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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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TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018



Religion that is pure and
undefiled before God
and the Father is this:
**to care for orphans
and widows in
their affliction.**

James 1:27

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

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

The Men's ACTS RETREAT is scheduled for September 6-9, 2018. Parishioners are encouraged to pray

for the success of the retreat. Please offer an hour of prayer for the men on retreat and for those on the retreat team. There still is time to sign up on the prayer poster in church. The return mass for the retreat will be the 11:00 a.m. mass on September 9th. 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.

THAT MAN IS YOU! 2018-2019

We begin our sixth year of TMIY on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Jeanmard Hall with Breakfast at 5:30 a.m., with video presentation at 5:55 a.m., with discussion at 6:25 a.m. and with ending at 7:00 a.m. This year's theme is "**The Vision of Man Fully Alive**". This theme enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. There will be different speakers each session. We invite all men to attend and to be fully alive in God. We try to be one with God.

Annunciation's Bazaar

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Bazaar is next weekend **September 15/16, 2018**. This is a great family oriented activity. Activities on Saturday, September 15, 2018 begin following 4:00 p.m. mass with Bingo and Burgers. Activities on Sunday, September 16, 2018 begin at 10:00 a.m. with BBQ Plate Lunches (Chicken or Pork), Cold Beverages, Sweet Shop, Live Auction & Raffle, Country Store, Kid Games & Fun Jump. Everyone is welcome.

Appreciation

The Joe Nagata Memorial Jamboree on August 24, 2018 was an outstanding expression of Eunice Unity. Thanks to everyone who participated and who volunteered. We ask God to bless each and everyone!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer: One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers.

Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by St. John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope St. John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

Good and Gracious God, You created human beings in Your image and likeness and gave us dominion over creation to be stewards of the land and co-creators of Your Kingdom. Jesus, You became one of us and labored as a carpenter. You ask all people — whatever our state of life — to follow you faithfully. Holy Spirit, bless all workers this Labor Day. May all our actions be animated by Your love, as we do all things for the glory of God. Amen.

Gospel for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Judgment tends to have a bad reputation. We often associate it with condemnation, and in the Gospels, we associate it with the Pharisees. Today's Gospel features the Pharisees doing exactly what we expect. "*They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.*" The Jewish people had strict purification laws that applied to all areas of life. The Pharisees attempt to accuse Jesus of not following the ancestral traditions. Jesus doesn't take offense at their judgments per se. He instead points out the hypocrisy of their words. "*You hypocrites ... this people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*"

From there, Jesus turns his attention to the concerns of the heart. "*The things that come from within are what defile.*" He lists off a number of sins, including some the Pharisees were likely struggling with, including evil thoughts, envy, and arrogance. When we examine the list, perhaps we're reminded of our own

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

August 26, 2018

Sunday's Offertory\$7,296.50

Mailed-In Offertory600.00

Online Giving155.00

Total Offertory for the week.....\$8,051.50

Weekly Average 2018\$9,200.36

Children's Contribution\$10.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Praying for Nanny Jane Elllen Ulery Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

* Loving Granny Braden

Number Registered Parish Families.....1506

Number of Envelopes Used.....136

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 4

Thank you for your generosity.

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

MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

trips to the confessional! As we strive to follow Jesus and live with integrity, we must be aware of our hearts. We must judge our own actions. Are they leading us closer to God or away from God? Are we growing in love of our neighbor, or are we becoming more closed in on ourselves?

As we move into this week, consider the state of our own heart. Perhaps you are overly scrupulous in less important areas. Perhaps there are large areas of overlooked sin that you've excused for too long. Whatever it is, the judgment of God need not cripple us. He offers us a share in His mercy as soon as we turn to Him. This week, allow your heart to be transformed!

Questions of the Week

First Reading – Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 - The Book of Deuteronomy contains a series of speeches that Moses delivered to the Israelites prior to their entry into the Promised Land. In today's speech, Moses emphasizes the importance of carefully observing the Lord's commandments as key to being a great nation. Why do you think believers often fall short of following God's laws?

Second Reading – James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 - The letter of James is a prime example of early Christian wisdom literature. What advice does James offer in regard to practicing one's faith?

Gospel Reading - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 - The Pharisees and scribes, concerned about Jewish purity laws, learn a lesson today from Jesus about where defilement resides — within people's hearts. How do you work at being clean of heart?

