

**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.couragerc.org/](http://www.couragerc.org/)). Help is available online at their website 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 late Terence Cardinal Cook, COURAGE received canonical status in the Catholic Church on November 28, 2016.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Diocese Seminarian Recognition Dinner will be on Friday, June 9, 2023 in the St. John Parish Center. More information will be forthcoming.

A new Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe has been donated to the Church and it will be blessed next Saturday, May 27th, between the Masses. All are encouraged to attend.

#### 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

Bishop Parkes has announced the Clergy changes for the upcoming year. St. Anthony of Padua will have a new Parochial Administrator on July 1st- Rev. Joey Buencamino.



We  
have  
been  
blessed!

#### 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



## Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Ray City, Georgia 31645

Telephone: 229-455-5554

Rev. Robert Phillips, *Parochial Administrator*

*Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso*

May 20, 2023

### 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](mailto:church@anthonyofpaduaga.org)**

**The Parish Picnic we were trying to organize to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua has been cancelled due to conflicting with Father's Day. We will work on planning a Parish Picnic in the Fall. If you would be interested in helping to organize a picnic, please call Tony Christiano (229)794-2497.**

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 will begin in September , 2023  
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: In September, 2023  
Classes will begin in September.  
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

The Gospel according to St. John  
Saturday: 5:40—6:25 PM in Conference Room

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Ottis Miller, the Family of Bishop Mar-  
tin Holley, Giovanni Beltran, Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Patricia Sti-  
dham, Nicholas Cantera, Guillermo Santacruz, Bill Schade,  
Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise, John Lukens, Wanda Mar-  
tin, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clem-  
mons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sir-  
mans, Leo Betlow, Jesus Cordova Duarte, Da-  
vid Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Es-  
ther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Va-  
lerie Vargas, Renee Cassity, Robert Beier,  
Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda  
Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Wa-  
ters, Kathryn Giddens, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Do-  
menico, Steve Register, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia  
McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Patricia  
Hunter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myri-  
am Santacruz.



Eugene Lamie, Nancy Harnage, Marirose Henkels,  
Mike Miller, Rita Alvarez Lopez, Fr. Fredy Angel,  
Fr. Kevin O’Keefe, Jose Evelio Rodriguez,  
Tyler Hodge, Georgina Zarco, Nicholas Smith,  
Kaden Miller, Giovanni Trejo, Dominic Ezekiel.

Everett Holley, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Car-  
rell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandrag-  
on Benitas, Kathy Archer, Mary Nell Eckl,  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alan Moore,  
Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Windy  
Wingate, John Lucian, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro  
Rosende, Geri Erickson, Ann Richbourg, B.G. Gerhard, Phyllis  
Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo,  
Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Nestor Beroch, 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, Fran LaRock, Bill  
Raczkowski, Consuelo Borrero, Carolene Johnson, Melisa  
Green, Estela de Santacruz, Kevin Ward, Baby Robert Wesley, and  
All the Faithful Departed.



Who will be graduating from High School, College or  
Wiregrass this year? We are trying to plan a Mass to  
celebrate with you. Please call the Church Office. 229-  
455-5554.

Food Sale will be on Saturday, May 27th with the  
menu being a Torta, dessert and bottled water.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

7th Sunday of Easter

Traditionally, the four writers of the Gospels are symbolized by  
four creatures that make their way into Church art and architec-  
ture: Matthew, an angel; Mark, a lion; Luke, an ox; and John, an  
eagle. These images can be found in churches across the world, a  
nod to those who recorded the stories of Jesus for us, thousands of  
years ago.

Today’s Gospel was written by John. There are a few reasons why  
John is symbolized by an eagle, but my favorite explanation is that  
his writings soar like an eagle into the sky with their beautiful, po-  
etic language. The prayer we hear today is no different — Jesus  
invokes God in a long discourse that might seem mystifying at  
times, the same way that a poem can be perplexing to understand  
when we are unfamiliar with the pacing or format.

Consider holding onto the shortest sentence in this prayer: “I pray  
for them.”

Jesus prays for us. For me. For you.

Let that sink deep into your being.

Jesus is on your side. He is aware of what you are holding at this  
moment. He is aware of your pain, your faith, your mission. And  
He’s rooting for you. This prayer was recorded thousands of years  
ago, far before you were born. Since before you were born, you  
were held in prayer. With that certainty, we live.

— Father John Muir

OFFERTORY — Week of May 13th

|                   |             |
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| Regular Offertory | \$ 1,890.00 |
| Building Fund     | 1,568.00    |

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| Second Collection | 239.00 |
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC  
CHURCH

Our goal this year:  
\$11.866.00

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| Total ACA PAID TO DATE | 5,763.00    |
| BALANCE DUE            | \$ 6,103.00 |

Knights of Columbus



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

Next Meeting will be June 10th .

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 June 17th.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| May 13 | 4:30 PM  | For the People of St.<br>Anthony of Padua            |
|        | 6:30 PM  | For the health of Juan<br>Manuel Salazar, Jr.        |
| May 15 | 12:15 PM | Anniversary of Boda Hilario<br>Maqueda y Maria Lopez |



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

For the Rosenblatt Family

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 22  | Mass: 12:15 PM   |
| May 24  | Communion Service: 9:30 AM<br>Followed by Adoration until Noon |
| May 27  | Food Sales   |
| May 27  | Blessing of new Our Lady of<br>Guadalupe Statue 5:30 PM        |
| June 3  | Adoration: 3:15—4:15 PM and<br>7:30—8:30 PM                    |
| June 5  | NO Mass  |
| June 7  | Communion Service: 9:30 AM<br>Followed by Adoration until Noon |
| June 10 | Knights of Columbus Meeting                                    |