



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

...be the Light of Christ...

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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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**You cannot
serve both God
and mammon.**

Luke 16:13

**SEPTEMBER
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From our Associate Pastor: UNPOPULAR OPINION: We will suffer and it's GOOD

St. Peter says it best in the scriptures: "Even if you suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated." 1 Peter 3:14.

Now I know what you are all probably thinking. "Fr. Hebert wrote in his last article about the things he learned since he had his accident. Now he's talking again about suffering, what's with this guy?" It's true, but, I promise not every entry will be about suffering. As a matter of fact, my end goal is to bring light in darkness. And that's what this whole entry is actually about. Suffering isn't all that dark, as a matter of fact, one small candle is seen in the darkest of rooms. That small light overcomes any darkness.

There's a trend it seems every week in the social media world that tends to pop up and be the new thing. Lately, I've been using Twitter (I know, Lord help me!) more than any other social media platform, and the current trend on Twitter is the hashtag #UnpopularOpinion. Most of the stuff people put on that hashtag are silly things to make people laugh, but I'm actually going to give the unpopular opinion today that is factual: we will suffer and it's GOOD. Now, before I continue, I do realize that many people suffer horrible things in life. The loss of a family member, severe injuries, or even people who have emotionally hurt you. Let me set the record straight here: we as Catholic are not masochists, we do not promote the idea of seeking these terrible forms of suffering just because we want to. Simply, my argument here is that we ought to change the way that we think about suffering when it comes into our lives unintentionally.

I like to think of suffering in the way that Navy SEALs and other special forces tasks tend to think about suffering. I like to follow a lot of these types of guys because they seem to have a way of overcoming anything that they confront. It's inspiring. One of the guys I like the most is this American Hero named "Jocko Willink." Yes, his first name is in fact "Jocko," and it's awesome. He looks exactly like he sounds, gigantic, strong, and a face that would make any enemy run away from him. He posted a video several years ago called "GOOD," which I found to be quite Catholic in ideology. Even though he wasn't posting it as a Catholic inspirational video, his message was simple and profound. His point was that when something bad comes into our life, we can shrink from it and let it control us into frustration, anger, and resentment. Or, we can look at it as an opportunity to get better. Point being, the struggle makes you better. SEALs and special forces guys aren't unfamiliar with struggle. Many of them have to go through their training several times because of minor or major injuries. They go through the most rigorous training, both physically, mentally, and emotionally. Their minds are calloused. We're all thankful for the sacrifice they give to us. (*I'll post the link to his video at the end*).

Well, to be quite honest, as a priest, and most importantly as a Catholic, we are like the special forces of Christianity. We take no shortcuts, we never preach a prosperity gospel, and we take the exact spiritual life as taught by Christ. That is, IF WE ARE BRAVE ENOUGH TO ACCEPT IT! One of those difficult teachings is what Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:14. Expect the suffering to come, but don't run from it. See it as an opportunity to strengthen your soul. We are unique as Catholics in this regard. Today, you can comfort yourself with spiritual "experts," like Joel Osteen and other prosperity gospel preachers, who really aren't experts and just want to make you feel good so they can get rich off of you. (Caveat: not all christian religions are as soft as prosperity gospel preachers). But, my main point is that we as Catholics say NO. We understand one thing that's for SURE, there is NO RESURRECTION SUNDAY WITHOUT A GOOD FRIDAY. What I mean by that, is there can be no glory without the cross. Christ didn't run from it, and we follow in his footsteps. He suffered before he resurrected.

Is this masochistic? No. It's not masochistic because we don't have to willingly seek suffering to fulfill our obligation to follow in Christ's footsteps. We know it will come in some form in our life without our pursuit of it. The key to seeing our suffering as something we can handle is the way that we look at it. We can become resentful and hateful towards God because he allowed it to happen to us, or we can see it as something GOOD because through it we can become more dependent on God. It's really that simple. Don't be afraid. Allow the suffering to help you grow and become a saint!

I'd like to leave you with a beautiful meditation that I read about suffering in a blog by Dan Burke. He writes the following: *"If I had not been in pain, He has not relieved me. If I have not been sad, He has not lifted my heart to heaven. If I have not been reviled, He has not comforted me. If I have not been abandoned, He has not come to me. If I have been broken, He has not healed me. If I have not been lost, He has not shown me the way. If I have not been in sin, He has not redeemed me. If I have not been without a friend, He has not walked beside me. If I have not mourned, He has not comforted me. If I have not been betrayed, He has not restored me. If I have not been in chains, He has not set me free. If I have not wept, He has not dried my tears. If I have not been in the depths of darkness, He has not brought me into the light. If I have not suffered, I HAVE NOT KNOWN HIM."*

God bless you all in your battle to sanctity! Bear your crosses bravely! Link to Jocko Willink's video: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=IdTMDpizis8>

*or simply type in Jocko Willink GOOD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 2019

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

August 18, 2019

Sunday's Offertory	\$8,947.00
Mailed-In Offertory	595.00
Online Giving	445.00
Total Offertory for the week.....	\$9,987.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$478.00

Weekly Average 2019 \$9,970.63

Children's Contribution \$5.25

* Extra prayers Matthew

* Praying for Paw's surgery & quick recovery Shawna, Reese,
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1528

Number of Envelopes Used.....138

Number of Children's Envelopes Used 4

Thank you for your generosity.

