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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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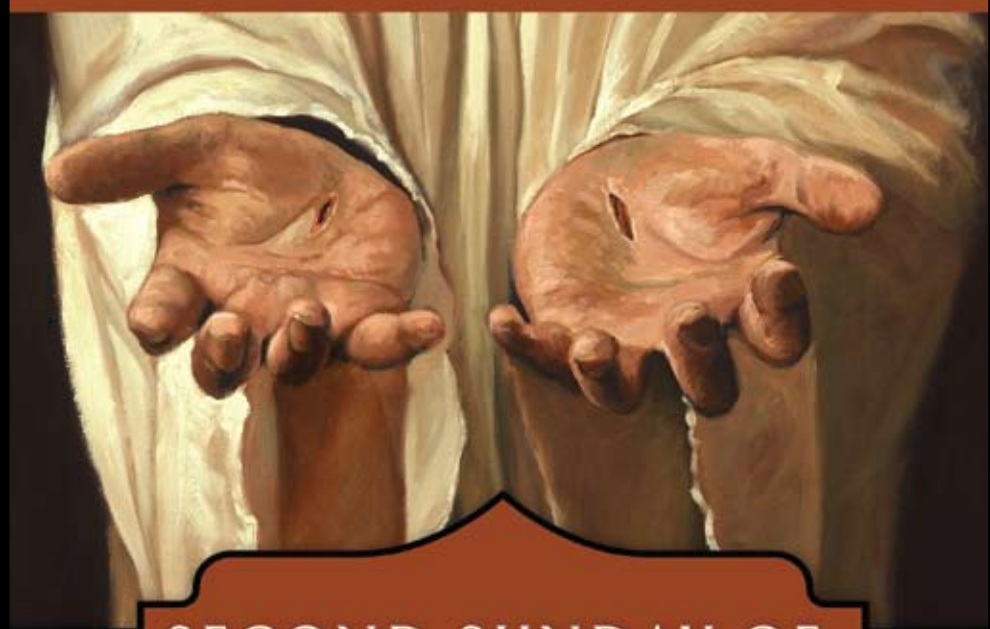
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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018

Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

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

The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday.

On May 5, 2000 the Office of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree establishing the Sunday after Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday". The Holy Father, Saint John-Paul II gave the reason for this. He said that Divine Mercy "is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium."

Gospel of Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy, Cycle B – John 20:19-31

"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." After the Resurrection, the wounds of Christ take on a whole new meaning. Whereas they had originally been a sign of tragedy and pain, they became signs of triumph and power over physical death as well as spiritual death – sin. When Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds, Jesus is allowing Thomas to experience this reality for himself. Thomas does not just look at the nail marks; he personally encounters them. And then, he believes.

This is a powerful image for the mercy of Christ. The suffering he endured on the cross was not just a distant symbol for us to admire. The fact that Jesus suffered for us means that our suffering now has somewhere to go. Our pain, our battle with sin, our struggle to truly believe in him, all of this can be laid within the wounds of Christ and healed. When we unite our own wounds to those of Christ, when we allow ourselves to encounter the wounded but glorified Christ, we are able to move beyond our own troubles. We get to share in the victory and truly experience his peace.

Questions of the Week

John 20:19-31: What role does doubt play in our spiritual journey?

Acts 4:32-35: How would others characterize our community of faith?

1 John 5:1-6: What do we see as the core of God's "Commandments" for us?

A Prayer

Dear Jesus, I am like Thomas today. Thomas did not believe you were raised. I do not believe in your mercy. Let Thomas' finger lead me to believe. As Thomas touches your wounds, let me also reach out and touch your wounds. Let your

wounds in your hands; in your feet; in your side heal me of my sins, of my hate, of my un-forgiveness, and of my lack of mercy. May the hold that the prince of darkness has on me be cut. Heal me, dear Jesus, of the root cause of my lack of belief. Jesus make me whole and let your Spirit of Mercy lead me to forgive those who sin against me and who hurt me. Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you.

Let me say with all believers to the Heavenly Father, "Eternal Father, I offer You the body and blood, soul and divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world." "For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world." "Holy God, holy mighty one, holy immortal one, have mercy on us and on the whole world." Amen.

Acts of Mercy Taught by the Church

The Corporal Works of Mercy are feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are admonishing the sinner, instructing the ignorant, counseling the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, and bearing wrongs patiently.

