

**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/](http://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.

**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 10:30 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 **MAY**, it is for the **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS APPEAL**. Please be generous!

We also accept donations for St. Francis Center which is a Catholic Thrift Shop and Outreach Center run by St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta. Today they have several needs: personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items and snacks for the homeless, anything they can eat while walking that doesn't need to be heated. Packs of crackers are always good.

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**  
On the first Sundays of the month, there will be a special blessing for anyone who will celebrate a birthday or anniversary during that month. The Birthdays listed in the Bulletin each week comes from your Registration Forms that are on file in the Church Office.

**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 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.



**ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER:** To report sexual abuse of a minor by Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 912-201-4074. To read the diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to [www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection](http://www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection)

Protecting Our Youth: Diocesan policy requires all diocesan adult employees and volunteers attend VIRTUS (safe environment) awareness training, undergo a background check, and read and sign the diocesan code of conduct for working with minors prior to commencing their ministry.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a catholic men's organization. Any man over the age of 18 is eligible to join. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Craig Sebring at 229-460-2823 or [c\\_sebring@outlook.com](mailto:c_sebring@outlook.com).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
On Friday, May 23, 2025 the Knights of Columbus Council 4913, Valdosta, GA will host the **21st Annual SEMINARIAN DINNER**. Come meet Bishop Parkes and the Seminarists from our Diocese who are preparing for the Priesthood. Tickets are \$30.00 for a lovely dinner with lots of desserts, good fellowship and raffles, and more raffles. Tickets are available in the Church Office.

**Food Sale Sunday** will be on **May 18th** and we will have Tacos, rice and beans, salad, a dessert and a bottle of water. Cost will be \$12.00. Other items will be available for purchase.

A very special THANK YOU! To everyone who helped with the Parish Spring Festival. We were fortunate to raise \$3,300. for the Building Fund. As with any event, we could have had more volunteers but a good time was had by all. Maybe in the Fall, you would consider working with us.

**PRAYER FOR THE GRACE FROM ALL THE WORLD'S MASSES**  
Eternal Father, we humbly offer Thee our poor presence, and that of the whole of humanity, from the beginning to the end of the world at all the Masses that ever have or ever will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, sufferings, prayers, sacrifices, joys, and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His Blood, Wounds, and Agony save us., through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen  
(This prayer should be recited daily and be made known.)



**Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
**2530 Garner Road**  
**Ray City, Georgia 31645**  
**Telephone: 229-455-5554**



**St. Ann Catholic Church**  
**9007 US Hwy 82**  
**Alapaha, GA 31622**

**Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator**  
**Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso**

**May 11, 2025**

### 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.**  
**There will be Adoration available each day the Church is open until 3 :00 PM. On First Friday there will be Adoration from 5:00 — 6:30 PM followed by a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM.**

**Sunday: 9:00 Am (St. Ann's) , 10:30 AM in English & 12:30 PM in Spanish at St. Anthony of Padua**

**Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs**  
**9:00 am—3:00 pm**  
**[church@anthonyofpaduaga.org](mailto:church@anthonyofpaduaga.org)**





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 5:00 — 6:30 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 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Masses  
Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes will began 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 will began in September.  
Classes are 11:45 AM —12:30 PM

Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Classes will begin in September  
Sunday: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM in Conference Room

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 11 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish  
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish  
12:30 PM + Miryam Roa & + Guillermo Santacruz

May 12 9:30 AM Health of Lillian Martinez  
May 13 9:30 AM Andres Contreras Covarrubias (10th B’day)  
May 14 9:30 AM S.I. Jennifer Johnson  
May 15 9:30 AM Dec’d Family & Friends of Beny Ledesma

May 18 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish  
10:30 AM + Glenn & Roseann O’Connor  
12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

S.I. = Special Intention



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

Celebrating the Baptism  
Of Dylan Gonzalez

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone,  
Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck,  
Fr. David Kruse, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel,  
John Barba, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim  
Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp  
Lasseeter, Dr. Henry Richbourg, Chris Wilson, Andrea Emilia  
Bernabey, James Holton, Gerald Silva, Vera Kate Setser, Julia  
Santacruz, Lindy Reed, Valentina Rojas,  
Pam Coombs, Julianita Tejada, Joanna  
Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Carol  
Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty  
Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Ricardo  
Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands,  
Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera,  
Bill & Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino,  
Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agusti Iglesias, Sharon Walter,  
David Sands, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Jackie Shierling,  
Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano,  
Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Erika Lloyd, Nayar  
Prado, Nina Waters, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve  
Register, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary  
Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter,  
Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Week of May 10—17

Christie Johnson.

Armando Cano, Juan Paolo Climacosa,  
Matthew Ezekiel, Teodulu Flores,  
Rebekah Knight, Miriam Jasmine Miguel Martin,  
Jose Meza, Juan Navarro,

Carol Leaverton, Eva Conrad, Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn  
O’Connor, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark  
Menard, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Henderson, Andy Morrison, Fr.  
James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat  
Murphy, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul  
Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora  
Bastidas, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz,  
Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana  
Moreno Lopez, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan,  
Edgar Ocegüera, JP Hiler, “Nina” Chammoun,  
Linda Christiano, Cirilio Antonio Almarez, Michael Richbourg,  
Felipe Bautista, Ottis Miller, Fr. Harold Essling, Guillermo  
Santacruz, Joseph Garneski, Keith Sebring, Gene Shearl, Jorge  
Osorio, JR Cassity, Jesus Cordova Duarte, Bessy Garcia, Br.  
Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose  
Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar  
Mendez, Luke Adkins, Ann Richbourg, Maria Dolores Segade,  
Roshell McCrae, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn’t hear God’s voice the way I  
used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page.  
Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried —  
how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn’t hear God’s  
voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much  
time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I  
noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas  
of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to  
confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled  
with a sense of God’s closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully,  
that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my  
conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, “My sheep hear my voice. I know  
them and they follow me” (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of  
his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an  
intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you  
feel deaf to God’s voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His  
voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good  
Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir  
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As you can see, our Prayer Requests and In Loving Memory lists are  
getting quite long. Everyone needs prayer but are there some on  
these lists who could be removed either with better health or they  
have passed away more than a year ago.

The Lovely Mother’s Day basket that was raffled off last weekend  
was won by Jeanne Christiano. Here’s hoping she enjoys it. And a  
special thanks to the Lady who donated that lovely basket! Many  
blessings for you!

TRAVELING

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA,  
THE MIRACLE WORKER

We will pray as a family to St. Anthony  
of Padua in our homes for any special  
intentions we might have. This week St.  
Anthony will travel to the home of  
Hector Castro and Adriana Garcia.



OFFERTORY — Week of May 04

Regular Offertory \$ 2,986.00  
Building Fund \$ 1,712.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 568.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

And HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL \$ 123,329.00  
PAID TO DATE - 1,502.87

ST. ANN GOAL \$ 30,808.00  
PAID TO DATE - 1,085.00

Knights of Columbus

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



Next Meeting will be  
May 18th

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  
May 17th

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11 MOTHER’S DAY  
May 11 First Holy Communion for 2nd Graders  
May 17 Rosary Makers: 11:30 AM  
May 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 11:45 AM  
May 18 Food Sale Sunday: Menu: Tacos  
May 23 Seminarian Dinner at St. John the Evangelist  
May 26 Memorial Day, Office Closed  
May 29 Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord