

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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)

## PASTOR:

**Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero**

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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 8 - 11, 2016.

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 for an hour of prayer on the poster in church. The return mass for the retreat will be the 11:00 a.m. mass next Sunday, September 11. Following the return mass - a small reception is held in Jeanmard Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend and welcome all involved in the retreat.

#### 'That Man is You'

'That Man is You' begins its fourth theme on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 5:30 a.m. in Jeanmard Hall. Men of Annunciation and St. Anthony as well as the greater Eunice area are invite to attend.

#### Diocese of Lafayette Flood Relief Fund

*"Many waters cannot quench charity;  
nor can they drown love."* (Song of Songs 8:7)

From the Diocesan Website [www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org): "Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Diocese of Lafayette Community during these difficult times. The historic flooding that has taken place has impacted many parts of our State, and many of the residents of parishes in Acadiana. In order to support these efforts, the Diocese of Lafayette has established a special account, "Diocese of Lafayette Flood Relief Fund." Monetary donations are critically needed at this time."

One can donate to this Relief Fund on the Diocese of Lafayette's website [[www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org)] or in the second collection today at both Annunciation and St. Anthony Churches.

In addition, as one of the case elements in raising funds for Catholic Outreach and Services in the Centennial Campaign, \$1 million of the *Matthew 25 Endowment Fund* will be focused toward the needs of the people affected by the recent floods.

We thank you for your generosity!

#### "Come Be My Light"

After twenty years of being in Calcutta, St. Teresa of Calcutta received a *"call within a call"* from Jesus. Jesus told her, "I am sending you into the dark holes of the poor. Come, be my light." As soon as she began her work with the poor, St. Teresa experienced an *"inner darkness"*; she called it an *"agony"* and a *"torture"*, a *"continual longing for God"* that

was never satisfied. She felt that God did not want her. In time she understood that she was living a continuous *"dark night,"* an intimate sharing in Christ's desolation on the cross. She viewed it as a *"great gift."* *"All for Jesus,"* she would repeat. Being destitute she was one with the poor she served. She said, *"If I ever become a saint, I will surely be one of darkness. I will continue to be absent from heaven to light the light of those in darkness on earth."* We pray: *"Dear Saint Teresa of Calcutta, come to us who continue to dwell in the dark! Come, be our light!"* As St. Teresa helps us, let us join her in being a light to each other. [Source: adapted from Lisa Lickona, A New Saint: Teresa of Calcutta in Magnificat, September 2016, pp. 57-58]

#### National Day of Prayer on Friday, September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver

Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called us to a National Day of Prayer. We are encouraged to pray for an end to violence and racial prejudice in our country. I offer the Collect Prayer from the mass on the memorial of St. Peter Claver for us to pray this Friday:

O God, who made Saint Peter Claver a slave of slaves and strengthened him with wonderful charity and patience as he came to their help, grant, through his intercession, that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ, we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C – Luke 14, 25-33

It is a post-modern misconception to think of Jesus as the ultimate nice person who only said things that everybody loved to hear. Of course Jesus is the perfect model of charity and compassion, but he also gave some very challenging teachings. Today's Gospel is a case in point. Not many people are thrilled by Christ's lesson today that insists God must be first in our lives. Few are those who love to hear this instruction to renounce our beloved things as well as our beloved relationships. But Jesus does not mince words. We are to *"hate"* our *"father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters,"* and even our own life. It is important to understand that the use of the word *"hate"* here does not mean to despise anyone or treat him or her unkindly. It means rather to prefer something – or Someone – else, namely God, to these important relationships. In putting God first, inevitably something else must take second place. It means putting all our trust in God, whatever the cost may be.

