

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 web-site 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 **MAY**, it is for the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS APPEAL**. Please be generous!

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. 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 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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a **SPRING FESTIVAL** to be held on May 3rd from 10 AM to 2:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering in some aspect and plan on enjoying a day of fun. There are sign-up sheets on the table by the Office window. The more people who sign up, the less time we will ask of you to spend here.

SAVE THE DATE

On Friday, May 23, 2025 the Knights of Columbus Council 4913, Valdosta, GA will host the **21st Annual SEMINARIAN DINNER**. Come meet Bishop Parkes and the Seminarians from our Diocese who are preparing for the Priesthood. Tickets are \$30.00 for a lovely dinner with lots of desserts, good fellowship and raffles, raffles, and raffles. Tickets will be available soon.

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

April 27, 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."

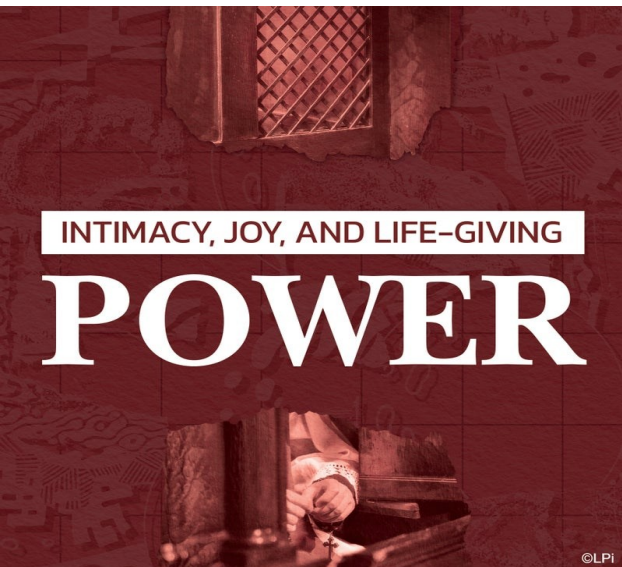
Mass Schedule

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 — thru—Thurs
9:00 am—3:00 pm
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 began 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 in September.
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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 27 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM + Rev. Christian LeFrois
12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

Apr 28 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
Apr 29 9:30 AM OFFICE CLOSED
Apr 30 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
May 01 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE

May 04 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Luis & Coco Juarez (23 Anos)

S.I. = Special Intention



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

Celebrating the Baptism
Of Dylan Gonzalez

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone,
Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck,
Fr. David Kruse, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel,
Colleen Purvis, Anna Marie Moore, David Castañeda, Waylon
Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza,
Kathy Giddens, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp Lasseter, Dr.
Henry Richbourg, Chris Wilson, 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, Ricardo
Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands,
Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera, Bill &
Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun,
Agusti 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, 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.



Week of April 27—May 3

James Griffin

Ana Beltran, Kenneth Miller,
Vanessa Moreno, Javier Ortiz,
Jesus Palma, Bryanna Alamilla Mejia,
Jose Juarez, Yessenia Leyva.

Eva Conrad, Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn O’connor, Joe
McDermott, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark
Menard, Richard Schultz, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Henderson,
Steve Rampey, 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
Oceguera, 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, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton,
and All the Faithful Departed.



2nd Sunday of Easter
John 20:19-31

It’s common for Catholics to hear the question, “Why do I have to go
to a priest to have my sins forgiven?” I’ve never liked that question
because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the
pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger
context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this
context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering
sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and
tangible way to access God’s mercy. So when the risen Jesus
breathes on the Apostles and says, “Whose sins you forgive are
forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John
20:23), the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his
Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find
forgiveness from sin. Jesus’ body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same
reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience
the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God’s eternal
forgiveness.

—Father John Muir

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As you can see, our **Prayer Requests** and **In Loving Memory** lists are
getting quite long. Everyone needs prayer but are there some on
these lists who could be removed either with better health or they
have passed away more than a year ago.

The **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a **Pancake Breakfast** on
Sunday, May 4, 2025 after the 10:30 AM Mass. They will be serving
Pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee. Plates will be \$10.00 each
but children under 10 will be free.

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 City Adel
to the house of Hortencia Salazar.



OFFERTORY — Week of April 20

Regular Offertory \$ 3,270.00
Building Fund \$ 7,468.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 720.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

And HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL \$ 123,329.00
PAID TO DATE - 1,502.87

ST. ANN GOAL \$ 30,808.00
PAID TO DATE - 1,085.00

Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be
May 18th



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
April 26th



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 02 Adoration: 5:00 PM—6:30 AM
May 03 Spring Festival: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
May 04 Pancake Breakfast: 11:30 AM
May 10 Parish Pastoral Council: 10:00 AM
May 11 MOTHER’S DAY
May 11 First Holy Communion for 2nd Graders
May 17 Rosary Makers: 11:30 AM
May 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 11:45 AM
May 25 Food Sale Sunday