

**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/](http://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 **AUGUST**, it is for the **CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**. Please be generous!

St. Francis Center will close on June 19th and will not reopen until August 12. This is time for them to take care of any repairs to the building, repaint if needed, and a time for all the volunteers to have a vacation. We will put our bin away for that time but please keep all involved with St. Francis Center in your prayers during the time they are closed.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to our **DIOCESAN JUBILEE GATHERING** on October 11th at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins! Catholics across South Georgia are invited to join us to celebrate our faith and come together as a diocesan family! The day will begin with Adoration and will include a morning and afternoon keynote, lunch, breakout talks, activities for all ages and in different languages, praise and worship, exhibitors, and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Parkes. Registration information and additional details can be found at: <https://diosav.org/en/10-11>.

**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 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](http://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](mailto:c_sebring@outlook.com).

**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. The Birthdays listed in the Bulletin each week comes from your Registration Forms that are on file in the Church Office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**  
 Religious Education Registration begins next Sunday, August 17, 2025 until August 31, 2025. We provide education from Kindergarten until Confirmation. There are classes for First Communion and Confirmation. Both of these classes last for 2 years. We will need a copy of their Baptismal Certificate for these classes. The cost per child for these classes will be \$25 per child or \$50 per family.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life.

**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

**August 10, 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 — Wed—Thurs**  
 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
[church@anthonyofpaduaga.org](mailto: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 will 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 will begin in September.  
 Classes are 11:45 AM —12:30 PM

Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

**Adult Education**

Classes will begin in September  
 Sunday: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM in Conference Room

Fr. Joey Buencamino, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Fr. David Kruse, Fr. Raymond Reyes, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Ella Mae Nugent, Becky Davis, Patti Fail, Angel Contreras, Artis Kirkland, Marta Vargas, Annette Sinclair, Linda Patten, John Barba, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp Lassetter, Dr. Henry Richbourg, Chris Wilson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, James Holton, Gerald Silva, Vera Kate Setser, Julia Santacruz, Lindy Reed, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Juliana 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 Cham-moun, Agusti Iglesias, Sharon Walter, David Sands, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Daniel & Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, 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.



**For the week of Aug 10—16**

Luciano Arteaga, Carlos Contreras, Naomi Gonzalez Zavala, Jocelyn Galvan, Roger Johnson, Melvin Johnson, Eddie Kranwinkel, Maria Maqueda, Maria Lopez-Juarez.

Cindy Moses, Robert Pilgrim, Durinda Ray, Carol Leaverton, Eva Conrad, Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn O’Connor, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark Menard, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Hender-son, Andy & Mary Carrell Morrison, Fr. James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat Murphy, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora Bastidas, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegüera, JP Hiler, “Nina” Chammoun, Linda Christiano, Cirilio Antonio Almarez, Michael Rich-bourg, Felipe Bautista, Ottis Miller, Fr. Harold Essling, Guiller-mo Santacruz, Joseph Garneski, Keith Sebring, Gene Shearl, Jorge Osorio, JR Cassity, Jesus Cordova Duarte, Bessy Garcia, Br. Walter Gluhm, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Ann Richbourg, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

*In loving memory*

**Luke 12:32-48**

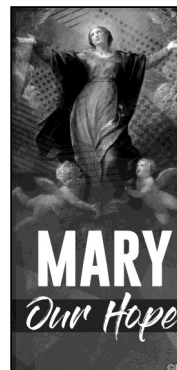
There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, “**For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be**” (Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can’t find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That’s why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**  
**The Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

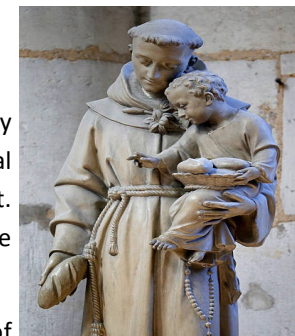
**MASSES:**  
 Thursday, 6:00 PM, St. Mary’s  
 Friday, 6:00 PM, St. Anthony of Padua

**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 the home of the San & Sara Vasquez.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini to the home of the Family.



**OFFERTORY — Week of Aug 3rd**

Regular Offertory \$ 3,607.00  
 Building Fund \$ 3,444.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 771.00

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025**

**And HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN**

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL \$ 123,329.00  
 PAID TO DATE - 38,239.02  
 ST. ANN GOAL \$ 30,808.00  
 PAID TO DATE - 20,315.00

**Knights of Columbus**

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



**Next Meeting will be August 10th**

**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 August 16th**

**The John XXIII Group will meet on Friday at 7 PM in the Education Hall.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 10 Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 Aug 14 St. Ann’s, Mass at 6:00 PM  
 Aug 15 St. Anthony’s, Mass at 6:00 PM  
 Aug 16 Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 PM  
 Aug 17 Religious Education Registration  
 Aug 17 Food Sales Sunday  
 Aug 24 Religious Education Registration  
 Aug 27 Fr. Joey Buencamino’s 32 Anniv of Ordination  
 Aug 31 Religious Education Registration

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

**For the People of the Parish**

