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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:

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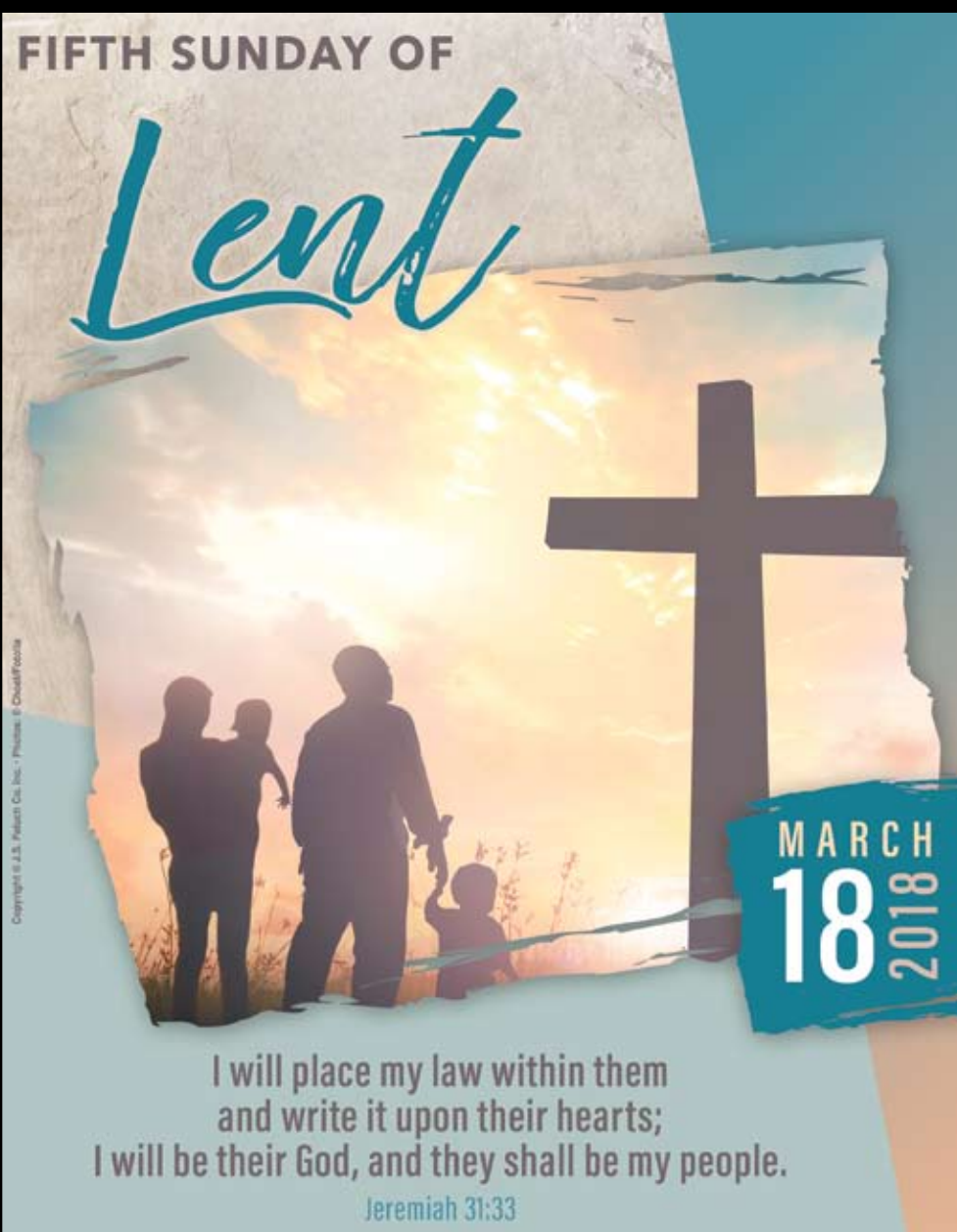
DEACON:

Deacon Gary Gaudin

FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

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I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33

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

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Lenten
Retreat Mission

St. Anthony of Padua Eunice,
Louisiana

“Becoming An Intentional Disciple of
Christ”

March 19-21, 2018

“The fishermen left their nets in the boat and went off in the company.” Please join Msgr. John Griesbach from St. Anthony Retreat Center in Three Rivers, California for a Lenten Retreat Mission from March 19-21, 2018 at 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Each evening is designed to help set our hearts ablaze with a personal, powerful, and transformative encounter with Jesus Christ through music, scripture, preaching, prayer and ritual. Become an “intentional disciple” of Christ!

Msgr. John Griesbach is a priest of the Diocese of Fresno, ordained in 1976. He is a former high school teacher, vocation director, seminary vice rector, pastor, and has served as Executive Director of St. Anthony Retreat Center since October 4, 2003.



