

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.

MASS FOR GRADUATES: We will celebrate you on Sunday, May 19th! Please call the office so we know who to expect. Please come with your cap and gown!

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.

DONATIONS FOR ST. FRANCIS CENTER: Please, dear Friends, if you have cleaned your closets and have oodles and oodles of clothing, please do not leave it in the St. Francis box. There is a trailer in the Parking Lot of St. John the Evangelist Church at 800 Gornto Road, Valdosta. This week I took the back end of Joe's Ford Ranger to St. Francis Center filled with clothing and two bags of the items they requested.. This ministry started with Joe & I taking the monthly donations to St. Francis Center once a month. It has grown to an every week trip and I don't have Joe to help me any more. If anyone would to alternate with me, please call me at the Church Office, 455-5554. St. Francis Center is opened Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Rita Henkels

April 21, 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer

For Vocations



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

2530 Garner Road

Ray City, Georgia 31645

Telephone: 229-455-5554

Rev. Joey Buencamino, *Parochial Administrator*

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

April 21, 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



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, Julia Santacruz, Rhoda Montisano, James Gray, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Dan Burnette, Mary Hopper, Evelyn Puentes Borrero, Derrick Reese, 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.



Tony Christiano,
 Pamela Jankowski,
 Richard Kirkland,
 Evelyn Moore.

Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Homer Giddens, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegüera, 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.



4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal’s wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn’t care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don’t know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, “I know my own and my own know me,” and “I lay down my life for the sheep.” Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

Our First Yard Sale in Ray City: Thank you to **Christina Holland** and all her family members who put on our First Yard Sale. We worried about the rain for most of the week but ended with a perfect weather day. There were a lot of people who worked to make this a success and we thank them all. There is already talk of having another yard sale.



The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

OFFERTORY — Week of Apr 14

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,674 .00
Building Fund	\$ 1,842.00

Yard Sale	\$ 1,507.27
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
 \$10,761.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE	\$ 8,830.00
21 donors out of 132 families	15.91% 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
 May 12th**



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
 May 18th**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 21	Catechesis for Adult Confirmandi
Apr 21	Confessions for Confirmandi
April 24	Confirmation, Blessing of St. Anthony Statue and the Columbarium
April 28	Last Faith Formation classes
May 3	First Friday, Adoration from 5:00—6:30 PM, a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM
May 4	First Communion Retreat 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
May 5	Last Adult Education Class
May 12	First Communion: Bilingual Mass



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

**For the People of
 St. Anthony of Padua Parish.**