

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.

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 10:30 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**. Please be generous!

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. Today they have several needs: personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items and snacks for the homeless, anything they can eat while walking that doesn't need to be heated up. Packs of crackers are always good.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

On the first Sundays of the month, there will be a special blessing for anyone who will celebrate a birthday or anniversary during that month. This information comes from your Registration Forms.

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.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a catholic men's organization. Any man over the age of 18 is eligible to join. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Craig Sebring at 229-460-2823 or c_sebring@outlook.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a **SPRING FESTIVAL** to be held on May 3rd. From 10 AM to 2:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering in some aspect and plan on enjoying a day of fun. There are sign-up sheets on the table by the Office window. The more people who sign up, the less time we will ask of you to spend here.

We have all noticed the rise in the cost of groceries since the Covid outbreak 4 years ago. Our Hispanic brothers and sisters who have prepared meals for us for all these years have not increased the cost of the plates we have enjoyed for these past four years. **Well, the time has come!** The dinner plates will now be \$12.00; the Fruit Cups will be \$7.00 and the Pineapple Cups will be \$12.00. The menu for April 13th will be the Tortas with all the dressings and the additional items that they provide every month. **WHILE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THESE DELICIOUS MEALS, WE MUST LET THESE HARD WORKING FOLKS KNOW HOW MUCH WE ENJOY THEM AND THE MEALS THEY PREPARE. LAST MONTH \$1,757 WAS DEPOSITED INTO THE BUILDING FUND THANKS TO THEIR GENEROSITY!**

PRAYER FOR THE GRACE FROM ALL THE WORLD'S MASSES

Eternal Father, we humbly offer Thee our poor presence, and that of the whole of humanity, from the beginning to the end of the world at all the Masses that ever have or ever will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, sufferings, prayers, sacrifices, joys, and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His Blood, Wounds, and Agony save us., through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen

(This prayer should be recited daily and be made known.)



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
2530 Garner Road
Ray City, Georgia 31645
Telephone: 229-455-5554

St. Ann Catholic Church
9007 US Hwy 82
Alapaha, GA 31622

Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

April 6, 2025

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: 9:00 Am (St. Ann's) , 10:30 AM in English & 12:30 PM in Spanish at St. Anthony of Padua

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs
9:00 am—3:00 pm
church@anthonyofpaduaga.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 5:00 — 6:30 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 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
 Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes began 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 in September.
 Classes are 11:45 AM —12:45 PM

Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Sunday: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM in Conference Room
 We will study the Book of the Prophets.

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Fr. David Kruse, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Eva Conrad. David Castañeda, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Kathy Giddens, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp Lasseter, Daniel Burnett, Dr. Henry Richbourg, Chris Wilson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, James Holton, Gerald Silva, Vera Kate Setser, Julia Santacruz, Lindy Reed, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera, Bill & Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agusti Iglesias, Sharon Walter, David Sands, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Week of April 6 — 12
 Veronica Lorinczy.

Aide Ayala-Utrera, Max Barzallo, Janeth Bautista, Norma Bautista, Alberta Benson, Lucille Costantino, Hadley Dispenza, Veronika Gomez, Maria Hernandez, Marcos Juarez, Laura Knight, Giselle Lamas-Bravo, Nelida Leyva, German Marin, Leoncio Orozco, Carlo Policastro, Leisly Rodriguez, Lauren Salazar, Richard Schade.



Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn O’connor, Joe McDermott, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark Menard, Richard Schultz, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Henderson, Steve Rampey, Peggy Motz, Maryann Young, Andy Morrison, Fr. James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat Murphy, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora Bastidas, John Kumpel, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Homer Giddens, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegueda, Joe Henkels, JP Hiler, “Nina” Chammoun, Linda Christiano, 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, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.



5th Sunday Lent John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.
 — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

LENTEN SCHEDULE

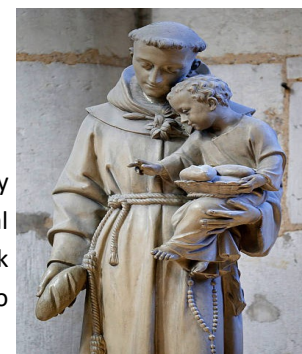
Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM followed by a **MEATLESS** Pot Luck.

FRIDAY, Apr 11.

TRAVELING

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, THE MIRACLE WORKER

We will pray as a family to St. Anthony of Padua in our homes for any special intentions we might have. This week St. Anthony will travel to Lakeland to the home of Yina Green.



OFFERTORY — Week of March 30

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,674 .00
Building Fund	\$1,895 .00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$1,014 .77

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL	\$ 13,398.00
PAID TO DATE	- 1,249.87
BALANCE DUE	\$ 12,148.13
ST. ANN GOAL	\$ 3,023.00
PAID TO DATE	- 55.00
BALANCE DUE	\$ 2,968.00

Knights of Columbus

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



**Next Meeting will be
 April 6th**

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
 April 26th**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 06	Knights of Columbus Meeting: 11:45 AM
Apr 09	Lenten Penance Service, St. Paul, Douglas
Apr 10	Lenten Penance Service, St. John, Valdosta
Apr 13	Giving Sunday, Second Collection
Apr 13	Food Sales: Menu: Torta
Apr 17—20	SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Apr 18	Good Friday: Collection for the Holy Land
Apr 20	Easter: Collection for Priests’ Retirement

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 06	9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM + Mildred Gardner
	12:30 PM For the People of the Parish
Apr 07	9:30 AM Another year in the life of Jazlene Torres
Apr 08	9:30 AM Dec’d family & friends of Jose Lopez Family
Apr 09	9:30 AM Prayers for Joseph & James de la Rug
Apr 10	9:30 AM Deceased members of Swanson Family
Apr 13	9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM + Thomas Turner
	12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

S.I. = Special Intention



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

For the Parish