

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/). 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.

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 September it is **Mission Co-op**. 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.

Moody AFB Chapel is looking for a Religious Education Coordinator. It is a Part-time position working 12 hours a week. If interested, contact Daisy Williams, at Family Tree Secured, 504-363-9060

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 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. We will take payments.



Adam and Eve after the Pill Revisited America in the 1960s was in turmoil. Nightly news covered a controversial war in Vietnam, while providing a window into the fight against the vicious Jim Crow legal system in the South. Women and African Americans were demanding to be treated as equals. The Catholic Church convened Vatican II to meet new challenges. Against this backdrop, birth control was quietly approved by the Food & Drug Administration in 1960. This single event changed American culture. Join us beginning Sep 17th after the 10:00 Mass as we discuss the impacts still being felt today. Books and resource materials are provided free-of-charge thru the parish Adult Education Program. Please call the Parish Office (455-5554) during normal office hours to register.

The **John XXIII** Group will meet on Fridays in the Parish Hall.



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

September 17, 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: 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.

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 Month 3:00—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 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

Classes begin September 17th
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Classes will begin on September 17th
Sunday: 11:15 AM in Conference Room

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Julianita Durate, Coco Juarez, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Jennifer Johnson, Deacon Ray Brown, Ruth Folkerts, Patti & Bob Fail, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Ashley Schade, Monica Moore, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Gary Hogan, Hazel Hiefner, Ricardo Vargas, Juliana Tejada, Antonio Tejada, Osman Tejada, Johnathan Duarte, Joan Pablo Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Pat Murphy, Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Nicholas Cantera, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul Costantino, Tony Christiano, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Patricia 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, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Vanessa Vazquez Rizo,
Jacqueline Escalera, Jennifer Salinas,
Jose Sanchez, Jorge Sanchez,
Jackalyn Salazar, Santiago Morales,
Gabriela Rodriguez, Ariana Josely
Rodriguez, Alicia Tovar, Estefani Perez
Moreno, Robert Beier, Rebekah Ditto,
Lauren Washburn.

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, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, John Lucian, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Myriam Roa, and All the Faithful Departed.



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

La salud de
PETRA VIDAL

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

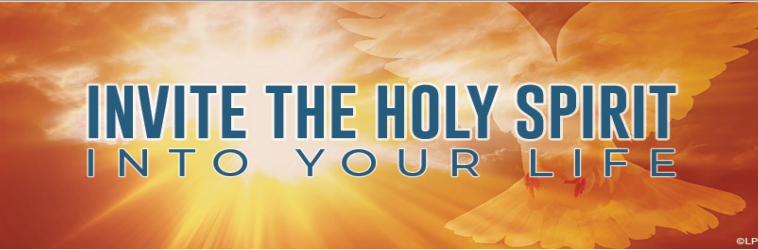
When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn’t forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren’t we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus’ parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: “Pay back what you owe!” He can’t forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *re-mem-ber*s — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It’s natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus’ mercy toward us and them, we’re free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir

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Some Housekeeping Items:

Are there people on the Prayer Request List who have recovered and can be removed at this time?

There are several “Babies” in the Lost & Found Basket on the square table in the Narthax.

OFFERTORY — Week of 10 Sept

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,055.00
Building Fund	2,816.00

Giving Sunday	473.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC
CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$11,866.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE	\$ 11,866.00
BALANCE DUE	

Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be October 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 will be October 21st.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 17	Catechetical Sunday: Religious Ed Classes begin today.
Sep 17	Food Sales: Tacos & Tamales
Sep 22	John XXIII, 7:00 PM
Sep 29	John XXIII, 7:00 PM

If you would like to contribute
money so we can have flowers on
the Altar every weekend, there
are envelopes on the table in the
Narthax.

