

#### **MASS TIMES 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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**DEACON: Deacon Gary Gaudin** 

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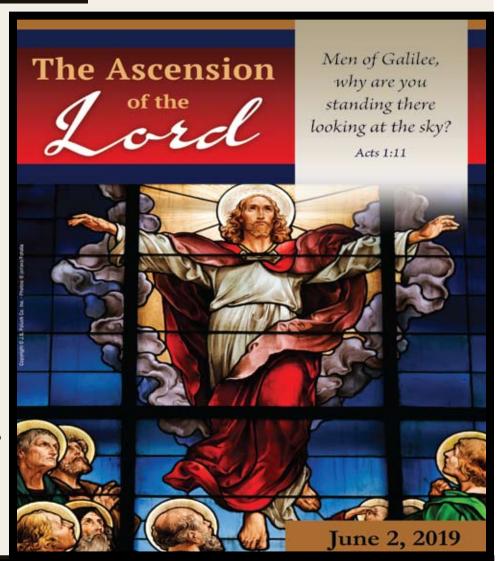
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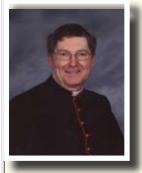
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## DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH & ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

## Announcement of Change in Pastors

Bishop Deshotel to my shock and surprise asked me to become the Pastor of Nativity of Our Lady Parish in New Iberia. I was not expecting this assignment. I accept

it in faith and trust in God. Bishop Deshotel appoints Father F. Hampton Davis who is currently Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Lafayette to be Pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Eunice and Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Duralde. The effective date of these assignments is July 1, 2019.

As I am scheduled to be on vacation beginning June 25<sup>th</sup> and return on July 11<sup>th</sup>, the change happens while I am on vacation. So when I leave for vacation I leave as Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua and Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and return as Pastor of Nativity of Our Lady.

To make things easier, on my last Sunday at each parish, we will have a Farewell Social. At St. Anthony it is after the 11:00 a.m. mass on June 16<sup>th</sup>. At Annunciation it is after the 9:00 a.m. mass on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Question:** Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer: This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost - the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

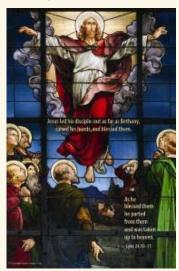
#### GOSPEL FOR THE ASCENION OF THE LORD, YEAR C – Luke 24:46-53

What is the most common image you've seen of the Ascension? It's typically Jesus hovering above the earth surrounded by brilliant light. The Ascension is a beautiful feast, but it's about more than the distant glory of God. It's about the blessing of God and the transformative power of trust.

"You are witnesses to these things." Before he ascends, Jesus reminds the disciples of the basic message of the Gospel and of the disciples' own important role. They are to proclaim the Gospel message by their personal witness to the saving power of God. "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you ... clothed with power from on high." Jesus promises to equip the disciples for this important mission. Not only are they receiving a command, but they're receiving the empowerment they need to move. "He ... raised his hands, and blessed them." Even now, though the fulfillment of Pentecost is still to come, Jesus gives them a parting gift before he ascends into heaven. Finally, "They ... returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."

The disciples faced an unknown future. Their teacher had left them, and the political and religious authorities weren't exactly thrilled about Jesus and his growing movement. But the memory of our Father's redemptive love, the promise of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of Christ sustained

them. Jesus trusted them to act in his name. They could trust him in return. Do you face uncertainty in your own life? Remember, we are all called to be disciples and witnesses. We have received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit at our baptism. We are blessed by Christ beyond imagining in the sacraments. This Ascension feast, we too can trust in God! With this firm trust, we too can return to our daily lives, praising God with great joy!



#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**First Reading – Acts 1:1-11 -** Why do you think Luke opens the Acts of the Apostles by narrating the ascension of Jesus into heaven?

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:17-23 – St. Paul speaks

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 2, 2019

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#### STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

#### May 26, 2019

| Sunday's Offertory                  | \$7,077.00         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mailed-In Offertory                 | 1,020.00           |
| Online Giving                       | 395.00             |
| Total Offertory for the week        | <u>\$8,492.00</u>  |
| Weekly Average 2019                 | \$9,963.07         |
| Children's Contribution             | \$5.25             |
| * Extra prayers                     | Matthew            |
| * Loving Granny                     | Braden             |
| * Praying for family unity          | Shawna, Reese,     |
|                                     | Ariana & MacKenzie |
| Number Registered Parish Families   | 1508               |
| Number of Envelopes Used            |                    |
| 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...

of Jesus' resurrection and ascension into heaven as the source of divine wisdom for the unity of the Church. How do you think Jesus' ascension unifies the Church?

