

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.

NEWCOMER RECEPTION: On the first Sunday of each month we will have a Newcomers Reception after Mass. We would like everyone to come back to welcome anyone who is new to our Parish.

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 10:00 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 November, it is **CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**. We also accept donations for St. Francis Center which is a Catholic Thrift Shop and Out-reach Center run by St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta.

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 can come to the Parish Office, or 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.



The **JOHN XXIII** Group will meet on Fridays in the Parish Hall.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus** in Valdosta helps St. Francis Center every November with feeding the poor. They take Thanksgiving Dinners to about 80 people. In the past they have asked for frozen chickens but apparently they have been difficult for the elderly to handle. They have been asked to use 1# canned hams. If you have it in your heart to bring a canned ham or 2, could you bring it on Sunday, November 12th. They are calling this **“LEND A HELPING HAM!”**

Beginning today, November 5th, for our safety the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes after the beginning of Mass until the dismissal.

This week the Office will be open on Tuesday BUT CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY.



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

November 5, 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: Monday thru Thursday: 9:30 AM Mass will be celebrated There will be Adoration available each day the Church is open until 3:00 PM. On First Friday

There will be Adoration from 3:00 — 7:00 PM

Followed by a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM.

Sunday: 10:00 AM, English, & 12:30 PM in Spanish

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs

9:00 am—3:00 pm

E-mail: church@anthonyofpaduaga.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 3:00 — 7:00 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 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes begin 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 on September 17th.
Classes are 11:15 AM —12:15 PM
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Classes began on September 17th.
Sunday: 11:15 AM—12:15 PM in Conference Room
“Adam & Eve After the Pill Revisited”

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 5 10:00 AM For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM Ignacio Arredondo

Nov 6 9:30 AM Communion Service
Nov 7 9:30 AM Communion Service
Nov 8 9:30 AM Communion Service
Nov 9 9:30 AM + Angelica Cueva +Jesus Duarte



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

**In honor of my wife,
Ann Richbourg**

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Derrick Reese, Bill McDaniel, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Jennifer Johnson, Deacon Ray Brown, Bob Fair, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, Osman Tejada, Johnathan Duarte, Joan Pable Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise,, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, Jesus Cordova Duarte, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Patricia Costello, Nina Waters, Kathy Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Grace Make, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseater, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



**Prayer
Requests**



Curtis Lacy, Mark Jankowski,
Benigno Tavera, Maria del Socorro Salazar,
Cristina Preciado, Maria Garcia,
Melissa Contreras, Ignacio Arredondo,
Matias Barzallo

Felipe Bautista, Ottis Miller, Fr. Harold Essling, Guillermo Santacruz, Joseph Garneski Keith Sebring, Gene Shearl, Jorge Osorio, JR Cassity, Jesus Cordova Duarte, Bessy Garcia, Everett Holley, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, 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, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

*In
loving
memory*

Bishop Parkes sent a letter reminding us that this month we observed the 21st Annual World Day Against the Death Penalty. Here in Georgia, we face not just a broader fight for abolition, but also the reality that our state executes people with intellectual disabilities. We are the only state in the country to require proof for intellectual disability “beyond a reasonable doubt”. Our prayers are needed to correct this injustice.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven**’?” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad’?” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— Father John Muir

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The **Knights of Columbus** are hosting a **Free Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, **November 5th** along with a Stewardship Fair. After this past year, it is time for us to pull together and become a working and praying Parish . Please plan on joining us! There will be a Bilingual Mass at 10:30 AM so all can join together.

OFFERTORY — Week of October 29

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,279.00
Building Fund	1,695.00

Southern Cross	55.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

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

Our goal this year:
\$11.866.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE	11,941.00
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Knights of Columbus

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

**Next Meeting will be
November 12th .**



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 November 19th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 5	Free Pancake Breakfast & Stewardship Fair
Nov 10	John XXIII, 7:00 PM
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 12	Knights of Columbus, 11:15 PM
Nov 17	John XXIII, 7:00 PM
Nov 18	Rosary Makers, 11:15 AM
Nov 19	Food Sale Sunday
Nov 20	John XXIII, 7:00 PM
Nov 21	Rosary Makers, 11:30 AM
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Nov 26	10:30 AM Mass with Procession for the Eucharistic Revival