

**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 10:00 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 **October**, it is for **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**. 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/chilyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/chilyouthprotection)

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.

We will begin praying the **Rosary** before our Sunday Masses. Can you lead the Rosary on ONE Sunday of EACH month? Please call the Office at 229-455-5554 to let us know so we can make up a schedule.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

On October 13th the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast. All are invited and the cost is a donation. All proceeds will help the Knights with their projects around the Church.

**OCTOBER** is the month to renew your subscription to the **SOUTHERN CROSS** which is mailed to your home each month. Please be generous.

**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**

**September 29, 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: 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**





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 on September 15th.  
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 15.  
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 beginning in September.

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Fr. Stan Pieczara, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Rosa Santacruz, ohn Lukens, Jean Dingman, Emma Moore, Al Pole, Marciano Perez, Mike Kunai, 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, Gary Hogan, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera, Bill & Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin 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, 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, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Rosario Beier, Richard Varn,  
Valentina Arrendondo,  
Sergio Contreras, Lorena Sanchez.

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 Oceguela, 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, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In  
loving  
memory

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn’t ever get it out?

This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, “where the worm does not die.” If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It’s not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the “little ones,” as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We’d never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin.

— Father John Muir

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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 Krystal Rose Bailon.



As you know, you are not always able to get a Mass on a date you would like. Did you know that Sanctuary Candles burn for a week and you can usually get the date you wish. Cost is \$15.00. Envelopes available on the table in the Narthax.

OFFERTORY — Week of September 22

Regular Offertory \$ 2,172.00  
Building Fund \$ 1,342.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 624.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY’S GOAL THIS YEAR: \$10,761.00  
Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$11,060.00  
Congratulations!!

ST. ANN’S GOAL THIS YEAR: \$ 3,010.00  
Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$ 3,010.00  
Congratulations!!

Knights of Columbus

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



Next Meeting will be  
October 13th

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  
October 19th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4 Adoration 5:00—6:30 pm; Mass 7 pm  
Oct 5 Parish Pastoral Council, 10:00 AM  
Oct 13 Pancake Breakfast  
Oct 19 Rosary Makers Meeting, 11:30 AM  
Oct 20 Food Sale Sunday  
Oct 21-25 Priests Retreat



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

For the recuperation and health  
Of Lourdes Connell