

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.

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.

FOOD SALES: We will have our first **FOOD SALE** of the new year. We will have chicken leg quarters, rice, beans, and salad for \$10.00 per plate. This will be on Saturday, March 25th after the Masses.

Today is Giving Sunday, our second collection is for Catholic Relief Services

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 Three Lenten Disciplines: Prayer, Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are not specifically Christian practices. Jewish piety, from which the primitive church developed, already included these three spiritual exercises. The Muslims also include these three in the five pillars of their Islamic faith. But it is Jesus himself who invites us to practice these three pillars of conversion. He reminds us that they are not done to “show off” that we are holier than everyone else. On the contrary, fasting, charitable works, and praying are done with humility (Matthew 6:1–6; 16–21). It is challenging, but we are not discouraged because the Holy Spirit comes to our aid. The Lenten discipline of prayer can be thought of in two ways. For Christians, to pray in the first way is to speak like children to God, who loves us as mother, father, sibling, and friend. When speaking to God, we tell God what we have inside us, trusting that our words are the ones that most please God. The second approach to prayer means proclaiming with confidence our fears, problems, joys, and yearnings to God, knowing that God loves and hears us. Praying either way means spending time with God, at times talking, at times silent, but always with the assurance that we are loved.

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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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

Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ where I lie down, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.

May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

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 Chammoun, 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 Lasseeter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



John Lukens, Alberto Alamilla,
John Folkerts, Alyson Barreto,
Jonathan Martinez-Benites,
Samuel Perez-Hernandez, Angel Flores,
Linda Flores, Ana'ey Hernandez,
Audrey Murray,

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 11 4:30 PM For the People of the Parish
6:30 PM + Juan Salazar Mendez
Mar 13 12:15 PM + Jose Mondragon Benitez



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

For a Special Intention

Living Stations of the Cross: practices will be held on Sundays at 2:00 PM. 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.

THIRST

There is thirst, as we feel when we need a glass of water, and then there is the sort of thirst about which Jesus speaks with the Samaritan woman at the well. The conversation started on the level of the sort of thirst that is quenched by a soothing drink. Yet, the conversation between Jesus and the woman quickly became about a deeper sort of thirst, the yearning for spiritual nourishment. The Israelites fussed about being thirsty, yet their thirst also had a spiritual dimension. Was the Lord with them or not, they wondered? On this Third Sunday of Lent, the elect participate in the first of three scrutinies as they prepare for the living waters of baptism. We share their thirst and open our hearts to the living water that Jesus offers, the water of life, hope, and peace.

ARE YOU THIRSTY?

Do you feel unsettled or sense that life is about more than the daily details that fill your time, energy, and attention? Are you anxious or worried and yearn for peace? Is there an ache in your heart that longs for relief? The thirst for meaning, purpose, peace, and solace is real. We humans have a tendency to seek relief from such thirst with wealth, material things, or social status, failing to recognize that these things are fleeting. We may distract ourselves with constant activity, keeping ourselves busy and preoccupied rather than allowing ourselves to acknowledge the yearning in our hearts. We fail to see that only Christ can quench our thirst.

LET JESUS QUENCH YOUR THIRST

It was likely hot in the midday sun on the day that Jesus encountered the woman at the well. Scholars tell us that she must have been shunned by the other women in the community, leading her to avoid the cooler early morning time when others filled their jugs. Add to this that Jews and Samaritans shared longstanding animosity toward one another. No wonder she was surprised and perplexed when Jesus asked for a drink. Yet she did not run away. Jesus sought her out and she opened her heart and mind to his offer of salvation. Jesus seeks us out, too. Our Lord desires that we open our hearts and minds to the fullness of love, forgiveness, mercy, and peace that is only found in God. For what do you thirst at this time? Compassion, justice, consolation? Only Christ can truly quench your thirst. Jesus desires to do so. Open your heart today; "hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Could you help us please?

There are 2 wooden gates at the front of the Church that need to be repaired. Could you help us?

OFFERTORY — Week of March 4th

Regular Offertory	\$ 3,388.00
Building Fund	3,309.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$11,870.00

Week of Mar 4	
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 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
Mar 20	Mass 12:15 PM
Mar 22	Communion Service: 9:30 AM followed By Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Noon
Mar 24	Soup & Stations 7:00 PM
Mar 25	Parish Pastoral Council 3:00 PM
Mar 25	Food Sales after Mass