

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday 11:15am to 12:15pm

## Sunday Masses

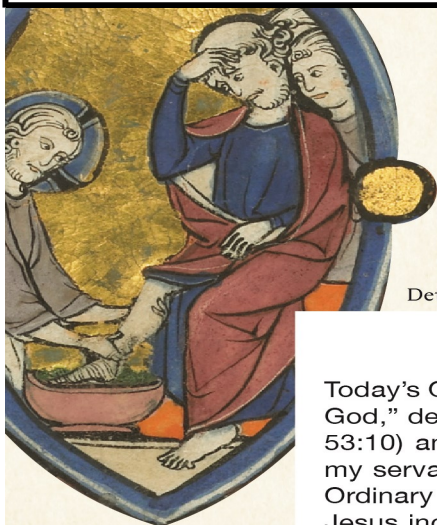
English: 8:15am - 10:00am  
Spanish: 12:30PM

## Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday 9:30AM

## Confessions Sundays

9:15am - 9:45am  
11:45am - 12:15pm  
or by appointment



The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

## CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

## MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

## SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11  
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

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# Only Say the Word

The bread is broken, the banquet is prepared, and now we are invited to the feast. Once more the priest holds the host, now broken, for us to see, and invites us to behold the one “who takes away the sins of the world.” Truly blessed and happy are those invited to this meal, which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, the supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:19). We respond to this invitation with a prayer to the Lord: we acknowledge that we are not worthy, but at the same time we are confident that the One who comes to us can heal us, body and soul. This prayer echoes the story of the centurion in Luke’s Gospel. The centurion, a Gentile, asks healing for his servant, but does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus come under his roof—he believes that Jesus can heal his servant with a word, without even seeing him. Jesus is amazed at his faith. It is the same for us. We believe that Jesus speaks to us, comes to us, dwells with us, even though we neither hear his voice nor see his face.

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## Let us pray for the health of:

Ray O’Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Tony Christiano, Nestor Beroch, Wanda Martin, Monica Moore, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Juan Barahona, Jeanne Han, Linda Christiano, Michael Kunai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Pat Costello, Kathryn Giddens, Nina Waters, Phylli Fletcher, Eugene & Elsie Lamie, Francis Zubricky, Beatriz Agudelo, Toni Leigl, Daniel Riddle, Lisa Salomon, Esther Lopez, Yina Green, Josefina Di Domenico, Walter Arias, Valerie Vargas, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Barry White, Raymond Moore Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Ruby Green, Pat Murphy, Linnet Crump.

## For the Eternal rest of:

Sheila Maxwell, Saul Muñoz, Consuelo Borrero, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Brittany Felts, Tom Turner, Frank Hunter, John Folsom, Lois Adkins, Rene Lopez, Eugene Faborito, Julisa Aguilar, Francisco Mayorga, Carroll Waters, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, David Dennis, Shawn Murphy, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Giovanni Foschi, Jim Murphy, Dennis David, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Rufina Fernandez Kevin Ward, Louis Adkins, Baby Robert Wesley , All faithful Departed

### Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday

7:00PM to 10:00PM

Wednesday 10AM - 12PM

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



RCIA STUDENTS  
Sundays  
11:15am—12:15pm  
Conference Room



FAITH  
FORMATION  
Sundays  
11:15am—12:30pm



Jeanne Han  
Kathryn Giddens  
Ann Carter  
Leonides Escalera  
Donald Christiano  
Bertario Perez  
Michell Purvis  
Rebecca Cortez



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
DIOCESE of SAVANNAH

REFLECT + *renew* + REJOICE

*reflexionar + RENOVARSE + alegrarse*

### Donations for St. Francis Center:

Food to restock their pantry  
and  
Men's shoes.

Sr. Nuala is extremely  
grateful for your generosity.

### ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be  
accompanied by an adult to use the  
Restroom, and inside and outside  
the building.

The safety of your child is very  
important to us.



### Knights of Columbus

Round table meeting  
Parish Hall  
Second Sunday of the month.  
Next Meeting November 14  
at 11:15AM



Our Rosary makers meet  
every 3rd Saturday of the month  
at 11:30am.

For more information  
please contact  
Kathryn Giddens at  
(229)482-2364  
Next Meeting November 20



### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SANCTUARY LIGHT



In reverence and petition  
Pray this week for  
this Special Intention:

For Parishioners



October 10, 2021

Collections

Regular Collection

\$2,352

Building Fund

\$2,370

Annual Catholic

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