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 3

6:15 a.m.: Jack & Lois Miller; Robert Miller; Hubert V. & Lilly S. Fontenot

Tuesday, September 4

12:00 p.m.: Glenn & Nelda (*Liv.*) Durbin (*Wedding Anniversary*); Helen Tanner; Jared Manuel family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Special Intention

Wednesday, September 5

6:15 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur

Thursday, September 6

12:00 p.m.: Helen Tanner; Charles Manuel (*Birthday*)

Friday, September 7

6:15 a.m.: Robert E. Brown family (*Liv. & Dec.*)

Saturday, September 8

4:00 p.m.: Merita Guillory; Frankie LaFleur; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; David & Wilma Atteberry; Glenn Durbin; Ed Dietz;

Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Paul Rozas; Helen Tanner; Pilar Parrie; John 'Nookie' Savoy; Howard & Marie Gaspard

Sunday, September 9

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Vernell Soileau; Helen Vidrine; Lurline Fuselier; Chase Ryan Manuel

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; Mary Babineaux; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; M/M Norris Young; Juanita G. LaFleur (*Anniversary of Death*); Lillie & Louis McGee, Sr.; M/M C.A. Penn; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*)

11:00 a.m.: Raymond & Mary Daigle; Landon Daigle (*Liv.*); Codrey Menard

6:00 p.m.: Joan Schatzle McManus

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

4:00 p.m.	Msgr. Romero	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Tommy Dietz, Dr. Chip Hebert Angelle Driggs, Michael Driggs	Kay Dietz	Wesley Driggs, William Driggs Andy Hebert. Clay Hebert
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

7:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Norma Diaville, Denise LeBouef, Stephanie Manuel	Craig Soileau	Brennan Manuel, Kate Miller Mary-Helen Miller, Millie Miller
9:00 a.m.	Msgr. Romero	Shelia Aucoin, Sarah Moser Fruge, Michael Ward	Karl Aucoin	Adelie Beaugh, Alise Beaugh, Peyton LaCombe, Trent Thibodeaux
11:00 a.m. ACTS Return Mass	Fr. Hebert	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, ACTS Members	ACTS Member	Anna Belle Fontenot, Brad Miller, Clay Miller Thurifer: Jack Miller MC: Minister Needed
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Hebert	Kal Landry, Angel McGee, Jeff McGee	Lynda Perrodin	Evan Aucoin, John Austin Landry Joshua Landry, Justin Landry

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Frank McGee, Tyler Bellow, Jordan Zygulski, Liz Charlie, John & Elaine Guillory, Pat Manuel, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Linda Gaudin, Yvonne Perrodin, Robert Duran, Dr. Kevin LeJeune, Rene Vidrine, Donna Ardoin Rossner, Suzanne DeRouen, Gracie Zaunbrecher, Pauline Miller, Shirley Ortego, Claude DeVillier, Hollie Matte, Gail Landreneau, Sheila DeRouen, Ann Duran, Juanita LeBouef, Anward Mayeaux Jr., Karl Comeaux, Elaine McGee, Craig Durbin, Hunter Vidrine, Henry Trahan, Nell Johnston, August Courville Jr., Jesse Harrington, Joan Burson, Earline Prather, Tammie Boone, Patricia Gaspard, Chad Coleman, Audrey Biessenberger, Lana Montelaro Cormier, Ben Burson, Swizerleen Kellar.

Pray for our troops & peace in the world!

For a list of Catholic Churches & Mass Times when traveling, please visit:
www.parishesonline.com

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, September 3 -- Labor Day

Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 5

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

Thursday, September 6

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Women's Study Group -- 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall.

Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat @ A.B.C. (Sept. 6-9)

Friday, September 7

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

Baptism Class -- Call the Rectory to register (457-5285)

SEH Football vs Sacred Heart -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)

EHS Football vs Jennings -- 7:00 p.m. (Away)

Saturday, September 8

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

Sunday, September 9

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

Men's ACTS Retreat Return Mass -- 11:00 a.m.

Men's ACTS Reception - following Mass @ Parish Hall.

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

FAITH FORMATION (C.C.D.)



We are currently underway in preparing our Faith Formation (Catechism) program for the upcoming year. We are in need of volunteers to serve in this rewarding ministry. We invite you to come and share your faith with our young people and play a part in leading them closer to Christ. Our elementary program meets on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00. Junior High on Mondays from 6:00 to 7:00 and our high school program takes place on Sunday evenings after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the Office of Faith Formation (457-7505) for more information.

Registration for St. Anthony's Faith Formation (C.C.D.) classes (grades K-12) is now underway. You may register at the Formation Office (located in the Parish Hall). Returning students may also register by mail. A copy of the **Baptismal certificate** will be needed for **ALL** new students. Register early to help us prepare properly and adequately for our upcoming programs.

**** Teachers Needed ****

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m.

Any child 5th grade or older and a parishioner of St. Anthony Church -- interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact Rodney Sonnier at 457-5285. A form will be available soon to be filled out.

ALL servers (new & old) **MUST** attend this training before being scheduled for weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation.



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Saturday, September 15 & Sunday, September 16

Bingo & Burgers
[after 4 pm mass]
[in the church hall]

BBQ Plate Lunches
Burgers
Cold Beverages
Sweet Shop
Fall Plant Sale
Live Auction & Raffle
Country Store
Kid Games & Fun Jump

Sunday: BBQ lunches (chicken or pork) will be available after 9am mass. Tickets will be sold in advance & at the hall door for \$10/plate. Live auction begins at 1pm.

