

His head and His hair were white... and His eyes were like a burning flame.

-Hebrew 2:4

Reflection. White hair may be a sign of age and wisdom. The Son of Man shares in the ancient wisdom of the Father.

Eyes in the Bible stand for the action of the Holy Spirit. The Son of Man's fiery eyes mean that He is Spirit-filled, able to see into our hearts and souls.

Prayer. See into my heart, O Spirit of God, and heal that which is not filled with Your Love.

[Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit]

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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[Mother Angelica]



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist



Deacon: Edward Cain

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

RCIA: Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Confessions:

30 minutes before 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. masses or by appointment.

Baptism:

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

Marriage:

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

Funeral:

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

C.C.D. Classes:

Grades K - 9th Monday at 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. at Parish Hall. Grades 10th & 11th Sunday at 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Parish Hall.

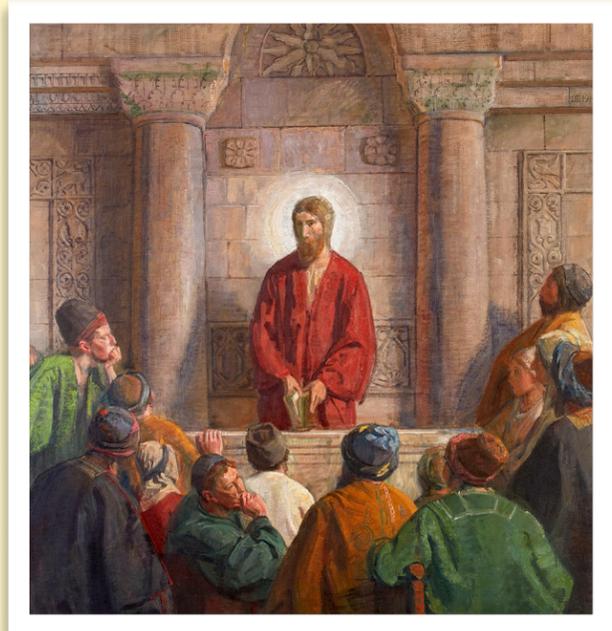
Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

Scripture Outline & Reflection

Ezekiel 2:2-5;
Psalm 123:1-4;
2 Corinthians 12:7-10;
Mark 6:1-6a

Jesus is met with misgivings and rejection by his own relations (3). Like them, we often resist the prophetic word because of an obstinacy of heart (1), rooted in self-pride (Ps) which must give way to weakness and powerlessness (2).



TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD;
BLESSED THE MAN WHO SEEKS REFUGE IN HIM.
-PSLAM 34

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!



So, by way of brief introduction, I am Rev. Fr. Jude Oghenechuko Emunemu. I am originally from Nigeria; born into a family of eight (five boys and three girls of which I am the last). My dad passed some 27 years ago (1997) and my mom just turned 82 on July 5, 2024. I was ordained to the priesthood on June 26, 2008, and incarnated into the Diocese of Warri in Delta State of Nigeria where I served for nine (9) years in different pastoral assignments as Parochial Vicar in two separate parishes, Founding Pastor of two separate parishes, and also as the Diocesan Vocations Director for about 5 years before coming to the United States and taking up pastoral ministry here in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Louisiana in July of 2017. Since that time, I have served as Parochial Vicar at both St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Destrehan (for three years) and at the Visitation of Our Lady Catholic Church, Marrero for four years.

And thankfully as God would have it, I am happy to be here among in St. Anthony Catholic Church, Jean Lafitte to serve with you as your Pastor. I am particularly looking forward to serving with you all and to know each one of you and your families. There is no doubt, you have been through a whole lot as a faith community this past three years of so especially, with the devastating effect of hurricane Ida on our parish and our local community. But then, I thank God for the gift of your faith and your resilience through every thick and thin. I am particular grateful to my immediate predecessor – Rev. Fr. Luke Nguyen for his pastoral ministry to us here and especially for the leadership he provided us during this difficult and challenging times. I am grateful to our very Dear Deacon Edward “Ted” Cain for his pastoral ministry to us here at St. Anthony Church. I am so very grateful also to our parish staff and volunteer staff for the incredible work you all do to keep our faith community going. We can’t thank you enough. I am grateful to all the different ministries and for everything you all do to serve our parish Church and community. So, I am looking forward to serving with you all as your pastor; but most importantly, as a servant in your midst. I know I am walking into a whole lot of challenges here in our parish community. But then, I must admit, we are all in it together and by the GRACE OF GOD we shall overcome and be able to rebuild his Church – only by his grace, nothing more, nothing less and nothing else. And so, I humbly solicit for your continued support and pastoral collaboration. Let us continue to pray for our parish and ask for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us as we discern together and serve the mission of Christ for which we all by virtue of our baptism have been commissioned and are co-responsible. Please, continue to keep my unworthy self in your thought and prayers as I take up my new pastoral assignment here at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Jean Lafitte that I may imitate the heart of the Jesus – the Good Shepherd and to serve with the charity of Jesus. And I entrust every one of you and our faith community to the loving and Maternal intercession of the Blessed Mother – Our Lady, Help of Christians, to continue to intercede for us. God bless.

Rev. Fr. Jude Oghenechuko Emunemu
Pastor

Background on today’s Gospel

First, each of us needs to trust more deeply in God’s Providential will. To say that God’s divine will is providential means that while God never directly causes evil, He does permit it. He allows the world we live in to be as dark as it is because that darkness is the price to be paid for human free will. It might be simpler if God were to remove that freedom and make all things right in the world. But without that freedom, no one would have the chance to become like God and enter Heaven.

Second, each of us needs to grow in faith in God’s love for oneself personally. Each of us needs to have the faith that the crowds in today’s Gospel passage lacked. Each of us needs to believe that God sends His love to us in humble forms, especially in humble opportunities to love Him. Nevertheless, as much as He chooses to love you, He also chooses not to force you to love Him.

Third, God demands that your faith be purified. This is not the same as growing in faith. Growing in faith is what you do by choosing to believe. But this third plain fact is what God does. God wants actively to purify your faith: to sift it so as to remove the chaff. Part of this sifting is helping us separate our wants from our needs. Another part removes consolations in prayer so that our faith grows deeper. This sifting calls us to adore God more than we petition Him, and to love Him for Who He truly is, instead of who we want Him to be.

MASS INTENTIONS

ST. ANTHONY/ST. PIUS X

4:00 p.m. All Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Jarret Polkey
 Willie Boudreaux
 Erica Kay Schieffler
 Betty Russell
 Eunice Perez
 Dale Dehart
 Charles Dehart
 Cathrine, Dominick,
 and Dwight
 Daniel Berthelot
 Conversion of Family
 and Friends
 11:00 a.m. Marcum and Merlyn
 Olano
 Marc, Lorna, and Brent
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St. Anthony/St. Pius X

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1st Collection	2nd Collection
\$ 952.30	\$ 531.27

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Online Giving \$ 625.00

Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,156.57

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
39	74	84

ST. ANTHONY	ST. PIUS X
Electric Bill (May)	Electric Bill (May)
\$ 2,396.54	\$ 140.22

PARISH EVENTS

JULY 26TH (FRIDAY)
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
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