

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 next Saturday, March 25th after the Masses.

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: Fasting

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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



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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 in Time of Sadness and Grief

O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.

We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. 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 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 Costantino, 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 Lassetter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



William Lucas, Fr. Juan Carlos Castillo,
Mario Trujillo, Karen Cruz, Thomas Treviño,
Beyonca Jaqueline Rodriguez,
Michael Martin.

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.



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.

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you see? Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them, offering them new sight. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

IT'S TIME TO SEE OUR BLINDNESS

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

When Samuel met the sons of Jesse, he thought he could see the one the Lord would anoint. He found the grace, however, to see through the eyes of faith and respond by anointing David, who would become the king of Israel. Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind. We do not know how many others' eyes were opened that day, as they saw Jesus as the source of light and life. We can learn from Samuel and Jesus, bringing our darkness to the light through faith. When we look at life through God's eyes, we see endless possibility for goodness, holiness, grace, and peace.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, NO MASS

TUESDAY, CHRISM MASS AT CATHEDRAL

WEDNESDAY, COMMUNION SERVICE & ADORATION

THURSDAY, MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, LIVING STATIONS 5:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, PASSION OF THE LORD 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY, ENGLISH MASS AT 10:00 AM

EASTER SUNDAY, LATIN MASS AT 3:00 PM

OFFERTORY — Week of March 11th

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,624.00
Building Fund	1,810.00

Giving Sunday	378.00
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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 May 13th.

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 April 15th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Mar 27	Mass: 12:15 PM
Mar 29	Communion Service: 9:30 AM followed By Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Noon
Mar 31	Soup & Stations: 7:00 PM
Apr 5	Communion Service: 9:30 AM followed By Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until Noon



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

For a Special Intention

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 18	4:30 PM For the People of the Parish
	6:30 PM + Juan Salazar Mendez
Mar 20	12:15 PM + Jose Mondragon Benitez