Monday Evening’s Theme: Stages along the Way to Intentional Discipleship

Tuesday Evening’s Theme: Dying and Rising with Christ: Overcoming the Obstacles to a Life of Intentional Discipleship

Wednesday Evening’s Theme: Called and Gifted: Placing Our Charisms at the Service of the Body of Christ

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what

we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B – John 12:20-33

“Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip ... and asked him, ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’” It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don’t know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: “he said this indicating the kind of death he would die.” A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. “Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten “deaths” – death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other’s pain – can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

Questions of the Week

First Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Around 600 BC, just prior to Israel’s exile into Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of a “new covenant” that God would establish for his people. According to Jeremiah, what makes this covenant unique from past covenants?

Second Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9 - Hebrews tells us that Jesus “learned obedience from what he suffered.” What has the suffering in your life taught you?

Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33 - Jesus speaks about being “troubled” for his “hour” has come (a reference to his impending suffering and death). What does this struggle tell us about Jesus?

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

March 11, 2018

Sunday's Offertory	\$9,180.00
Mailed-In Offertory	517.25
Online Giving	155.00
Total Offertory for the week	\$9,853.25
Catholic Relief Services	\$458.00

Weekly Average 2018	\$9,156.58
Children's Contribution	\$11.25

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

Number Registered Parish Families.....	1506
Number of Envelopes Used.....	139
Number of Children's Envelopes Used.....	4

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Second Centennial Deanery Mass

Second Centennial Deanery Mass will be this week at St. Landry Catholic Church, our 2nd oldest canonically established Church in the Diocese, on **March 23 at 6:30 pm** in Opelousas. All Clergy and Laity throughout the whole Diocese are invited to attend this Mass and reception with our Bishop Deshotel as we continue to honor and celebrate this Centennial Jubilee Year of our Diocese. This is an exciting year and it is good for all of us from all parts of the Diocese of Lafayette to come together for the Centennial Events to reflect upon our past and recommit to the future that God is leading us into. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

L.A.S. BAKE SALE

Next weekend, March 24-25 -- our **Ladies Altar Society** will be hosting a Bake Sale. Pick up a dessert for your family and help support our Ladies Altar Society.



NEW SERVERS'

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for **April - June 3** 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 26** to get your changes into the new schedule.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 19

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Ricarda Villalba

Tuesday, March 20

12:00 p.m.: Paul Christ (*Birthday*); Souls in Purgatory; Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Sally Fontenot; Bob & Margaret Mayeux Kinler; Molley, Hunter & Braddock Cartwright (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Wednesday, March 21

6:15 a.m.: Arnold Garcia

Thursday, March 22

12:00 p.m.: Msgr. Paul M. Fuselier ; Judge Nilas & Lillie Young; Blake Feucht; Cynthia Fuselier; Lenard Craig; Paul Rozas; Kenneth Boudreaux

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Jeffery Brunet (*Birthday*); Joan Schatzle-McManus; Ed Dietz; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ashton Noel; Mary Lou & Shelton Boone; Glenn Durbin; Becky Pucheu (*Birthday*); Madelon Chachere

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Glen 'Butch' Marcantel; Clifton F. Seale

11:00 a.m.: Ozzie Mott

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



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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Candy Atteberry, Michael Lombas Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt	Jude Huckaby	Peyton LaCombe, Gavin Oliver Koy Trahan, Luke Trahan
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SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Charles Feucht, Kal Landry	Mark DeRouen	Anna Chapman, John Austin Landry, Joshua Landry, Justin Landry
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Dr. Chip Hebert, Michelle LeJeune	Tara LeBlanc	Andy Hebert, Clay Hebert, Alexander Ortego, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Samantha Bertrand, Glenn Brown, Barbara Thibodeaux, Glenda Young	Jennifer Miller	Hunter Aucoin, Seth Aucoin, Jace Miller Thurifer: Austin Poncho MC: Minister Needed
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Kim Miller, Jeff McGee, Angel McGee	Life Teen Member	Camille Leger, Brooke Young, Blake & Harry Summerlin III

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Doug Bergeron, Pauline Miller, Randy Courville, Cathy Bergeron, Colleen Landreneau, Pat Manuel, Loretta West, Roger 'Yogi' Hollier, Lisa Miller, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Linda Gaudin, Leroy Vige, Elaine Moosa, Michael Blanchard Sr., Hubert J. Blanchard, Elaine McGee, Brady Thibodeaux, Liz Charlie, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Helen Tanner, Karen Rougeau, Evelyn Sandell, Dolores Labbie, Viv Vidrine, Troy Ashford, Don & Billie Owen, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Sheila DeRouen, Royne, Fontenot, Leroy Vige, Rachel Granger & family, Bill Miller, Erika Dupont, Hunter Vidrine, Amada Sanchez, Ann Duran, Travis LaCour, Craig Durbin, Joan Burson, Shirley Ortego, Mary Babineaux, Pamela Deville, Charlene Mitchell.