Need more info? **Rebecca Cormier 831-2559**
Please contact: **Monica Joubert 580-3617**

TMIY

THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**Beginning Tuesday, September 11 at
St. Anthony Parish Hall @ 5:30 AM**

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) For the honor of visiting and praising you in the Chapel.
- 2) Helping husband in his time of need..



Adorers needed for the following hours

starting at: Sun. 11 am, 1 pm; Mon. noon;
Tues. 7 pm; Wed 8 am, 5 pm, Thurs. 3 am; Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm, 2 pm, midnight

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 12 am, 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Thurs 4 pm, Fri 5 am, 7 am;

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

NOVENA FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE:

AUGUST 3-SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

PRAY

May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

FAST

Offer a sacrifice for the intention.

Here are some suggestions to consider each Friday as you pray for the weekly intention:

Abstain from meat, Abstain from any particular food or beverage, Fast (one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal one full meal), Offer up the day's inconveniences, Give up some form of entertainment for the day, Give up anything else of your choice, Offer a work of charity

LEARN

AUGUST 31, 2018

Roe is bad Constitutional law.

Even legal experts who support abortion believe Roe is not well-reasoned and is a case of extreme judicial overreach.

- The late Yale Law Professor John Hart Ely said, *Roe v Wade* is "a very bad decision...because it is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be."¹
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- Attorney Edward Lazarus, former law clerk to *Roe*'s author, Justice Blackmun, put it this way: "As a matter of constitutional interpretation and judicial method, *Roe* borders on the indefensible... [It is] one of the most intellectually suspect constitutional decisions of the modern era."²
- Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Tribe criticized *Roe* saying, "behind its own verbal smokescreen, the substantive judgment on which it rests is nowhere to be found."³
- Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said, "The Court's abortion decisions have already worked a major distortion in the Court's Constitutional jurisprudence...no legal rule or doctrine is safe from ad hoc nullification by this Court."⁴
- And then-Circuit Judge (now Justice) Ruth Bader Ginsburg said *Roe* "ventured too far in the change it ordered and presented an incomplete justification for its action."⁵
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When experts on both sides of the abortion debate agree that *Roe* is bad law, reversing it makes good legal sense and would return abortion policy back to the people to be decided through the democratic process.

¹ "The Wages of Crying Wolf: A Comment on *Roe v. Wade*," 82 *Yale L. J.* 920, 947 (Apr. 1973), <https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/57de/57a09824f1bdca05e47c898a46e717618d23.pdf>.

² "The Lingering Problems with *Roe v. Wade*, and Why the Recent Senate Hearings on Michael McConnell's Nomination Only Underlined Them," *FindLaw* (Oct. 3, 2002), <https://supreme.findlaw.com/legal-commentary/the-lingering-problems-with-roe-v-wade-and-why-the-recent-senate-hearings-on-michael-mcconnells-nomination-only-underlined-them.html>.

³ "Foreword: Toward a Model of Roles in the Due Process of Life and Law," 87 *Harv. L. Rev.* 1, 7 (Nov. 1973).

⁴ *Thornburgh v. American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*, 476 U.S. 747, 814 (1986) (O'Connor, J., dissenting)

⁵ "Some Thoughts on Autonomy and Equality in Relation to *Roe v. Wade*," 63 *N.C. L. Rev.* 375, 376 (Jan. 1985).

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Pro-life laws can and do reduce the abortion rate.

Most people on both sides of the abortion debate agree that reducing the number of abortions is a desirable outcome. While some argue that contraception is the key to reducing the abortion rate, real-world evidence does not back that up. Instead, research shows that even when women were provided with free "emergency contraception" ahead of time, the pregnancy and abortion rate remained statistically equivalent with those who were not provided with it.¹ In fact, the availability of contraception and abortion can increase the rate of unintended pregnancies (as well as sexually transmitted infections) as studies show that people engage in more frequent and riskier behavior if they believe their risk has been lowered.² On the other hand, evidence suggests that laws restricting the funding of abortion (like the Hyde amendment preventing Medicaid funds from going to abortion) or limiting its availability, involving parents, and providing women with more information lower the rate of abortion.³ Unfortunately, *Roe*, its companion case *Doe*, and some subsequent rulings have been used to invalidate many laws meant to lower the rate of abortion.

¹ USCCB, "Fact Sheet: Emergency Contraception Fails to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy and Abortion" (June 5, 2014) (citing authority), <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/emergency-contraception-fails-to-reduce-unintended-pregnancy-abortion.cfm>.

² For more information, see USCCB fact sheets: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/upload/contrafactsheet.pdf> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/contraception/fact-sheets/greater-access-to-contraception-does-not-reduce-abortions.cfm>

³ New, Michael J Analyzing the Effect of Anti-Abortion US State Legislation in the Post-Casey Era. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Feb 11, 2011. <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1532440010387397>