

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.

NEWCOMER RECEPTION: On the first Sunday of each month we will have a Newcomers Reception after Mass. We would like everyone to come back to welcome anyone who is new to our Parish.

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 10:00 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 February, it is for **AID TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**. We also accept donations for St. Francis Center which is a Catholic Thrift Shop and Out-reach Center run by St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta. Presently they need any microwavable dinner not frozen ex Hormel

ADULT EDUCATION will study the Book of Proverbs using the Ignatius Catholic Study Guide (will be provided). Classes will begin Sunday, January 14th, 2024

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 can come to the Parish Office, or 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.



On November 5th, for your safety the Church doors will be locked 15 minutes after the beginning of Mass until the dismissal.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA:

Take the Three Hail Mary's Pledge:

""O my Mother, preserve me this day (or night) from mortal sin."

1. For an increase in the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Hail Mary**
2. For the conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. **Hail Mary ...**
3. For the conversion of our country. **Hail Mary....**

FOOD SALE 2-18-24

Quesadilla, bottled water, dessert for \$10.00 Additional items available for purchase.

Delicious Authentic Mexican food. Come eat!

All money from the sale goes to the Construction Fund!

Raffle tickets for sale 1 ticket \$5, 3 tickets 10.00.We will be raffling a beautiful painting of the last super. Drawing will be on Palm Sunday.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

February 11, 2024

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 will Be celebrated There will be Adoration available each day the Church is open until 3:00 PM. On First Friday

There will be Adoration from 3:00 — 7:00 PM

Followed by a Healing Mass at 7:00 PM.

Sunday: 10:00 AM, English, & 12:30 PM in Spanish

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs

9:00 am—3:00 pm

E-mail: church@anthonyofpaduaga.org



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the Month 3:00 — 7:00 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 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes begin 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 began on September 17th.
Classes are 11:15 AM —12:15 PM
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Sunday: 11:15 AM—12:15 PM in Conference Room
We will study the Book of Proverbs using the Ignatius Catholic Study Guide (provided)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 11 10:00 AM For the deceased family members of Bennett Family
12:30 PM For the people of the parish
Feb 14 7:00 pm Bilingual Ash Wednesday service
Feb 16 Stations of The Cross 7:00 pm
Followed by a meatless potluck.
No daily masses



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

In memory of
Joseph Henkels

Francois Pellissier, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Pam Coombs, Madeleine White, Dan Burnette, Mary Hopper, Evelyn Puentes Borrero, Derrick Reese, Bill McDaniel, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Deacon Ray Brown, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada,David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul, Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, Kathy Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia Hunter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Prayer Requests



Grace Mack, Larry Simpson,
Andres Contreras, Nicholas Murray,
Allison Murray, Beatriz Cleto,
Isasias Tovar,Jonathan Flores,
Kiley Burgess,Emanol Ultera,
Andrea Lazaro,Luis Fernandez
Uriel Anthonio

Edgar Ocegueda, Joe Henkels, JP Hiler, Mounira “Nina” Chammoun, Ronald Chaney, Frank Boland, Linda Christiano, Dennis David, 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, Everett Holley, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Deb Ruth, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In
loving
memory

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don’t tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn’t handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you’ve ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, “If you will it, you can make me clean.” At this, just before the healing, Jesus was “moved with compassion.” The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to “his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love.” In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus’ heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it’s exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

In observance of **Black Heritage Month**, Fr. Joey has requested a display highlighting Black Catholics along with a parish potluck meal on Sunday, 25 February 2024. For more information about our Black brothers & sisters in Faith.



OFFERTORY — Week of February 4

Regular Offertory	\$ 3542 .00
Building Fund	\$ 660.00

Black and Indian Missions collection

\$ 1042.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$11,761.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$ 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
February 17th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 11	Knights of Columbus , 11:15 am
Feb 14	Bilingual Ash Wednesday service 7:00pm
Feb 16	Stations of The Cross 7:00 pm Followed by a meatless potluck.
Feb 17	Rosary Makers 11:30 am
Feb 18	Food sales
Feb 25	Black History Month Celebration Followed by a potluck.