

**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.

**Reactivation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** Due to Covid this ministry was put on hold but now we would like to reactivate it but only to bringing Communion to shut-ins or persons in Nursing Homes. Please call if you know of or are someone in either of these two categories. 229-455-5554

**The Diocese will sponsor a EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS from October 1-7, 2022 at St. Joseph Church in Macon. A Parish Mission from October 3-6 at 7:00—8:00 PM by Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM. Check flyers on the Office window.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** classes will begin on Wednesday, September 28th, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. If you have not signed up, please sign up today after Mass.

#### **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

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: Post Abortion Healing Weekend near Augusta, GA**

**October 21-23, 2022** For additional information, call 912-306-0406 all calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.

**A Second Collection:** We are taking up a 2nd collection on the 4th Sunday of each month to meet our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please be generous!

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Ann Lukens will lead an informal study of the book of "Psalms" beginning on Saturday, September 24th (5:40 –6:25 weekly). Books and notes will be provided at no charge to attendees. If interested, please e-mail her at cowboynun@mchsi.com

Please see the notice of the Fall Festival at St. John the Evangelist Church, Valdosta, on the Office Window.

#### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen



## ***Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church***

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**Deacon Steven Mancuso, Parochial Coordinator**

**Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso**

**OCTOBER 1, 2022**

### **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: Communion Service, Wednesday, 9:30 AM**

**Followed by Adoration until 12:00 PM**

**Saturday 4:30 PM, English, & 6:30 PM in Spanish**

**Latin Mass every 2nd Sunday at 3:00 PM**

**Office Hours: Mon — Wed—Thurs**

**9:00 am—3:00 pm**

**E-mail: church@anthonyofpaduaga.org**

#### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM  
First Saturday of Month 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM  
7:30 PM—8:30 PM

### Reconciliation

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 PM  
Between 4:30 & 6:30 PM Masses

### RCIA

Classes will begin on September 28, 2022  
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM  
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 begin September 24th at 5:40 PM  
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

### Adult Education

“The Psalms”  
Saturday, 5:40 to 6:25 PM  
In the Conference Room

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 1 4:30 PM For the Parishioners  
6:30 PM For the Parishioners



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

**For Fr. Juan Carlos Castillo**

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Camille Castorina, John Lukens, Wanda Martin, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, Leo Betlow, Jesus Cordova Duarte, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renee Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Sandy Chaput, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Shawn Costello, Nina Waters, Kathryn Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Deb Ruth, Grace Make, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



**Prayer Requests**



Sergio Contreras  
and  
Lorena Sanchez

Ann Richbourg, B.G. Gerhard, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Dick Ruth, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Nestor Beroch, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, Sheila Maxwell, Saul Muñoz, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Brittany Felts, Frank Hunter, Linnet Crump, Lois Adkins, Rene Lopez, Eugene Faborito, Julisa Aguilar, Carroll Waters, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, Shawn Murphy, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Consuelo Borrero, Jim Murphy, Carolene Johnson, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Kevin Ward, Baby Robert Wesley, and All the Faithful Departed.

*In loving memory*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4 Dust Busters, bring lunch  
Oct 4 Blessings of Animals, 6:45 PM  
Oct 8 Knights of Columbus Roundtable Meeting  
Oct 15 Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 AM  
Oct 15 Giving Sunday, World Mission Sunday  
Oct 29 Parish Pastoral Council, 3:00 PM  
Nov 5 Chili Cook Off

### PATIENCE

We live in a society of instant gratification. We download and stream and binge-watch at our convenience; we use drive-throughs or have our food and groceries delivered. Wonderful things are indeed coming, but we must learn patience and humility! The Lord encourages Habakkuk to quit being impatient and wait for the vision to mature. Anyone who has started a fire knows how patient you must be to, as Paul admonishes, “Stir into flame the gift of God you have,” and to guard it well. Even in their good zeal, Jesus slows down the apostles. He equates faith to a mustard seed and tells them to settle down. As it takes that little seed many years to become a great tree, the Apostles and disciples must spend their time in service and grow in learning and love, and faith will come with it.

### LESS IS MORE

The last few weeks, we have seen Jesus speaking in parables that were long and complex, and sometimes it was difficult to find the point of his message. But today he speaks simply to the Apostles and gives them a graphic image that is very easy to grasp. Think of how many pictures you have seen with an open hand holding mustard seeds, or the image of the seeds and the grown tree. The thing is, those photos are worth a thousand words. One could call it the “elevator pitch” on faith. Jesus provides his followers with a touchstone to hold onto, a spiritual roadmap as it were. But along with that beloved parable is a more difficult message.

### REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

At some point, Jesus must just get exasperated with these folks. The Apostles and disciples have been following him for how long now? And they still don’t understand. The kingdom of God is not about how great you are on earth, or how much faith you have. There is much work to be done. He reminds them that they are still the folks who are going to be cooking dinner when they come home in the evening. They are the servants. Their work continues until the kitchen is clean! Similarly, it is not enough for us to simply show up to church on Sunday morning. We must be servants in our daily lives. On my computer screen is a yellow sticky note that says “If serving is below you, then leadership is above you.” Right now, “Servant Leadership” is a big buzzword phrase bordering on overuse, but there is a lot of truth to it. Some of the ways we may lead our families, our workgroups, our faith groups include: listening to others, showing empathy, healing yourself through work-life balance, developing your self-awareness, and being a good steward. Wrap it any way you want, it is all about being a good Christian. Have faith. Serve others. Watch it grow!

### TODAY’S READINGS

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### OFFERTORY — Week of September 24th

Regular Offertory	\$1,100.00
Building Fund	\$1,914.00

Raffle	\$ 30.00
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### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

**WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

Our goal this year:  
\$15,081.00

Week of September 24th	\$1,178.00
Total ACA PAID TO DATE	9,776.50
BALANCE DUE	\$ 5,304.50

### Knights of Columbus

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

**Next Meeting will be October 8th .**



### 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 15th.**



**EL MOVIMIENTO DE RETIROS PARROQUIALES JUAN XXIII**

Te invita:

#### Fechas de Retiros

Retiro para mujeres: 1,2 y 3 de Abril.  
Retiro para hombres: 20, 21 y 22 de Mayo  
Retiro para mujeres: 12, 13 y 14 de Agosto  
Retiro para hombres: 23, 24 y 25 de Sept.  
Retiro para mujeres: 18, 19 y 20 de Nov.

#### Día Familiar:

Sábado 16 de Julio a las 11am.

**Misa a las 11am por Obispo Stephen Parkes**  
Camp Echecoonee

637 Mount Paran Rd, Lizella, GS 31052  
Celebración Día del Carmen, Patrona del Movimiento

Para mayor información o para registrarse a un retiro contacte a Martin Noriega al 478 972 0502.