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



ST. THOMAS MORE FALL FESTIVAL

The St. Thomas More Fall Festival 2019 will be **Friday, Sept. 27 @ 6-10 p.m.**; **Saturday, Sept. 28 @ 10-10 p.m.** and **Sunday, Sept. 29 @ 10-5 p.m.**

Friday night opens at 6:00 p.m. with food booths, fair rides & Bingo. Gumbo is served Saturday and Sunday beginning at noon. Other activities include: Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffle, Casserole Sale, Cake Sale & Kona Ice. There will be a 5-K run and 1-mile Fun Run. For more information call the St. Thomas More Parish Office at 337-457-8107.

Ride Armbands: \$20 for a 4 hour period & \$40 weekend armband. 4 Hour Ride Times: Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday 12-4 p.m. or 6-10 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 23

6:15 a.m.: Robert H. 'Bobby' Miller & Norma Jean McManus Miller; J.R. Deshotel (*Anniv. of Death*); Dean Deshotel (*Liv.*); Kyle Deshotel (*Liv.*); Chad Deshotel; Nicole Deshotel Bergeron (*Liv.*); Jay Deshotel (*Liv.*); Jude Deshotel (*Liv.*); Gracie Zaunbrecher; Kermen D. Beauchamp Sr.

Tuesday, September 24

12:00 p.m.: Hubert & Dolores McGee; Gracie Marie Zaunbrecher; Raymond 'Poochie' Fontenot; Cindy Miller; Jeanne Miller; Deanna Bischoff (*Liv.*); Gary & Paula Fontenot (*Liv.*); Jean F. Pucheu (*Birthday*); Dorothy Bell; Billy Gil; Liz Mae Moreau

Wednesday, September 25

6:15 a.m.: Dolores Lombas; Ed & Lois (*Liv.*) Dietz; Thomas Roche; Rev. Robert Crohan, M.M.

Thursday, September 26

12:00 p.m.: Donald & Helen Tanner (*Wedding Anniv.*); Jean Pucheu; Gary & Paula Fontenot family (*Liv.*)

Friday, September 27

6:15 a.m.: Gracie Zaunbrecher; Louis McGee Sr. (*Anniv. of Death*); Carla, Julia & Jayia Watford (*Anniv. of Death*); Keilah & Rafael Beauchamp; Msgr. J. Robert Romero (*Liv. - Birthday*)

Saturday, September 28

4:00 p.m.: Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Carl Comeaux; Jewell Pavur; Glenn Durbin; Jessie Comeaux family (*Liv. & Dec.*); Paul Rozas; Lou Bertrand; Louis Mier; Barry Ashford

Sunday, September 29

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m.: St. Anthony Parishioners; Robert H. 'Bobby' Miller & Norma Jean McManus Miller

9:00 a.m.: Frankie LaFleur; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; David Grant Fontenot; Beth Manuel; Adam 'Brother' Johnson

11:00 a.m.:

6:00 p.m.: Joan Schatzle McManus; Ronald S. McManus



DON'T MISS OUT!
Register now.

25th Annual
**Voice of the Voiceless
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Saturday,
September 28, 2019
Southern Oaks
Country Club
10924 Veterans Memorial Drive
Abbeville, LA 70510

For information: Cathy Fontenot 337-642-5209

NEW SERVERS' SCHEDULE

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for October - November 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 **September 23rd** to get your changes into the new schedule.



Continuing Tuesdays
St. Anthony Parish Hall @ 5:30 AM

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The “**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**” is a program beginning **Tuesday, September 24th** - which prepares persons for entrance into the Catholic Church and / or prepares adult baptized Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. It can also help Catholics develop a deeper understanding of their faith and grow in their relationship with Christ. So, if you or someone you know fits either category, please call the church parish office to speak with Deacon Gary Gaudin who will give you more information [337-457-5285]. Please call as soon as possible so that adequate preparations might be made. It will be held at St. Thomas More’s Social Hall in Eunice on **Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.** This is a combined effort of the following Catholic Church Parishes: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Duralde), St. Ann (Mamou), St. Anthony of Padua (Eunice), St. Thomas More (Eunice).

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Adorers thank Jesus for the following favors:

- 1) Wife’s good tests results.
- 2) For our blessings & sufferings that draw us closer to you.



