

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 **November**, it is **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**. We also accept donations for St. Francis Center which is a Catholic Thrift Shop and Out-reach Center run by St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta. Presently they need bodywash & shampoo.

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.



On November 5th, for your safety the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes after the beginning of Mass until the dismissal.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will host a **“Breakfast with Santa”** on Saturday, **December 2nd** at St. John’s Parish Hall., 800 Gornto Road, Valdosta; 8:00—11:00 AM. Ages 4-10 \$5.00; 11—Adult \$7.00. Have breakfast, meet Santa & Mrs. Claus, make crafts, white elephant table, gift wrapping, raffle baskets.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday, December 8th. We will celebrate a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 PM.

We will have a Penance Service on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM. It is a time for us to prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

On Sunday, December 17th, we will have our first Parish Christmas Party. Details will follow.

Christmas Vigil Mass, December 24th, at 7:00 PM. Christmas Morning the Mass will be at 10:30 AM.



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Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

December 3, 2023

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.”

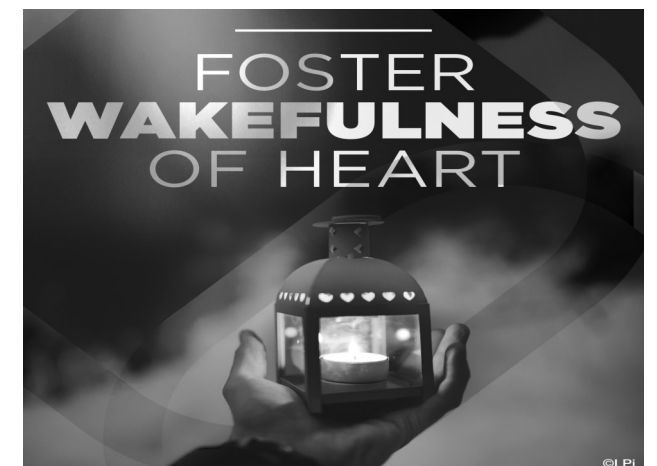
Mass Schedule

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

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs

9:00 am—3:00 pm

E-mail: church@anthonyofpaduaga.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 3:00 — 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

Classes began on September 17th.
Sunday: 11:15 AM—12:15 PM in Conference Room
“Adam & Eve After the Pill Revisited”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 3	10:00 AM	+ Fr. Chris LeFrois
	12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 4	9:30 AM	Rosa Duarte & Family
Dec 5	9:30 AM	+ Candelario Llanos
Dec 6	9:30 AM	+ Marcial Contreras
Dec 7	7:00 PM	For the 15 years of Fatima Rivas



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

In memory of
Linda Christiano

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Mary Hopper, Mounira “Nina” Chammoun, Evelyn Puentes Borrero, Derrick Reese, Bill McDaniel, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Jennifer Johnson, Deacon Ray Brown, Bob Fail, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise,, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, 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, Patricia Costello, Nina Waters, Kathy Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Grace Make, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Prayer
Requests



William Rost, Araceli Schade, Maria Salazar, Adrian Ruiz, Lauro Barzallo, Enedina Paredes, Anthony Herrera, Michael Garza, Chandler Johnson, Esteban Morales, Troy Johnson, Leonardo Larios, Kenneth Marin, Nely Fernandez, Fabio Marin, Gerson Duarte.

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.

In
loving
memory

Some people questioned “The Martha’s of St. Anthony.” It was and is on the Time & Talent sheet (on the table in the Narthax) Remember in the Bible when Jesus visited Martha & Mary? Mary was the one cooking, serving and cleaning while Mary sat at Jesus’ feet. Well, our Mary’s are taking care of St. Anthony’s. We need more Mary’s!

1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I’ve been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I’m trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it’s helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ’s advice this week? “**Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.**” Isn’t sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it’s not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we’ll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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The Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM.



OFFERTORY — Week of December 26

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,793.00
Building Fund	2,620.00

Food Sales	1,520.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC
CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$11.866.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE	12,039.00
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Knights of Columbus

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



Next Meeting will be
December 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 will
December 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3	Newcomers Reception
Dec 7	Immaculate Conception, 7:00 PM
Dec 10	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 11:15 AM
Dec 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass,
Dec 13	Penance Service, 7:00 PM
Dec 16	Rosary Makers Meeting, 11:30 AM
Dec 17	Christmas Party, Bilingual Mass 11:00 AM followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon
Dec 24	Christmas Vigil Mass, 7:00 PM
Dec 25	Christmas Morning, 10:30 AM