

Did you know that we have an active Prayer-line? If you would like to be remembered in the prayers of many people, please call John Lukens, 229-561-0719. John sends out the prayer requests via text message daily.

Catholics and their family members who are struggling with same-sex attraction can find help through **COURAGE** (www.couragec.org/). Help is available online at their website or by phone (404)931-1836 or (404) 747-8204. Local **COURAGE** Chapter for Diocese of Savannah is in Macon, GA. Website information is available in Spanish and Italian. Founded in 1980 at request of the late Terence Cardinal Cook, COURAGE received canonical status in the Catholic Church on November 28, 2016.

NEWCOMER RECEPTION: On the first Sunday of each month we will have a Newcomers Reception after Mass. We would like everyone to come back to welcome anyone who is new to our Parish.

USHERS NEEDED! Men and women are needed to become active members of our Parish to help with the Collection and the Reception of Holy Communion. See John Lukens for the 10:00 AM Mass and Deacon Steven for the 12:30 PM Mass.

THE SECOND SUNDAY of the month is **GIVING SUNDAY**. We take up a second collection that day and for the month of **APRIL**, it is for **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**. We also accept donations for St. Francis Center which is a Catholic Thrift Shop and Outreach Center run by St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta. Presently they need any hygiene items: shampoo, body wash, face soap, hand soap, toothpaste, individual toothbrushes, deodorant.

UNFAILING PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY

O holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for his creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.

Miracles waited on your word, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (your request).

The answer to my prayer may require a miracle; even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.

O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the Sweet Infant Jesus, Who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen

PRAYER GARDEN: We have a Prayer Garden with engraved bricks around the Statue of Our Lady. If you wish to order an engraved brick—either in honor of someone special to you or in memory of someone special who has passed away, you can come to the Parish Office, or you could fill out a sheet with the appropriate envelope that can be found on the table in the Narthax. The cost is \$100.00 each and we will take payments.



Abuse Hotline Number: To report sexual abuse of a minor by Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to commencing their ministry.

We are creating a **CIRCLE OF CARE Committee** and would like you to consider being a part of this committee. We will provide food for a family after a funeral or if a family has a seriously ill member and can use meals we could provide. The Rosary Makers will provide the meat and we will ask members of the committee to provide a side dish. Please call the Office at 229-455-5554 if you could help us.



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Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

April 14, 2024

Parish Mission Statement

“We are a bilingual community, who walk together to meet the Lord through the sacraments. We are guided by the Holy Spirit and by the Doctrine of the Church, towards the love of God the Father through Jesus, His only Son.”

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday thru Thursday: 9:30 AM Mass . There will be Adoration available each day the Church is open until 3 :00 PM. On First Friday there will be Adoration from 5:00 — 6:30 PM Followed by a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM. Sunday: 10:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM in Spanish

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs 9:00 am—3:00 pm



If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 5:00 — 7:00 PM
 Followed by a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM
 Every day the Office is open 10:00 AM — 3:00 PM

Reconciliation

Sundays between 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
 Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes begin in September.
 September—May

Baptism

Speak with Priest or Deacon three months in anticipation of the proposed date. Copy of Birth Certificate is required.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

Faith Formation

Classes began on September 17th.
 Classes are 11:15 AM —12:15 PM

Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Sunday: 11:15 AM—12:15 PM in Conference Room
 We will study the Book of Proverbs using the Ignatius Catholic Study Guide

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Deacon Ray Brown, Jerry Folkerts, Alfonso Santacruz, Julia Santacruz, Rhoda Montisano, James Gray, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Dan Burnette, Mary Hopper, Evelyn Puentes Borrero, Derrick Reese, Bill McDaniel, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Liviana Sirmans, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, Kathy Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Lidia Guajardo,
 Jonathan Bautista,
 Camellia Ezekiel,
 Lamberto Hernandez.

Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Homer Giddens, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegueda, Joe Henkels, JP Hiler, Mounira “Nina” Chammoun, Ronald Chaney, Frank Boland, Linda Christiano, Dennis David, Cirilio Antonio Almarez, Michael Richbourg, Felipe Bautista, Ottis Miller, Fr. Harold Essling, Guillermo Santacruz, Joseph Garneski Keith Sebring, Gene Shearl, Jorge Osorio, JR Cassity, Jesus Cordova Duarte, Bessy Garcia, Everett Holley, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Deb Ruth, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.



3rd Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, “If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!” As a lifelong late-arriver, it’s something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the “it counts” is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous “Road to Emmaus” story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus’ presence in the “breaking of the bread.”

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that’s precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Second Collection this month is for the CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL. Did you know that Savannah is a Mission Diocese? When we were three churches, Queen of Peace, Lakeland, St. Mary’s in Nashville and St. Margaret Mary’s in Adel, and until just recently St. Anthony of Padua were all recipients of monies from the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Did you know that Fr. Francois Pellissier is a member of the GLENMARY HOME MISSIONS? We were blessed to have him cover for Fr. Joey when he had to go home to the Philippines. He is now on our Sick List, so please keep him in your prayers.

OFFERTORY — Week of Apr 7

Regular Offertory \$ 3,836.00
 Building Fund \$ 3,446.00

Reverse Draw Prize Money \$2,600.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
 \$10,761.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$ 7,375.00
 13 donors out of 132 families 9.85% of Parish

Knights of Columbus

Roundtable meeting in the Parish Hall every Second Sunday of the month in the Parish Hall.

Next Meeting will be April 14th



Rosary Makers

Our Rosary Makers meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30 AM. For more information, please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364.

Next Meeting will be April 20th



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 7 Newcomers Reception
- Apr 8-10 Priests Retreat
- Apr 14 Knights of Columbus Mtg: 11:15 AM
- Apr 14 Last class for Confirmandi
- Apr 20 Confirmation Retreat: 10:00 AM
- Apr 20 Rosary Makers: 11:30 AM
- Apr 21 Catechesis for Adult Conformandi
- Apr 21 Confessions for Confirmandi
- April 24 Confirmation, Blessing of St. Anthony Statue and the Columbarium
- May 12 First Communion

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Apr 14 10:00 am For the Special Intentions of our Deacons
- 12:30 pm For the People of the Parish
- Apr 15 9:30 am Deceased members of Zavala Family
- Apr 16 9:30 am Deceased family & friends of Stidham Family
- Apr 17 9:30 am Deceased family & friends of Montisano Family
- Apr 18 9:30 am Recovery of Joy Virginia Hernandez
- Apr 21 10:00 am For the people of the Parish
- 12:30 pm Deceased members of José Juárez Family

Sanctuary Light: In Reverence and Petition, Pray this week for this special intention:

On the birth of Danieella Rabosa Pardo.