Adorers needed for the following hours
starting at: Fri. 11 pm; Sat. 10 am

Prayer Partners Needed: Sun 3 pm; Mon 8 am, 10 am;
Wed 8 am; Fri 7 am; Sat. 7 am, 3 pm

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

EXTRAORDINARY LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS & ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

4:00 p.m.	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Vergie Ardoin, Kayla Fontenot Cliff Miller, Barbara Thibodeaux	Kathryn LaFleur	Clay Miller, Kate Miller Mary-Helen Miller, Millie Miller
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

7:00 a.m.	Ed Benoit, Stephanie Manuel, Brad Miller	Joanne Brinkman	Evan Aucoin, Brennan Manuel Hannah Benoit, Rebecca Benoit
9:00 a.m.	Dcn. Gary Gaudin, Sarah Moser Fruge, Shelia Aucoin	Karl Aucoin	Joe Aucoin, Emma Clause John Patrick Fruge, Kaden Thompson
11:00 a.m.	Donnie Darbonne, Dr. Scott & Deborah Eckholdt, Lynn Pavich, <i>Minister Needed</i>	Jennifer Miller	Avery Heinen, Blair Heinen, Samuel Heinen MC: Needed Thurifer: John-Michael Fruge
6:00 p.m.	Kim Miller, Jeff & Angel McGee	Lynda Perrodin	Jack Parks, Ava Warner, Chloe Warner, Laura Grace Warner

MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Ann Duran, Craig Durbin, Lucien Montelaro, Philip Montelaro, Colleen Landreneau, Joan Burson, Earline Prather, Donnie Price, C.J. Godeaux, Tyler Bertrand, Jennifer Lafleur Manuel, Carrol Godeaux, Sam Olivier, Mary Boudin, Joseph Boudin, Burton Guilbeau, Grace Courville, Beth Baumer, Gary & Paula Fontenot, John LeJeune, Maranda McElwee, Anita LeBlanc, Lillie Fontenot, Richard Leon, Hunter Vidrine, Suzanne DeRouen, Jane Ellen McGee Ulery, Larry Dale Thibodeaux, Christina Thibodeaux, Pearl Thibodeaux, Emily Miller Johnson, Gail Cheramie, Kay Lasseigne, Eugene Thibodeaux, Belinda Francois, Bill Parrie, Norma Diaville, Melissa Guillory Sikes, Evelyn Stringer, Lorena G. Goodman, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Linda Gaudin, Dora Johnson, Larry Doucet, Elise Bergeaux, Michael Douglas Bergeron, Faye Campbell, Tommy Quinealty.

***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, September 23

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Elementary Faith Formation Classes -- 4:00 p.m.
Jr. High Faith Formation Classes -- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

That Man Is You! -- 5:30 a.m. K.C. Hall.
St. Edmund High School Mass -- 9:00 a.m.
Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
Men's ACTS Formation -- 6:00 p.m. K.C. Hall.
R.C.I.A. -- 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More Hall.

Wednesday, September 25

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Thursday, September 26

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.
St. Edmund Elementary School Mass -- 8:15 a.m.

Friday, September 27

Football Mass -- 6:15 a.m.
Nursing Home Masses -- 9:30 a.m.
E.H.S. Football vs Breaux Bridge -- 7:00 p.m. Home
S.E.H. Football vs Highland Baptist (N.I.) -- 7:00 p.m. Home
St. Thomas More Church Fall Festival (Sept. 27 - 29)

Saturday, September 28

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

Sunday, September 29

Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Men's ACTS Commissioning Mass -- 11:00 a.m.
Life Teen Mass -- 6:00 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua & Annunciation B.V.M.

Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat

September 19-22, 2019

Retreatants:

Mary Ann Attole
Renee Baudin
Sandy Bergeaux
Samantha Bertrand
Abbie Brown
Renee Brown
Alyce Chachere
Jill Cormier
Maranda Cormier
Shari Cormier
Crystal Devillier

Oliva Dodd
Jackie Duos
Pris Duplechin
Beth Dupre
Libby Feucht
Jan Garcille
Sheila Gresko
Virginia Guillot
Debbie Kreswell
Margaret Leger
Dana Lejeune

Laynee Miller
Jo Ann Moncla
Bernadette Poullard
Janet Prudhomme
Tina Young-Reidlich
Betty Sanders
Sherry Smith
Elaine Sonnier
Leslie Taylor
Lauren Wimberley

"Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor." *Psalm 113:1*

Team:

Candy Atteberry
Holly Bertrand
Tricia Bertrand
Joanne Brinkman
Doris Brown
Vanessa Brown
Lisa Christ
Alana Daigle
Meghan Darbonne
Greta Fontenot

Julie Fontenot
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Emily LaCombe
Dayne LaFleur
Denise LeBouef
Eva Leger
Ashley LeJeune
Christina LeJeune

Kelly Manuel
Stephanie Manuel
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Jennifer Miller
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Jennifer Reed
Michele Richard
Rachel Tanner
Lauren West
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