

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.

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

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.

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 \$3,300.00 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.)



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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 18, 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



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 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

May 19 9:30 AM Health of Carlos Acuña
May 20 9:30 AM Dec’d Family & Friends of Yina Green
May 21 9:30 AM Maria Contreras Covarrubies (1 B’Day)
May 22 9:30 AM S.I. Marirose Henkels

May 25 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
10:30 AM For the People of the Parish
12:30 PM + Juan Salazar Mendez

S.I. = Special Intention



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

For the Parish

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 Lasseter, 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 17—24
Rebecca Lorinczy, Dominic Lorinczy.

Magaly de Vasaez, Marirose Henkels,
Tyler Horne, Rosario Jaimes,
Eugene Lamie, Manuel Mejia Falla,
Mike Miller, Jose Evelio Rodriguez,
Giovanni Trejo, Georgina Zarco.

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 Almaraz, 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.



5th Sunday of Easter
John 13:31-35

I’ve always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper sticky words “I love you” or “I will always love you” (a la Dolly Parton’s song). Why doesn’t Jesus say, “I love you”?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, “As the Father loves me, so I love you” (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, “Love another as I have loved you” (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren’t there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great “I love you” to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: “Love one another.” So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: “Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.” The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII’s practical method of following Jesus’ great commandment of love. It’s a splendid way to say, “I love you.”

— Father John Muir

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ANOTHER FOOD SALE: On Sunday, May 25th the Knights of Columbus will sell a Food Plate for \$5.00. It will include a Hamburger, Hot Dog, Chips and a Soda or Water. Enjoy your holiday weekend!

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.

GRADUATES

A Mass celebrating the Graduates from High School, Colleges, Trade Schools, advanced degrees in our Parish will be held on Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 AM. Please come in your Cap & Gown!

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 John and Ann Lukens in Hahira.



OFFERTORY — Week of May 11

Regular Offertory \$ 3,167.00
Building Fund \$ 2,230.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 868.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

And HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL \$ 123,329.00
PAID TO DATE - 11,262.25

ST. ANN GOAL \$ 30,808.00
PAID TO DATE - 1,385.00

Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be
June 8th



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
June 21st



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 25 Graduates Mass at 10:30 AM
May 25 Holiday Food Sale
May 26 Memorial Day, Office Closed
May 29 Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
Jun 06 Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
5:00—6:30 PM followed by a Healing Mass at
7:00 PM
Jun 07 Parish Pastoral Council, 10:00 AM
Jun 08 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 11:45 AM