



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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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 - Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday at 10:00 a.m., English, & 12:30 pm, Spanish
Latin Mass every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday from 10 :00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
First Saturday of Month 7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. -9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.
Or by appointment

RCIA

Sundays at 11:15 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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

Sundays at 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

May 1 10:00 AM For Parishioners
12:30 PM +Maria & Pablo Garcia
May 2 + Edmund Turner
May 3 + Ignacio Arredondo
May 4 Father Stanley Pieczara
May5 Johnson Family Intentions

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



JESUS SAID TO SIMON PETER,
"SIMON, SON OF JOHN,
DO YOU LOVE ME MORE
THAN THESE?"

JOHN 21:15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 1, 2022

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CHURCH

The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

OBEYING GOD

In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19 [1-14]

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
May 8	Knights of Columbus Meeting after Mass
May 8	Latin Mass: 3:00 PM
May 15	First Communion at 10:00 AM Mass
May 18	Bishop Stephen Parkes visit and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation
May 25	Election of the Pastoral Council

OFFERTORY—Week of April 24th

Regular Offertory	\$2,364
Building Fund	\$1,505

Food Sale \$1,763

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022

WE ARE ONE HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$15,081.00

Week of Apr. 24:	\$ 50.00
Total ACA	\$5,406.50

In
loving
memory

Rita Mayorga, Francis Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, Sheila Maxwell, Saul Muñoz, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Brittany Felts, Frank Hunter, Linnet Crump, John Folsom, Lois Adkins, Rene Lopez, Eugene Faborito, Julisa Aguilar, Francisco Mayorga, Carroll Waters, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, Shawn Murphy, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Consuelo Borrero, Jim Murphy, Carolene Johnson, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Rufina Fernandez, Kevin Ward, Louis Adkins, Baby Robert Wesley, and All the Faithful Departed.



Jose Juarez, Deborah Miller,
Alejandra Bautista, Maria Sanchez, Chad Woody,
Lauren Miller, Dominga Francisco Antonio, Karina Agudelo,
Yessenia Leyva, Bryanna Alamilla Mejia.



**Sanctuary Light: In Reverence and petition,
Pray this week for the special intention:
The Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to
the Immaculate Heart of Mary & Peace
around the World..**



Ray O'Keefe, Eva de Angel, Tony Christiano, Lois Brown, Valerie Vargas, Renee Cassity, Nestor Beroch, Robert Beier, Colleen Purvis, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Sandy Chaput, Linda Christiano, Michael Kunai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Shawn Costello, Kathryn Giddens, Nina Waters, Phyllis Fletcher, Beatriz Agudelo, Chad & Kelsi Bullard, Lisa Salomon, Jeanne Han, Josefina Di Domenico, Steve Register, Dennis Zubricky, Deb Ruth, Grace Mack, Segrid Mack, Barkeia McBride, Mary Diefanderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Myriam Santacruz, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Garcia, Manuel Lopez.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Next Sunday we will put out a basket after Mass to accept donations for the purchase of food for the Soccer Tournament that will be held here on Saturday, May 28th. All proceeds will go to the Building Fund.

Our **Rosary Makers** meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathryn Giddens at (229)482-2364
Next Meeting May 21st



Knights of Columbus
Round table meeting
Parish Hall
Second Sunday of the month.
Next Meeting May 8th
at **11:15AM**



MANY THANKS

to all the Ladies who worked so diligently preparing the chicken quesadillas, rice and beans and pico for last Sundays Food Sale. As you can see, it was a RED LETTER DAY. **\$1,763.00!!!**



EL MOVIMIENTO DE RETIROS PARROQUIALES JUAN XXIII

Te invita:

Fechas de Retiros

Retiro para mujeres: 12, 13 y 14 de Abril.
Retiro para hombres: 20, 21 y 22 de Mayo
Retiro para mujeres: 12, 13 y 14 de Agosto
Retiro para hombres: 23, 24 y 25 de Sept.
Retiro para mujeres: 18, 19 y 20 de Nov.

Día Familiar:

Sábado 16 de Julio a las 11am.
Misa a las 11am por Obispo Stephen Parkes
Camp Echeconee
637 Mount Paran Rd, Lizella, GA 31052
Celebración Día del Carmen, Patrona del Movimiento

Para mayor información o para registrarse a un retiro contacte a
Martin Noriega al 478 972 0502.