



February 4, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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### Pastoral Staff

**Fr. Fredy Angel**

Pastor

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### **Mass Schedule Sunday**

English 10:00am

Spanish 12:30am

Classes 11:15am

Monday-Wednesday 12:00pm

### **Confessions**

One hour before Mass or by appointment.

### **Adoration**

March 3, 2018 from 5pm to midnight.

-Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know -Jeremiah 33:3



### **Rosary Ministry**

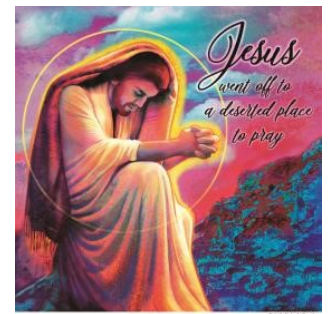
Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364

### **Knight of Columbus**

Round table meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Next: February 13, 2018

### **REAL LIFE**

The book of Job is the story of a man who is tested by illness, the death of loved ones, and the loss of friendships. Most of us can relate to Job. We have probably had moments when life feels like drudgery, or when we awake in the middle of the night and cannot get back to sleep. Not all were willing to hear the gospel from Saint Paul.



They questioned his motives and did not understand his commitment to share the news of Jesus with all. It is not always easy to live as a disciple in today's world, either. Not all will understand our commitment to Christian living. In today's Gospel, Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were ill. Those who are in need seek him out. Even when he goes away to spend time in prayer, his disciples go to find him. Jesus does not seem to have many minutes to himself, which any parent, child, friend, or person committed to service can understand when putting the needs of others first. Real life can be challenging!

### **REAL FAITH**

While pushed almost to his limits, Job does not capitulate. He relies on God to be with him through illness, tragedy, and loneliness. Job knows that he truly is not alone. God is with him. Likewise, Saint Paul acts as he discerns he must. No doubt, he had moments of loneliness and felt the pressure of the judgment of others, but he did not waver in his trust in the love of the Lord. As in all things, Jesus shows us what to do. In moments of illness, isolation, and hurt, when direction in life is needed, turn to God in prayer. Trust in the healing touch of the Lord, whether physical healing or the emotional healing needed to endure suffering and pain. Jesus healed many who approached him then, and he continues to reach out to us in our need. Trust in God with real faith to meet the often-complicated circumstances of our real lives.



**TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP**

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with



the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world. -Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

**SAVE THE DATE**

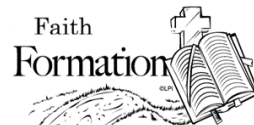
February 12 St John in Valdosta will be hosting an open house for grades pre-k through 8th grade from 9-11 am and 5-7 pm. Great opportunity to observe learning in a Catholic environment.

*Limited Tuition assistance available.*



**Adult Faith Formation Classes**

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at **229-794-9140.**



**St. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden**

Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| ANITA     | MACFARLANE |
| LUCIA     | BAUTISTA   |
| JOSEPH    | BETLOW     |
| JOHN      | MAYLOCK    |
| JUAN      | SALAZAR    |
| CATHERINE | WELSH      |
| SHAE      | HOLLAND    |
| JAQUELINE | BAUTISTA   |
| DENVER    | MILKAS     |
| DARLOW    | MAXWELL    |
| ELSIE     | LAMIE      |

*May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.— Psalm 20:4*

January 28, 2018

*Blessed*

**Collections**

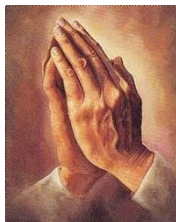
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$1531.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$1388.00</b>

**Let us pray for the health of:**

Abigail Christiano, Tripp Lasseter,  
Fr. Marvin LeFrois &  
Nathan

**For the Eternal rest of:**

All Souls



*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. -2 Corinthians 9:11*