Women's ACTS RETREAT – St. Anthony of Padua Parish (Eunice) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (Duralde)

The Women's ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for April 12-15, 2018. Parishioners are encouraged to pray for the success of the retreat. Please offer an hour of prayer for the women on retreat and for those on the retreat team. There still is time to sign up for prayers on the poster in church. The return mass for the retreat will be the 11:00 a.m. mass on April 15th. Following mass a small reception is held in Jeanmard Hall. As next Sunday's 11:00 a.m. mass is the return mass, parishioners are invited to attend and welcome all involved in the retreat.

Upcoming Events

St. Anthony Parish Family Picnic is on Sunday, April 29, 2018 following the 11:00 a.m. mass. Parishioners are invited to attend.

St. Edmund's Spring Fair is from May 4-6, 2018. The Fair is a weekend of family fun! Please reserve this weekend on your calendar.

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (*DIVINE MERCY*)

April 8, 2018

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

March 25, 2018

Sunday & Christmas Offertory	\$8,355.50
Mailed-In Offertory	915.50
Online Contributions	155.00
Total Offertory for the week	<u>\$9,426.00</u>
Churches in Europe & Africa	\$442.00

April 1, 2018

Sunday's Offertory	\$9,958.00
Mailed-In Offertory	296.00
Online Contributions	335.00
Total Offertory for the week	<u>\$10,589.00</u>
Holy Land Collection	\$664.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$961.00

Weekly Average 2018 \$9,317.64

Thank you for your generosity.

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

EASTER DECORATIONS

Additional donations for Easter decorations have been made in honor / memory of (*living or deceased*): Israel & Bergeron families, Lee Roy, Rena & Larry Fontenot, Anward & Todd Mayeaux, M/M David Guilbeau, M/M Lennie Coco.

Pastoral Council nominations are being accepted at
St. Anthony of Padua Church.
Two (2) positions are opened.

Nomination Form for St. Anthony Pastoral Council
NOMINATIONS CLOSE APRIL 27, 2018 @ noon

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.*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 9

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Augusto Flores

Tuesday, April 10

12:00 p.m.: Paul Rozas; Pilar Parrie; Edgar Lafleur (*Liv.*)

Wednesday, April 11

6:15 a.m.: Vila B. Henry (*Anniversary of Death*); Rita Lambert family (*Liv.*)

Thursday, April 12

12:00 p.m.: John Porter; Jeanne Miller; Cindy Miller

Friday, April 13

6:15 a.m.: Norris Young

Saturday, April 14

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. &*

Dec.); Adam 'Brother' Johnson Joan Schatzle-McManus; Tony Fuselier (*Anniversary of Death*); Ed Dietz; Lawrence Porter; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Mary Lou & Shelton Boone; Enola Reviere; Glenn Durbin; Sally Fontenot; Madelon Chachere; Dot Lewis; Lillie Young; Ray & Mary Daigle

Sunday, April 15

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

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

11:00 a.m.: Adam 'Brother' Johnson (*Anniversary of Death*); Ozzie Mott

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

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Kayla Fontenot, Michael Lombas, Barbara Thibodeaux, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Candy Atteberry	Anna Chapman, Leo Richard, Simon Richard, Isaac Russell
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SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Charles Feucht, Vergie Ardoin, William Parrie	John Fruge	Bailey Conde, John-Michael Fruge Koy Trahan, Luke Trahan
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Samantha Bertrand, Stephanie Manuel, Michael Ward	Jennifer Miller	Adelie Beagh, Alise Beagh Peyton LaCombe, Brennan Manuel
11:00 a.m. ACTS Return Mass	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, ACTS Members	ACTS Member	Ariana & MacKenzie Manuel, Austin Miller Thurifer: Jack Miller MC: Minister Needed
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Brayden Gaspard, Angel & Jeff McGee	Michelle LeJeune	Dominic Dupre, John Patrick Fruge Alexander Ortego, Jack Parks

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: 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, Mary Babineaux, Pamela LeJeune Deville, Charlene Mitchell, Susie Simien, Lisa Picard Cormier, Joann Sonnier Dupre, Diane DeRouen, Suzanne DeRouen, Cody Lalonde, Shirley Ortego, Angela Lalonde, Hilliard & Phyllis Ortego, John & Elaine Guillory, Taylor Langley.

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, April 9

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Tuesday, April 10

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

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Thursday, April 12

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat (Apr. 12-15) at A.B.C.

Friday, April 13

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Saturday, April 14

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.

Anticipated Sunday Mass -- 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15

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

A.C.T.S. Retreat Return Mass & Reception --
11:00 a.m.