Gospel Reading – Luke 24:46-53 - The final episode in the Gospel of Luke is Jesus' ascension into heaven. Luke tells us the disciples "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" on their way back from Bethany, about 1.5 miles away. What do you imagine the disciples talked about on this brief journey home?

**CATHOLIC QUOTES** - "My deepest vocation is to be a witness to the glimpses of God I have been allowed to catch." - Henri Nouwen

#### **Commissioned & Sent**

Have you heard the Good News? If you're reading this, chances are you probably have. You've heard the good news that God became man and that Jesus suffered, died, and rose for you, me, and everyone in between. Do you know you're part of it?

We celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. When Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave specific directions to his Apostles. "Go and make disciples of all nations." They listened! They made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, who made disciples, on down the centuries. And here we are! So what's next? The truth is that we're all commissioned and sent. It happened at our baptism, when we were made sharers in this sacred mission of Jesus. Who will make the next disciples? I hope it's you!

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, June 3

6:15 a.m.: Jack, Lois & Robert Miller; Ben Burson (Liv.)

#### Tuesday, June 4

**12:00 p.m.:** Frankie LaFleur; Jack, Lois & Robert Miller; Madeleine Montelaro; Amos Normand

#### Wednesday, June 5

6:15 a.m.: Stephanie Guillory (Liv.); Dolores Lombas

#### Thursday, June 6

12:00 p.m.: Madeleine Montelaro; Dora Johnson & Family

#### Friday, June 7

**6:15 a.m.:** Sonny Brunet (Anniversary); Rivers & Mercedes Vidrine; M/M Auggie Leonards; Gracie Marie Zaunbrecher; Robert Etney Brown family (Liv. & Dec.); Robert H. 'Bobby' Miller; Alma Leticia Ruiz (Liv. - Birthday); Fr Gary Schexnayder (50th Ordination Anniv.(Liv.)

#### Saturday, June 8

**4:00 p.m.:** Merita Guillory; Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ed Dietz; Carl Comeaux; M/M B.H. McMullen; George & Pat Schneider (Wedding Anniversary); Pilar Parrie; Paul Rozas

#### Sunday, June 9

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Chase Ryan Manuel

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Gracie Zaunbrecher; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (Liv.); Wilda Hollier

#### 11:00 a.m.:

**6:00 p.m.:** Joan Schatzle McManus; Ronald S. McManus; Hubert & Delores McGee Page 3

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

| SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 |                 |  |                 |   |  |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|--|
| 4:00 p.m.              | Fr. Hebert      | Dcn. Gary Gaudin,<br>Candy Atteberry, Kayla Fontenot<br>Mitch Fontenot, Barbara Thibodeaux | Maghon Manuel   | Alex Fontenot, Kaidynce Manuel<br>Leo Richard, Simon Richard                        |  |
| Sunday, June 9, 2019   |                 |  |                 |   |  |
| 7:00 a.m.              | Msgr.<br>Romero | Stephanie Manuel<br>Angelle Driggs, Mike Driggs  | Tara LeBlanc    | Wesley Driggs, William Driggs<br>Brennan Manuel, Isaac Russell                      |  |
| 9:00 a.m.              | Fr. Hebert      | Donnie Darbonne<br>Shelia Aucoin, Sarah Moser Fruge  | Karl Aucoin     | Adelie Beaugh, Alise Beaugh<br>Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit                        |  |
| 11:00 a.m.             | Fr. Hebert      | Dcn. Gary Gaudin<br>Vergie Ardoin, Glenn Brown<br>Debbie Ortego, Todd Ortego               | Randall McElwee | Anna Fruge, Jan McElwee, Jace Miller MC: <i>Needed</i> Thurifer: John-Michael Fruge |  |
| 6:00 p.m.              | Fr. Hebert      | Kim Miller<br>Angie Aguillard, Rickey Aguillard  | Rachel Smith    | Ashley Bertrand, Juliette Broussard<br>Robert Broussard, Vivi Broussard             |  |

#### MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Ann Duran, Craig Durbin, Lucien Montelaro, Philip Montelaro, Colleen Landreneau, Joan Burson, Earline Prather, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Hazlyn Brown, Dale Zaunbrecher, Cade Kaiser, Elsie

Stelly, John LeJeune, Debra Shilow, Kamie Thorton, Belinda Ashford, Jackie Courville Deshotel, Emily Miller Johnson, Eugene Thibodeaux, Larry Dale Thibodeaux, Christina Thibodeaux, Pearl Thibodeaux, Trish Elkins, Anna Lee Thibodeaux, Tyler Bertrand, Joyce Williamson, Jane Ellen McGee Ulery, Loretta Miller, Belinda Francois, Melissa Guillory Sikes, Norma Diaville, Lorena Gaspard Goodman, Evelyn Stringer, Keylon Thibodeaux, Belinda Fontenot, Dora Johnson, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Linda Gaudin, Anward Mayeaux, Hilton Lavergne, Dale Fracois, Leanne Belfour.

> 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, June 3

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

C.D.A. -- 6:00 p.m. St. Thomas More Education Building ACTS Core Team -- 6:00 p.m. Ministries Building

#### Tuesday, June 4

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, June 5

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

#### Thursday, June 6

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

#### Friday, June 7

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

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

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

#### Saturday, June 8

Confessions -- 3:00 p.m.

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

#### Sunday, June 9

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

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





## Barbeque Hamburger Sale

## Sunday, June 2

Benefit for Teens attending Steubenville South Conference

#### TEMPORARY MEETING PLACE CHANGE

The June 3<sup>rd</sup> Court Eunice 208, Catholic Daughters of the Americas 6:00 pm meeting will be held at St. Thomas More Education building, classroom 3. Please enter through the north entrance facing Sittig Street.

#### WALKING TOGETHER

CALLING ALL NEWLYWEDS! Mark your calendars: on June 9, 2019 from 2-4 pm in the Holy Cross Mission Hall (415 Robley Dr). Catholic Engaged Encounter of Lafayette is hosting a fun and enriching gathering, "Walking Together", for couples married five years or less. Couples need not have attended a CEE weekend. A light lunch will be served, Safe Environment Certified Childcare will be provided, and a date night prize will be awarded, all for FREE. Please prayerfully consider joining us for a fun, fellowship, and enrichment! To register and for more information go to http://www.ceelafayette. org/walking-together or call 337-237-2597 or 337-349-1607. -Clayton & Felice Hanks & Fr. Brian Harrington, Lafayette CEE Coordinating Team

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#### PRAYER FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming



lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your divine Son to reach heavenly Jeruselem where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

Written by Bishop Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette

#### Man-to-Man Men's Conference

Saturday August 10, 2019 the Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette, LA. Our day will begin with an Invocation by Bishop Douglas Deshotel and will include guest speakers Jason Angelette and Fr. James Brady. Our Keynote Speaker will be Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Fr. Bryce Sibley will serve as our master of ceremonies. A jambalaya lunch will be included. Visit www.m2m2019.com to register and to learn more about this biennial event. 800 men attended the last conference. You won't want to miss this one!

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Allowing me to come & adore you.
- 2) All the healings in our family.

<u>Adorers needed</u> for the following hours starting at: Sun. 11 am; Mon. 3 am; Tues. 6 am; Wed 8 am; Sat. 10 am, 2 pm.



<u>Prayer Partners Needed:</u> Sun 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am; Wed 8 am; Fri 7 am; Sat. 7 an, 3 pm

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

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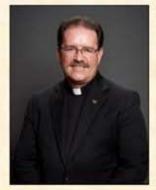


## **Priesthood Ordination**

Saturday, June 15, 2019 10 am, St. John Cathedral

Rev. Mr. Donald Davis Bernard Rev. Mr. Randy Joseph Courville Rev. Mr. Salinger Miguel Istre







### **Transitional Diaconate Ordination**

Saturday, May 25, 2019, 10 am, St. John Cathedral
Br. John Joseph Bourque, CJC
Andrew Killeen