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# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

August 28, 2016

Sunday's Offertory .....\$7,711.50

Mailed-In Offertory .....690.00

Total Offertory for the week .....\$8,401.50

Weekly Average 2016 .....\$10,287.47

Children's Contribution .....\$5.25

\* Extra prayers ..... Matthew

\* Praying for others ..... Shawna, Reese,  
Ariana & MacKenzie

Number Registered Parish Families.....1488

Number of Envelopes Used.....141

Number of Children's Envelopes Used ..... 2

### Thank you for your generosity.

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

## MSGR.'S ARTICLE CONTINUED...

### Questions of the Week

**Luke 14:25-33:** Which of the three conditions of discipleship would you find easiest to fulfill?

**Wisdom 9:13-18b:** Who is the wisest person you know or have encountered?

**Philemon 9-10, 12-17:** How do you think Philemon reacted to St. Paul's request?

*Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero*

## MESSAGE FROM DEACON GARY

Blessings to all!

I am writing this short memo to announce two items.

1. I am going to be working in the Parish Office part-time on Monday, Wednesday & Friday starting September 1 with an anticipated date of December 31 as my last day as an office employee, but not as a Deacon. I will continue doing Deacon ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Church.
2. On September 9, I will celebrate 10 years as an ordained deacon. It has been my humble and grateful honor to serve this wonderful parish at St. Anthony of Padua... yet it is only because of all you parishioners that I am able to serve... for without you, none of us would have a ministry. Even though I will not be in the office, I will still be here to serve you... feel free to call for me at any time. It has been a wonderful 10 years and I look forward to serving you holy people for another 10... or 20... or even 30 years.

May God's graces and blessings continue to shine on all of you...and a great big thanks for allowing me to share the lives of so many of you. In His Peace, *Deacon Gary Gaudin*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

**6:15 a.m.:** Melia Molitor Belfour Guillory; Dr. Jack & Lois Miller

### Tuesday, September 6

**12:00 p.m.:** Souls in Purgatory; Alice Courville; Charles Manuel (*Birthday*); Josh Godchaux

### Wednesday, September 7

**6:15 a.m.:** Pilar Parrie; Catholic Deacons of Louisiana (*Liv.*)

### Thursday, September 8

**12:00 p.m.:** Frankie LaFleur; David & Wilma Atteberry; Robert H. Read (*Anniversary of Death*); John 'Nookie' Savoy (*1st Anniversary of Death*); Maria del Pilar Parrie

### Friday, September 9

**6:15 a.m.:** Juanita G. LaFleur; Larry Francois; Shirley Janot

### Saturday, September 10

**4:00 p.m.:** Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Carla Watford (*Birthday*); M/M C.A. Penn; Leonce Thibodeaux;

George Sonnier; Travis & Gladys Hollier; John 'Nookie' Savoy; M/M Oscar Comeaux; Shirley Janot; Leon Stelly; Gladys & Howard Landreneau; Sybil Fontenot (*Anniversary of Death*); Lou Latour

### Sunday, September 11

**7:00 a.m.:** St. Anthony Parishioners; Merlin Marcantel; Mattie Ardoin; Willie & Bernadette Manuel; Vernelle Soileau; Classie Myers; Kim Myers; Gary Myers

**9:00 a.m.:** Carole Sue & Debbi Hargroder; Frankie LaFleur; M/M Johnny Godeaux; Loreta Godeaux; James & Ruth Marvin; Jeffery Babineaux; M/M Sidney Babineaux; Dean Godeaux family (*Liv.*); J.D. & John Marshall Arabie; Merlin Moreau; Boo & Pris Ledoux; Don Louis Ransom; Charles & Maxine Moffitt (*Liv.*); Arnold Garcia; Alice Courville

**11:00 a.m.:** Justin Christ; Shirley Janot; Charles Manuel (*9th Anniversary of Death*); James Duplechain (*Liv.*)

**6:00 p.m.:** Wade Leger



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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Janice Aguiard, Tommy Dietz, Mitch Fontenot, Barry Soileau	Kay Dietz	Alex Fontenot, Gabby Fontenot, Kelly Fruge, Landon Fruge
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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Michael Driggs, Angelle Driggs	Jennifer Miller	Madison Comeau, Wesley Driggs, William Driggs, Anna Belle Fontenot
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Msgr. Romero</b>	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Shelia Aucoin, Sarah Moser Fruge	Karl Aucoin	Jack Parks, Kiley Tazun, Brooke Young, <i>Altar Server Needed</i>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Dcn Gary Gaudin, A.C.T.S. Members	A.C.T.S. Member	Juliette & Robert Broussard, Christopher Fuselier <b>MC: Needed</b> <b>Thurifer:</b> Jacque Richard
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Fr. Abadie</b>	Dcn Gary Gaudin, Brayden Gaspard, Kim Miller	Randall McElwee	Christopher Leger, Kailey Miller Harry Summerlin III, Blake Summerlin

