

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

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

Repairs at Annunciation and St. Anthony

1) Work to replace the siding and roof at Annunciation's Church will begin sometime this Spring.

2) Work to repair and maintain the stone steps at St. Anthony is continuing

with the steps in front of Church. While this is ongoing, we will have to use the side doors and not the front doors. We thank parishioners for your patience and tolerance in this inconvenience.

3) Lightning protection rods will be added to the church building at St. Anthony.

Lenten Missions

At Annunciation of the BVM, we have a Lenten Mission scheduled for 6:00 p.m. each night of **February 19, 20, 21, 2018**. Father Chris Cambre is the Mission Director. The theme is "Why the Cross". The theme for each night is: Monday night's theme is "Did Jesus have to die on a cross to save us?" Tuesday night's theme is "The Cross itself and what it means that Jesus died on it." Wednesday night's theme is "Living the Cross in our Lives." Everyone is invited to attend!!!

At St. Anthony of Padua, we have a Lenten Mission Scheduled for 6:00 p.m. each night of **March 19, 20, 21, 2018**. Msgr. John Grisback is the Mission Director. The theme is "Intentional Discipleship".

RCIA: Rite of Sending

At this Sunday's 9:00 a.m. mass in St. Anthony Church we celebrate the Rite of Sending the Catechumens for election and the Candidates for recognition by Bishop Deshotel. Let me clarify some terms: A **Catechumen** is a person who has never been baptized and is preparing to celebrate all three of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, that is Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. A **Candidate** in the RICA is either (1) a person already baptized in the Catholic Rites and completing his or her catechetical formation, preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist, or (2) a person already baptized in a non-Catholic Rite (like Baptist, Methodist, non-denominational, etc.) and is preparing for reception into full communion of the Catholic Church, where they will make a profession of faith and Confirmation and Eucharist. [The baptism in the non-Catholic Rite must be with water and the Trinitarian Formula.]

Use of Latin and Greek Texts during Mass The Apostles Creed during Mass

To be one with the universal Church in these forty days and forty nights in the "desert" of Lent, we use at St. Anthony Church the Latin and Greek texts during the Sundays of Lent. For the masses we sing, we will sing the Latin texts of the Holy (Sanctus, # 292) and the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei, #295); we will sing the Greek text of the Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie, # 2). The whole Church

comes to Jesus, and with Jesus we renounce the tempter. At both Annunciation and St. Anthony during Lent and Easter Times we use the option of the Apostles Creed for the Profession of Faith as it better corresponds to the questions and answers of the Profession of Faith at Easter.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: At times, temptation seems so powerful that is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Answer: Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, control, or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid, because temptation is not something we create or sometimes recognize, but rather it comes from evil. But it would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones.

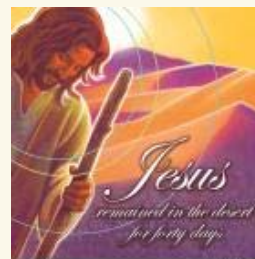
Herein lies the wisdom of the Church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. The balance of power shifts from evil to good, from temptation to resistance. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to the prompting our conscience to choose good.

Gospel for the First Sunday of Lent, Year B – Mark 1:12-15

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert?

Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes

from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate one self from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" – the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

February 11, 2018

Sunday's Offertory	\$6,700.00
Mailed-In Offertory	1,781.00
Online Giving	50.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$8,531.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$337.00
Weekly Average 2018	\$8,986.25
Children's Contribution	\$5.00

* Extra prayers Matthew

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....1504

Number of Envelopes Used.....113

Number of Children's Envelopes Used..... 1

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose – writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others.

The Gospel tells us that "*the Spirit drove him out into the desert.*" In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness – these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?

Questions for the Week

First Reading – Genesis 9:8-15 - The story of Noah and the Ark informs us of the covenant God established with Noah never again to allow such a world-wide devastating flood. What does this divine promise tell us about God?

Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:18-22 - Peter tells us that Jesus' suffering is intended to lead us to God. In what way is this true in your life?

Gospel Reading – Mark 1:12-15 - We hear today Jesus' temptation in the desert and his first spoken words at the start of his public ministry. How do you see these two events connected?



Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 19

6:15 a.m.: Ricarda Villalba

Tuesday, February 20

12:00 p.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Paul Rozas; Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Wednesday, February 21

6:15 a.m.: Tracy & Will Brown (*Liv.*); Jennifer & Robert Brown (*Liv.*); Karen V. Aucoin (*Liv.*)

Thursday, February 22

12:00 p.m.: Glenn Durbin; Rev. Donald J. Hebert (*Pastor*)

Friday, February 23

6:15 a.m.: Kermen D. Beauchamp, Sr.

