

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.

St. John the Evangelist School is seeking a Principal for 2023-2024 school year. To learn more about this opportunity, go to www.diosav.org/humanresources

We would like to create a Circle of Care Committee. This would be a group of people who would be willing to cook for a family with either a serious illness or at the death of a loved one. If you would be willing to participate in this Committee, please call the Church Office (455-5554) or e-mail at church@anthonyofpaduaga.org. At this time we do have a family in need of meals.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Scrutinies

Next Sunday, if your parish is blessed with catechumens (now called “elect” during Lent) who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil, you will likely celebrate with them the first of three scrutinies. These are rites integral to final Lenten preparations made by the elect, and they are celebrated on three successive Sundays, starting with the Third Sunday of Lent. The Church tells us that the scrutinies are meant to uncover and heal all that is weak and sinful in the lives of the elect. During the week leading up to each celebration, the elect engage in prayerful preparation involving deep reflection on their own lives and the new life to which they are called. The rites themselves use a special form of intercessions specifically directed to the lives of the elect, and include a prayer of exorcism. It is essential that these rites be celebrated in the midst of the community, so that the elect experience the support of the parish members on this profound journey of faith. But it is equally important that the parish members witness the growing faith of the elect so they may be inspired by it for their Lenten journey of reflection on their own baptism in preparation for Easter.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, March 18th, 11:30 PM we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with St. Joseph’s Table. It is a meatless meal we share to honor St. Joseph. All are welcome.

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 they do 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

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



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March 4, 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: On Monday at 12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated. There will be a 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**

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Act of Contrition

My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all my sins, because of your just punishment, but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen.

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 began on September 17, 2022
 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

Registration: September 3 & 10 between Masses
 Classes began September 17th at 5:40 PM
 Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

The Gospel according to St. Matthew
 Saturday: 5:40-6:25 PM in Conference Room

Ray O'Keefe, Eva de Angel, Bill Schade, Br. Walter Gluhm, Manuel Arias, Joseph Paul Cstantino, Joann Dise, Wanda Martin, Mike Chamoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, Leo Betlow, 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, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lassetter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Prayer Requests



Jeanne Christiano, Juan Montalvo,
 Jose Eduardo Hernandez, Juan Arias Arias,
 Bradley Arteaga Trejo, Logan Burgess,
 Amelia Ezekiel,

Kathy Archer, Mary Nell Eckl, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alan Moore, Juan Salazar Mendez, Sr., Deb Ruth, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, John Lucian, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Geri Erickson, 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

Living Stations of the Cross: practices will be held between the Masses. This will be a Bilingual presentation and all members of the Parish are invited to participate. This will be held on Good Friday. Ten people from this Community are needed for non-speaking parts and do not have to stay for rehearsal after Mass. Call the Office—229-455-5554.

LISTEN

Listen. Abram listened and, certain of God's blessing, set out for an unknown future in response to God's call. Awestruck Peter, James, and John heard a voice from a cloud tell them to listen to Jesus. When we listen to the Lord, we are assured of and find strength in God's presence. Listening deeply, we perceive the Lord's call and find the grace to respond to it, finding the assurance we need to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ, even when it is challenging to do so. When we listen, we hear Jesus say to us as he did to the disciples on the mountain, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

LISTEN WHILE ON THE JOURNEY

Have you ever taken a long trip with a family member or friend and found yourself talking about the deeper things of life? Given time, the mundane can give way to topics of meaning and purpose. We sometimes speak of our movement through life and faith as a journey. The metaphor of a journey is fitting, since we are not only to make our way from one point to another the way we take a quick trip or a walk around the block—the process of living in faith is one of growth and change over time. On the journey of life and faith, we can find the grace to talk deeply with the Lord and listen to the voice of God, who strengthens us to face the challenges of living as followers of Christ.

GOD IS WITH US

It can be hard to grasp that the God of glory and power and undying love is always with us. Truly, this is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we are reminded of the life that is brought to light in Christ. The very life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus is evidence of the determination of God to love us through it all. Not only is Jesus proof of God's love, Christ's very presence with and within us is an outpouring of that love. This Lent, take time to listen to the Lord and allow what you hear to help you turn away from sin and toward the life and immortality of the Christian disciple.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

The Diocese has requested that the Annual Catholic Appeals donations be mailed to the Diocese in the envelopes on the table in the Narthax. All cash donations should be put in an envelope and put in the Collection Baskets at St. Anthony of Padua and we will send the Diocese a check. We will update our totals monthly when the Diocese sends them.

OFFERTORY — Week of February 25th

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,402.00
Building Fund	2,373.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:

\$11,870.00

Week of February 18th	
Total ACA PAID TO DATE	600.00
BALANCE DUE	\$11,270.00

Knights of Columbus



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

Next Meeting will be March 11th .

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 March 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 6 Mass: 12:15 PM
- Mar 8 Communion Service: 9:30 AM followed By Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Noon.
- Mar 10 Soup & Stations 7:00 PM
- Mar 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting 5:30 PM
- Mar 12 Latin Mass 3:00 PM
- Mar 13 Mass 12:15 PM
- Mar 15 Communion Service: 9:30 AM followed By Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Noon
- Mar 17 Soup & Stations 7:00 PM
- Mar 18 Rosary Makers & St. Joseph's Table, 11:30 AM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Mar 4 4:30 PM For the People of the Parish
- 6:30 PM + Juan Salazar Mendez
- Mar 6 12:15 PM Jeanne Christiano & Juan Arias

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

For the Eternal Rest of
 Consuelo Sterling De Borrero
 On her second Anniversary