## MINISTERS OF PRAYER



**Please pray for:** Ivy Fruge, Kaitlyn Mire, Jasmine Doucet, Darlene Faul, John & Elaine Guillory, Diane Dischler, Ann Cardona, Diane DeRouen, Liz Moreau, Cody Lalonde, Mary Lou Guillory, Elaine C. Guillory, Maril Fontenot, Diana Bertrand, Craig Durbin, David Stearns, Jacqueline Thevis Shirley, Shawn Bozzell, Connie Baum, Elizabeth Fontenot Ardoin, Jane Ellen McGee Ulery, Jude Miller Sr., Eve Morgan, Rene Duplechain, Mary 'Bobbie' Thibodeaux, Linda Gaudin, Lenard Craig, David Frey family, Amy Duplechin, George Joseph, Charles & Judy Francois, Roger Gillard, Sophia Hortness, Amanda Prather, Norbert Young, Joseph Van Ortego, Madeline Montelaro, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Rebecca Johnson, Tammy Manuel, Vivian Soileau, Lynn Landreneau, Brandon Butler, Jonah Thibodeaux, Judson Ardoin, Louis McGee Jr., J.B. Lejeune, Joan Burson, Paul Rozas.

***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 5 - Labor Day**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

~~ ***Rectory Office Closed*** ~~

### **Tuesday, September 6**

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

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

33 Days to Merciful Love -- 6:00 p.m. at K.C. Hall  
C.C.D. Parent Orientation (K-8) -- 6:00 p.m. in Hall.

### **Wednesday, September 7**

Daily Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

St. Edmund Elementary Mass -- 8:00 a.m.

**The Choice Wine** -- 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

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

### **Thursday, September 8**

Daily Mass -- 12:00 p.m.

Men's ACTS Retreat -- Acadian Baptist Center.

### **Friday, September 9**

Football Mass -- 6:15 a.m.

Eunice Manor / Oaklane Masses -- 9:30 a.m.

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

**SEH Football vs Iota -- 7:00 p.m. (home)**

### **Saturday, September 10**

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

### **Sunday, September 11**

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

Men's ACTS Return Mass followed by Reception  
in the Parish Hall -- 11:00 a.m.

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



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**THAT MAN IS YOU!**  
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

***Tuesday mornings beginning on  
 September 6, 2016 at  
 St. Anthony Parish Hall @ 5:30 am***

## DISASTER RELIEF INFORMATION

Johnny G. Anderson, Deputy Chief of Staff for John Bel Edwards, hosted a meeting recently in Eunice. Many members of the governor's emergency staff as well as FEMA were present. The following may be useful to you and your family:

- \* To apply for Disaster Unemployment Disaster Relief due to loss of job and/or income due to the storm, apply online at laworks.net or call 1-866-783-7567. These benefits are for 27 weeks max and range from \$109 to \$247 per week
- \* People who are looking for Disaster Relief Work can register at laworks.net
- \* A Disaster Recovery Center has opened in Eunice at Word Ministries (old Walmart building)
- \* The deadline to apply for DSNAP benefits in St. Landry Parish has passed
- \* DSNAP applications are beginning this week for Evangeline Parish
- \* SBA has 2.625% loans available for businesses, individuals, and churches
- \* Only two weeks remains to apply for FEMA assistance. There is a 30 day deadline after the disaster decree is issued. Many people are unaware of this.
- \* Anyone who needs help with their Flood Insurance Claims can call 1-800-621-3362, Option #2
- \* For uprooting of graves, family members need to apply for FEMA assistance on an individual basis. Please be aware that if the family also experienced flood damage, the amount to reinter their family member will be subtracted from their total FEMA assistance amount

## R.C.I.A. STARTS WEDNESDAY

The "Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults" is a program beginning **September 7** - which prepares persons for entrance into the Catholic Church and / or prepares adult baptized Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. So, if you or someone you know fits either category, please call the parish office to speak with Deacon Gary Gaudin who will give you more information (457-5285). Please call **as soon as possible** so that adequate preparations might be made.

