

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

RAFFLES THIS MONTH include a Plate with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a beautiful Nativity Set. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

ADULT EDUCATION: Ann Lukens has been leading an informal study of the book of "Psalms" on Saturday following the 4:30 PM Mass. Books and notes were provided at no charge to attendees. If interested, please e-mail her at cowboynun@mchsi.com

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!

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

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Immaculate Conception (December 8) December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ. Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith." In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

BILINGUAL MASS - 7:00 PM

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



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DECEMBER 3, 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

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen

15 times a day until Christmas Eve

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 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 begin September 17th 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

Dec 3	4:30 PM	Chandler Johnson & Roger Johnson, Jr.
	6:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 8	7:00 PM	Maria Guadalupe Juarez Almanza

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

**For the special intention
Of Doris Gillespie**

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise, 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, 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 Make, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



John Rost, Araceli Schade, Maria Salazar, Adrian Ruiz, Lauro Barzallo, Enedina Paredes, Michael Garza, Chandler Johnson, Troy Johnson, Leonardo Larios, Kenneth Marin, Fernandez Nely, Fabio Marin, Gerson Duarte

Alan Moore, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3	First Saturday, Adoration, 3:15 PM
Dec 8	Holy Day of Obligation: Mass at 7:00 PM
Dec 10	Rosary Makers Meeting, 11:30 AM
Dec 10	Giving Sunday—Retired Religious
Dec 10	Knights of Columbus Social , 7:00 PM
Dec 11	Latin Mass; 3:00 PM
Dec 11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass; 5:00 PM
Dec 12-16	Installation of Stained Glass in Church
Dec 24	Christmas Mass; 8:00 PM; Bilingual
Dec 25	Christmas Mass; 10:00 AM

NEW LIFE

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today's first reading tells us that a “stump” will bring forth a new shoot, it's Isaiah's way of telling us that God's miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name “Jesus.” How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary's cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle and last name when the child is really in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: “You brood of vipers!” Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

OFFERTORY — Week of November 26

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,017.00
Building Fund	\$ 985.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

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

Our goal this year:

\$15,081.00

Week of November 26	561.00
Total ACA PAID TO DATE	12,380.50
BALANCE DUE	\$ 2,700.50

Knights of Columbus



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

Next Meeting will be January 9th.

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 December 10th.



**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.