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m.: Dutch Spekschate (*10th Anniv. of Death*); Merita

Guillory; Joan Schatzle-McManus; Dr. Sylvan Manuel; Ed Dietz; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Mary Lou & Shelton Boone; Glenn Durbin; Eva Chachere

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Bill (*Liv.*) & Pilar Parrie; Dr. F. J. DeRouen; Randy Fontenot

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Conrad Lejeune; Merita Guillory

11:00 a.m.: Cynthia Fuselier

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



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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Chip Hebert, Barbara Thibodeaux, Michael Lombas, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Nikki Sonnier	Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert, Gavin Oliver, Jack Parks
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Charles Feucht, Kal Landry Stephanie Manuel	Joanne Brinkman	John Austin Landry, Joshua Landry, Justin Landry, Bremman Manuel
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Jason Bertrand, Kelly Bertrand	Craig Soileau	Ashley Bertrand, Nicholas Bertrand Leo Richard, Simon Richard
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Jr. Bergeron, Samantha Bergeron, Michelle LeJeune, Glenda Young	Tim Fontenot	Avery, Elizabeth & Lauren McGee Thurifer: Austin Poncho MC: <i>Minister Needed</i>
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Kim Miller, Angelle & Michael Driggs	Life Teen Member	Wesley & William Driggs, Camille Leger, Brooke Young

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Gracie Zaunbrecher, Cynthia Price, Carl Comeaux, Marcus Venable, Helen Tanner, 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, Doug Bergeron, Pauline Miller, Randy Courville, Cathy Bergeron, Colleen Landreneau, Pat Manuel, Loretta West, Roger 'Yogi' Hollier, Lisa Miller, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Lenard Craig, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Elaine Moosa, Michael Blanchard Sr., Hubert J. Blanchard, Elaine McGee, Brady Thibodeaux.

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, February 19

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

Tuesday, February 20

That Man Is You -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
LifeTouch Photography Sessions (Tuesday-Saturday)
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Wednesday, February 21

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 9:00 a.m.
R.C.I.A. -- 7:00 p.m. St. Mathilda Parish Hall.

Thursday, February 22

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
First Communion Parish Meeting -- 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.
Life Night -- 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation Session # 5 -- 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall



CENTURY OF LOVE



News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

February 2018

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The History of Our Mother:

New Orleans and the Church in Louisiana

After 200 years under French or Spanish control, Louisiana became a territory of the United States with the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Suddenly, the local Church found itself without the financial support and resources from a Catholic-friendly government. In 1812, Louisi-

ana became the 18th State to join the United States. Statehood coincided with a new leader of the Church in Louisiana, Louis-Guillaume Dubourg was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana

and the Two Floridas in 1815. This massive diocese included most of the Louisiana Territory and stretched eastward to cover all of Florida. Dubourg's vision and effort began in Europe where he recruited priests from France and Italy to serve in the mission field of his diocese.

As the population in Louisiana grew, the third church in southwest Louisiana was established at Grand Coteau in 1819. Two years later, Bishop Dubourg was able to convince religious sisters to create a school for girls in the region. The Religious

of the Sacred Heart established the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Coteau. With just two nuns and five pupils, formal education in the faith began in Southwest Louisiana.

Also in 1821, as the population grew around the Vermilion River, a new parish was formed in Vermilionville (now Lafayette). Jean Mouton Sr. donated land for St. John the Evangelist Church to be built near a massive oak.



Cathedral Oak

As new churches slowly began to form, the Diocese of Louisiana and the Two Floridas began a much needed downsizing. In the mid-1820s the diocese was reduced in size to the form of the newly minted

State of Louisiana, with New Orleans continuing to serve as the seat of the bishop. This downsizing allowed the bishop to focus his energies on the needs of his Louisiana Catholics.

In 1836, the Bishop of New Orleans was able to recruit the Society of Jesus to move to Grand Coteau. Eight French Jesuits arrived to oversee St. Charles Borromeo Parish as well as form St. Charles College. Within just two short years, enrollment at the school topped one hundred pupils. As education blossomed in Grand Coteau,



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new parishes were formed along the Bayou Teche. In less than twenty years, five new parishes would be formed along the bayou in New Iberia (1838), Charenton (1843), Breaux Bridge (1847), Franklin (1852), and Arnaudville (1854). New parishes were also formed in Abbeville (1851), Washington (1854), Ville Platte (1854) and Youngsville (1859) before the Civil War began in 1861. This parish growth corresponded with the growth of the population of Louisiana which more than tripled in size between 1830-1860.



Early Louisiana Map

One hundred years after the creation of the first Church parish in Southwest Louisiana, thirteen parishes cared for the pastoral needs of the people and the faith continued to grow. In 1869, the first parish west of the Mermentau River was established at Lake Charles. The area, which had been overseen by the pastor of Abbeville, was now a parish with a territory of 4,000 square miles. Over 100 years later, this parish would become the Cathedral of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Despite economic difficulties, the decades following the Civil War were a period of great growth with 31

new parishes erected in Southwest Louisiana. The 1880's saw a new wave of German immigrants move into the prairies west of Lafayette. Their success in growing rice on high land allowed for more settlers to move further west.

As the end of the 19th Century neared, the Church in Southwest Louisiana continued to grow. 44 parishes were led by mostly foreign clergy, recruited to work in the mission fields of rural Louisiana. As the faith grew across Louisiana, it was at this time that the Archbishop began to set in motion the idea of creating a new

diocese in South Louisiana. Just as the Archdiocese of New Orleans was born from Quebec and Havana, soon, a daughter would be born from the nurturing of New Orleans.



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