

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 **MAY**, it is for **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**.. 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. Presently they need any hygiene items: shampoo, body wash, face soap, hand soap, toothpaste, individual toothbrushes, deodorant, laundry detergent and socks.

MASS FOR GRADUATES: We will celebrate you on Sunday, May 19th! Please call the office so we know who to expect. Please come with your cap and gown!

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.



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.



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Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

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

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs
9:00 am—3:00 pm



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 10:00 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 begin in September.
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 the Prophets beginning in September.

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Deacon Ray Brown, Geral Silva, Vera Kate Setser, Ana Beltran, Julia Santacruz, Rhoda Montisano, James Gray, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Derrick Reese, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Liviana Sirmans, David Sands, 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.



Alejandro Antonio, Armando Cano, Teodulu Flores, Mallory Guajardo, Rosario Jaimes, Jesus Jaimes, Rebekah Knight, Miriam Martin, Jose Meza, Nayib Rodriguez, Lourdes Salazar, Melissa Valeich, Angelina Urbina.

John Kumpel, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Homer Giddens, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Oceguela, 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, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In loving memory

7th Sunday of Easter

A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, “Everyone in.” He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church’s primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus’ concern is unity, praying to the Father, “**that they may be one, even as we are one**” (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope’s desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too.

— Father John Muir
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The next **Food Sale Sunday** will be on May 19th. The menu will be Chicken, rice and beans, salad, dessert & bottled water. As usual, there will be addition items for sale. This month, since the Graduates will be at Mass, they will eat free as a gift from the “Kitchen Ladies.”

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. We will start the day with a Bilingual Mass at 11:00 AM and have an International Pot Luck Luncheon immediately after Mass. Plans are in the making for the rest of the afternoon. We will have the Reverse Draw drawing at 2:30 PM. Remember, the tickets are on sale in the Church Office at \$25.00 each. Prizes include the Third Place is \$100, the Second place is \$200, the First place is \$300, and the Grand Prize is \$2,000. Let’s make this a true celebration with all of us attending.

Can you wear RED for the Feast of PENTECOST?

OFFERTORY — Week of May 5

Regular Offertory	\$ 3,946.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,152.00

Altar Flowers	\$ 40.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$10,761.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE	\$10,240.00
21 donors out of 132 families	15.91% of Parish

Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be
May 12th



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
May 18th



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12	First Communion: Bilingual Mass
May 12	Knights of Columbus Meeting
May 18	Rosary Makers Meeting
May 19	Food Sale Sunday
May 26	Eucharistic Ministers Training
Jun 1	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Jun 7	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 5:00 PM followed by a Healing Mass at 7 PM
Jun 15	Feast of St. Anthony of Padua Celebration & Reverse Draw



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

For the health and healing of
Gerald Alberto Silva Sterling