## FAITH FORMATION (C.C.D.) REGISTRATION CONTINUES...

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. For more information call 457-7505. Register early to help us prepare properly and adequately for our upcoming programs.

### **\*\* Teachers Needed \*\***

Our Religious Formation Program is in **NEED** of volunteers to teach the faith to our young children. Please seriously search your heart to see if this could be a ministry in which you can be of service to the Lord. We are in need of teachers for **K - 8<sup>th</sup> grade elementary classes**, as well as, **Life Teen Core Team members for our High School Program**. Please contact the Rectory or the Formation office [457-7505] for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION (C.C.D.) NEWS

**Tuesday, Sept. 6 @ 6:00 p.m.**

**Faith Formation (C.C.D.)  
 Parent Orientation (Grades K-8)**

**Monday, Sept. 12 @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**Elementary Classes begin**

**Monday, Sept. 12 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**Jr. High Classes begin**

**Sunday, Oct. 2 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Life Night Orientation  
 with Parents & Teens**

## ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH BAZAAR



**Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016**

Bingo, burgers, and snacks from 5:30-8:00 PM

**Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 beginning at 10 AM**

BBQ plate lunches (*call for advance tickets*)  
 or BBQ burgers

Children's games and Face Painting  
 Bake Sale, Country Store, and Music  
 Beverages sold, **no ice chests please!**

**LIVE AUCTION** beginning at 1:00 PM

For more information call Chris or Rebecca Cormier or Joel (337-225-9578) or Julie Fontenot (337-234-9547)

# In Commemoration of Saint Teresa of Calcutta (*Kolkata*) Saint of Mercy – Holy Year of Mercy

## Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Birth Name:** Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu

**Born:** August 26, 1910

**Place of Birth:** Skopje, when the city was part of the Ottoman Empire.

Saint Teresa was an ethnic Albanian, but due to the conflicts in the Balkans in the first part of the 20th century – including the First World War – Skopje was under various jurisdictions, so she held at different times Ottoman, Serbian, and Yugoslavian citizenship. She became a citizen of her adoptive India in 1948. Skopje is now the capital of the modern Republic of Macedonia, which declared independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

**Final Profession of Vows:** May 24, 1937

### Religious Communities:

Sisters of Loreto (1928-1948)

Missionaries of Charity (1950-1997)

**Began Work for poor:** December 21, 1948

**Nobel Peace Prize Awarded:** 1979

**Died:** September 5, 1997

**Beatified:** October 19, 2003 by Pope Saint John-Paul II

**Canonized:** September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis

**Feast Day:** September 5



*“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work.”* Saint Teresa of Calcutta

*“You don’t have to go to Calcutta to find the poor. You find the poor right around you. These acts of mercy are little things; a smile, a word of consolation, a helping hand.”* Saint Teresa of Calcutta

### Corporal Works of Mercy

To Feed the Hungry  
To Give Drink to the Thirsty  
To Clothe the Naked  
To Shelter the Homeless  
To Care for the Sick  
To Visit the Imprisoned  
To Bury the Dead

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

To Convert Sinners  
To Instruct the Ignorant  
To Advise the Doubtful  
To Comfort the Sorrowful  
To Bear Wrongs Patiently  
To Forgive Injuries  
To Pray for the Living and Dead

### Come Be My Light

#### A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. *Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. *Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. *Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. *Be honest and sincere anyway.*

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. *Create anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. *Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. *Do good anyway.*

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. *Give your best anyway.*

**In the final analysis, it is between you and God. *It was never between you and them anyway.***

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta**

### Prayer to Saint Teresa of Calcutta

**Saint Teresa of Calcutta you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to become a living flame within you, and so became the light of His Love to all.**

**Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (... here make your request ...)**

**Teach me to allow Jesus to pierce and possess my whole being so completely that my life, too, may radiate his light and love to others. Amen.**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for me.**