories. In 1778, Spaniards settled in an area we call New Iberia. In 1793, the

Pope responded to the needs of a growing Catholic population by establishing a diocese along the Gulf Coast. The Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas, with its seat in New Orleans, covered the Spanish territory along the northwestern edge of the Gulf of Mexico from Miami to the Sabine River



Status of Attakapas Indian, St. Martinville





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as well as the Louisiana territory extending northward.

In 1803, Louisiana became part of the United States of America through the Louisiana Purchase. For the first time, the Catholic Church in Louisiana was not officially supported by the state. France and Spain were able to send missionary priests to the New World and paid for priests salaries as well as other financial needs. While the United States allowed freedom of religion through the First Amendment to the Constitution, it did not permit the state to support any faith. With a lack of priests and



Saint Martin de Tours Church, early 1800's sketch

from St. Landry, the only other parish in serving Southwest Louisiana was St. Martin de Tours.

Though these two small parishes did not seem too incredible, they would be the seed from which an entire diocese would grow. From these humble beginnings, the Church in Louisiana and the Church in Acadiana would mature in faith and in number.



Saint Martin de Tours Church today, St. Martinville