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



CENTURY OF LOVE

News of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana

April 2018

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“Our Most Urgent Duty” **Ministry to** **Black Catholics**

From the earliest days of the Diocese of Lafayette, Bishop Jules Jeanmard was particularly aware of the large number of black Catholics in the Diocese who he felt were not receiving adequate pastoral care. Like Archbishops before him, Jeanmard recognized that black Catholics were not allowed equal participation within the liturgical or spiritual life of the parish. At the time, African-Americans were relegated to inferior seating in the Church and were made to wait to receive communion until after white parishioners had received. Black parishioners were also barred from joining most parish organizations and groups. Jeanmard sought to create new church parishes for African Americans as a way to allow them to no longer be treated as second-class Catholics. In his first three years as Bishop of Lafayette, he created

black parishes in Lake Charles, Opelousas, and Crowley. He would go on to create 30 parishes dedicated to ministry to African Americans during the days of legalized segregation.

Bishop Jeanmard made ministry to African American Catholics a primary focus of his 37 years as the Bishop of Lafayette. Once asked why he devoted so much time and effort towards black Catholics, he responded: “The reason of my inter-



In 1934, four Divine Word Missionaries (SVD), Rev. Anthony Bourges, Rev. Maurice Rousseve, Rev. Francis Wade and Rev. Vincent Smith were welcomed by Bishop Jules Jeanmard as the first African American Priests to serve in the Diocese of Lafayette.

est is that which should animate every priest and Bishop, namely, that these souls are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and that, therefore, they have equal claim on our interest and care.”

In the midst of a Jim Crow environment, Bishop Jeanmard saw the need to hold up the basic

Christian principle of the dignity of all people, regardless of the color of their skin. He took up the urgent task of keeping to the faith the large numbers of black Catholics in the Diocese. In 1928, over 50% of all African American Catholics in the United States lived in Louisiana. Jeanmard estimated that the Diocese had between 50,000 and



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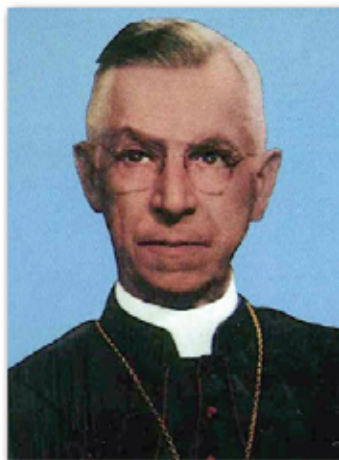


60,000 black Catholics in the 1930s.

In 1934, Bishop Jeanmard became the first bishop in the US South to accept black priests into parish ministry. At the time, there were only two African American priests in the entire country. Four new black priests were to be ordained in 1934. They were members of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD). Knowing the project would be delicate because of rampant racism, Jeanmard worked carefully to create a new parish in Lafayette for these four men to serve. Immaculate Heart of Mary was established and these four priests became the first African American priests to successfully serve in parish ministry in the United States. By 1941, there were ten black priests with the SVDs in the United States. Nine of them were serving in the Diocese of Lafayette, and Bishop Jeanmard was still the only southern bishop willing to receive black priests into parish ministry. In 1952, Bishop Jeanmard became the first southern bishop to ordain an African American to the diocesan priesthood when he ordained Fr. Louis LeDoux of Lake Charles.

The Diocese of Lafayette has become a seedbed of African American Bishops. The first African American Bishop of the modern era was Bishop Harold Perry, a native of Lake Charles. Ordained a priest in 1944, his first years of service were spent in Lafayette at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Later, he would become the founding pastor of St. Joseph Church in Broussard. In 1965, he

was ordained as an auxiliary bishop in New Orleans. To date, there have been five other Black Bishops who were born and raised in the Diocese of Lafayette.



Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard

Bishop Jeanmard stood strong against the racism of his day. In 1955, tensions broke out in Erath after the priest decided to teach catechism with black and white students sitting side-by-side rather than segregated. There was an outcry from many white parishioners, and threats were made against the priest and any catechists who were willing to teach with him. One of those catechists was physically assaulted by two women as she was on her way to the Church. Bishop Jeanmard acted swiftly and issued the Church's severest penalty. The decree of excommunication was read the following Sunday, excommunicating those women involved in the assault. Within the week, the women involved sought forgiveness and the excommunication was soon lifted. The incident made national news.

Jeanmard's actions would set the Diocese of Lafayette on a course of ministry which has born great fruit. Still today, the Diocese of Lafayette takes pride in having the largest percentage of black Catholics in the country. And from 1918 to today, the contribution of African American Catholics has had an immense impact on the faith and the history of the Diocese of Lafayette.