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, March 19

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
St. Edmund All 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.
Parish Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 20

That Man Is You -- 5:30 a.m. in Parish Hall.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Parish Lenten Mission -- 6:00 p.m.
Women's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Wednesday, March 21

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

Thursday, March 22

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Holy Week Choir Practice -- **6:45 p.m.** in Church.

Friday, March 23

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

Saturday, March 24

First Communion Retreat -- 9:00 a.m. in Cafeteria
Confessions - 3:00 p.m.
Anticipated Sunday Mass - 4:00 p.m.
Ladies Altar Society Bake Sale this weekend.

Sunday, March 25

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



CENTURY OF LOVE

News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

March 2018

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Sub Tuum Praesidium: A Diocese is Born

As the First World War broke out in 1914, the conversation about the creation of a new diocese in southwest Louisiana had already begun. At the time the Diocese of New Orleans consisted of the entire southern half of the state of Louisiana. The Diocese of Natchitoches was erected in 1853 to care for the northern half of the state. The need for a new diocese in the state was great, but the Diocese of New Orleans was in debt during the decades surrounding the turn of the century. After the debt was paid off in 1905, the conversation could begin for a new diocese to be formed.

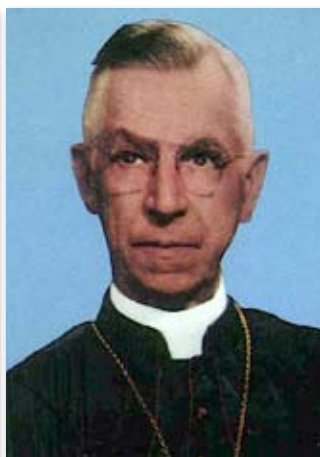
In 1917, the bishops of the region sent a letter to the Holy Father proclaiming that “there was unanimity among the Bishops in presenting the request for a new diocese to Your Excellency.” The new diocese was to consist of the western part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, from the Atchafalaya River to the Sabine River, with the northern boundary being the Diocese of Alexandria. The total number of Catholics in the new diocese was around 150,000 or 25% of the Catholics within the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It was suggested that the

new diocese should have its seat in the city of Lafayette which had a population of 7,500 Catholics.

As Lafayette was experiencing a time of growth, Fr. William Teurlings, a Dutch priest who was recruited and came to Louisiana at a mere twenty-three years old, was named pastor of St. John’s in 1906. There he oversaw the creation of a new parish for blacks in 1911 – St. Paul’s. After its completion, he sought to build a much larger St. John’s. With some difficulty, a new Church was completed in 1916.



Msgr. William Joseph Teurlings



Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard

In April of 1917, Archbishop Blenk of New Orleans passed away. In his will, Blenk chose that the Administrator of the Archdiocese should be a young priest who served as his Chancellor and Secretary. Fr. Jules B. Jeanmard, a native of Breaux Bridge, assumed the responsibilities of overseeing the Archdiocese as New Orleans waited for the Holy Father to appoint a new Archbishop. As the War continued in Europe, a replacement was not quickly named. And so it was the 37 year old Jeanmard, in his role as Administrator of the Archdiocese, who received the news from Rome on January 11, 1918 that a new Diocese was to be created with its seat in Lafayette.



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Fr. Jeanmard wrote with great joy to Fr. Teurlings of the news that his newly built church was chosen to be the Cathedral of the new diocese. As a bishop for the new diocese was not yet named, Fr. Jeanmard wrote to Fr. Teurlings:

"The new See will have a Cathedral truly worthy of itself, thanks to your self-sacrificing and heroic efforts, so generously seconded by your faithful and devoted flock. I know there is no wish nearer their hearts than that the Holy See may see fit to recognize the worth and work of their beloved pastor by making him the first Bishop of this new Diocese. That their wish may be realized is the fervent and sincere prayer of, Yours, as ever, In Christ, Jules B. Jeanmard."

Little did anyone know that Rome would select the young Jules B. Jeanmard to become the bishop of the very place where he was raised. At 38 years old, Jeanmard became the first native of Louisiana to be made a bishop. He was consecrated a bishop on December 8, 1918 at the Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans. Four days later, he was installed as the First Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette on December 12 at the now-Cathedral of St. John in Lafayette.

Bishop Jeanmard chose "Sub Tuum Praesidium" (Under Thy Protection) as his Episcopal Motto. The phrase is the first line of an ancient prayer to Our Lady, which asks for her protection and help. Our

Lady, under the title of the Immaculate Conception was also chosen as the primary patron of the new diocese.

With Mary's protection and a homegrown bishop, the Diocese of Lafayette was formed, with forty-eight church parishes serving around 153,000 Catholics, to continue the work of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Acadiana.



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist



Crest of the Diocese of Lafayette