

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. Anthony of Padua Prayer Garden
Support us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden. The cost is \$100 we do offer *payment plan*. To order a brick or if you have any questions about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.



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

OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Ordinary Time
Between the end of the Christmas season and the start of Lent, the liturgical year begins a period known as Ordinary Time. That season is interrupted by the seasons of Lent and Easter, and then resumes again after Pentecost. The English translation of the Latin name for this season has received much criticism because of our association of the word “ordinary” with something of lesser value, the opposite of something special. Critics point out that Sunday is the original feast day of the Church, that there is nothing at all “ordinary” about our weekly celebration of the Lord’s dying and rising. Translators explain that in this context the English word “ordinary” retains the root meaning of “ordinal,” something counted “in order,” and that the Sundays throughout the year are in fact named by their numerical order.
It is helpful to understand how all five of the “special” seasons of the liturgical year (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter) fit together to unfold the single mystery of Christ. As we continue the year now with Ordinary Time, we are mindful that what we celebrate is indeed as “extraordinary” an experience of God’s grace as one could ever imagine.
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A WEEKLY MASS
Beginning on Monday, January 30th, we will have a weekly Mass at 12:15 PM on Mondays.. Fr. Phillips will celebrate Mass for us each week on Mondays. But on Thursday, February 2nd, he will also celebrate Mass for Candlemas Day, so bring any candles that you want blessed.



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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

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER
Respect for Life Prayer
O God, our eyes behold the beauty of your creation, and our ears catch the sounds of your power. We hold our lives sacred because they are your gift. Bring us to greater awareness of the sanctity of human life and to sorrow for the times we have ignored or offended it.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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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

"PSALMS"

Saturday: 5:40-6:25 in the Conference Room

Ray O'Keefe, Eva de Angel, Br. Walter Gluhm, Manuel Arias, Sr. Nuala Muleady, Bill Schade, Alan Moore, Deb Ruth, Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise, Wanda Martin, Giovanni Beltran, Mike Chamoun, 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, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renee Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Brenda Diefanderfer, 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, Tripp Lassefer, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Carolyn May, Jose Erasmo Lopez, Rosa Contreras, Minerba Hernandez, Johnny Arteaga Trejo, Jenaro Paredes, Gabriel Aguilar Jesus Orozco, Isana Fairall.

Mary Nell Eckl, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alan Moore, Juan Salazar, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 25 Communion Service & Adoration, 9:30 AM
Jan 28 Parish Pastoral Council, 3:00 PM
Feb 4 Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Feb 11 Knights of Columbus Meeting
Feb 12 Latin Mass, 3:00 PM

GATHERING DISCIPLES

To introduce the beginnings of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel today, the evangelist quotes from Isaiah 9, which is presented to us more fully in our first reading. Isaiah acknowledges the darkness of oppression from the conquest of the Galilee region by Assyria, but reminds his people of the hope God offers them. Matthew, writing in the time of the Roman Empire centuries later, points to Jesus and his proclamation of the kingdom of heaven, to overturn all forms of oppression. Power structures like Assyria or Rome rely on fear, control, and distrust to sustain themselves. But God's reign is to be saturated with God's love, freedom, and mutual trust. Jesus began by gathering a group of disciples. When Jesus similarly gathers his community of disciples in our church today, our love of each other, and our care for all others, can make this reign of God visible to all.

CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Today's Gospel from Matthew sketches the initial movements of Jesus' public ministry. The arrest of John the Baptist signals that Jesus' time has come. His first actions include the call of his first disciples, and proclaiming the reign, or kingdom, of heaven. Jesus first gathers a community, which he can gradually form to become living evidence of this coming reign. His preaching, which begins just a few verses later in the Sermon on the Mount, is not just essential guidance for each individual life, but for life within a community of his followers.

It can be very challenging for most of us, who live in a highly individualized society, to hear this story of being summoned into community, committed to learning together and from each other. Our parishes and Christian communities need to be safe places so that we can open our hearts to each other, learning the Way of Jesus, and sharing this Way with others.

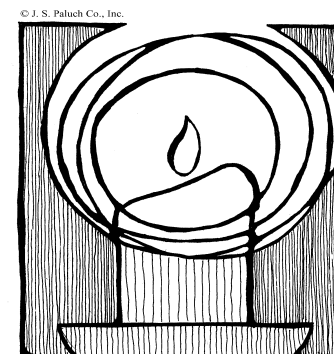
UNITED IN CHRIST

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many pastoral issues, and begins with questions of division over leadership. We hear of rival camps of loyalty for various leaders and preachers: Paul himself, Apollo, or Cephas. Paul fears that the community has lost the center of the faith, that is, Christ himself. The community is to be united in mind and purpose under Christ.

Many today experience in a very similar division. Some Christians will in effect say: "I belong to . . . (fill in the name of your favorite preacher, theologian, or leader), and those who don't are not to be trusted." Diversity of thought and background are essential to the vitality of Christian community, but here Paul describes a division that hides the message of Christ. It hides Christ's call to charity and forbearance toward all. This division hides the truth that we are all at the foot of the cross, a cross that reveals our own brokenness and our need for mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]



On January 21, 2023 we will help Father Juan Carlos celebrate his Birthday with a cake between the Masses.



OFFERTORY — Week of January 14th

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,978.00
Building Fund	3,180.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$15,081.00

Week of November	
Total ACA PAID TO DATE	15,100.00
BALANCE DUE	\$ 0.00

Knights of Columbus

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



Next Meeting will be February 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 January 21st.



GOLD & SILVER JUBILEE

Couples celebrating their **25th or 50th wedding anniversary** in **2023** are invited to the GOLD & SILVER JUBILEE Anniversary Mass on February 11, 2023 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Savannah.

Please RSVP by January 25th: 912-201-4100 or diosav.org/gold-and-silver.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 21 4:30 PM + Alan Moore
6:30 PM Por los Parroquianos

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

For the health and recovery of Bill Schade

