



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.

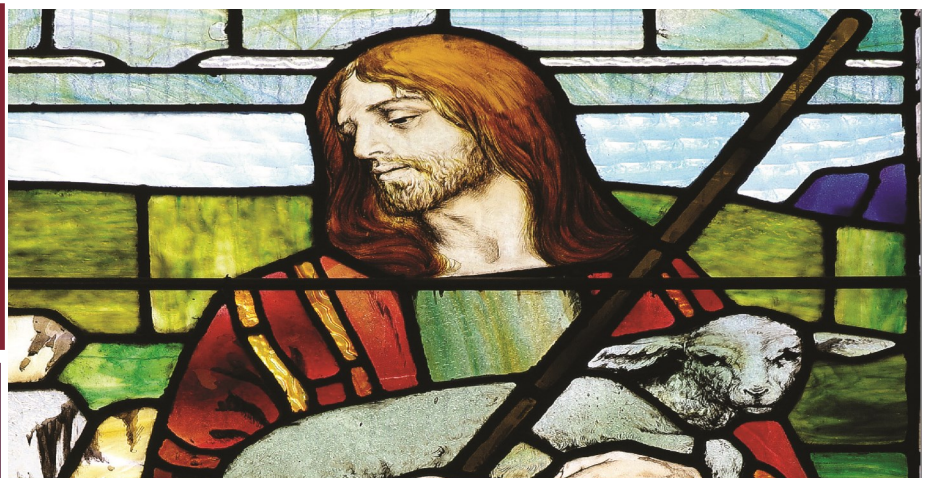
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- May 8 10:00 AM For Parishioners
12:30 PM +Patricia Cavarrubias
- May 9 Thanksgiving for Birthday of Walter Arias
- May 10 For Luis & Ma. Socorro Juarez & family
- May 11 Conversion Charles Randall
- May 12 Johnson Family Intentions

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



JESUS SAID,
"MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE;
I KNOW THEM,
AND THEY FOLLOW ME."

JOHN 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2022

WE BELONG TO GOD

In the time of Jesus, when multiple flocks of sheep would be gathered, protecting the flock depended heavily on the shepherd's personal recognition of individual sheep, by sight and sound. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses this imagery to speak of how Jesus—with the Father—protects those whom God loves—that is, everyone. Forces that pull us away from God are ultimately no match for the fierce love that God has for us. Our favor with God does not depend on our behaving properly, or gaining theological knowledge, or holding precise beliefs. Our stance with God is primarily about God's insistence that we belong to God, and to no other. Belonging to God, we know that however much we mess up, we are not lost. Belonging to God eventually draws us into a life of care for each other. Belonging to God, we can safely grow into a fuller belonging.

LIGHT TO THE GENTILES

Today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles is one of several turning points in the self-understanding of the early Church. Paul evokes the image of "A light to the Gentiles." Some thought that Gentiles, non-Jews, were somehow marginal in God's eyes. The Gentiles in Paul's audience rejoice, because they now see that they are not "second class" members of God's family, but fully part of God's beloved people. The story continues by noting the resistance from those who enjoy "first class" status in the community, as inclusion of the Gentiles was perceived as a threat to their self-image and privilege.

The book of Acts continues to challenge today's societies, churches, and organizations. Luke's vision of God's family, united as equal heirs to the Kingdom of God, confronts our many barriers of wealth, race, gender, and much more. We are invited to give witness to this vision in our life together as the Church.

WHITE ROBES

Our reading from the Book of Revelation presents the image of God's people before God's throne, wearing robes that are washed white in the blood of the Lamb. A robe, especially when worn in God's presence, is meant to express the real truth about the person. A white robe indicates their purity. The washing in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) suggests that the people have met much suffering and, in some manner, have participated in the suffering of Jesus.

These passages were written to a people experiencing great tribulations in living their faith. But the author of Revelation does not suggest that anyone should seek out suffering for its own sake. He does not make suffering somehow a necessary entry pass for salvation. Our sufferings come from many sources, and suffering is a profound mystery. The image of washing in blood suggests that God is present within our suffering. God accompanies our suffering, leads us toward refreshment, and will wipe every tear from our eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

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.

EL MOVIMIENTO DE
RETIROS PARROQUIALES
JUAN XXIII

Te invita:

Fechas de Retiros

Retiro para mujeres: 12 y 13 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 Echeveree
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.



Juan Navarro, Angelina Urbina, Matthew Ezekiel,
Maria del Rocío Zamaron, Haley Chammoun,
Teodulu Flores, William Tercero,
Jasmine Miguel Martin, Leslie Martinez.



**Sanctuary Light: In Reverence and petition,
Pray this week for the special intention:
the Parish of
St. Anthony of Padua**

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 15	Food Sale
May 18	Bishop Stephen Parkes visit and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation
May 25	Election of the Pastoral Council

OFFERTORY—Week of May 1st

Regular Offertory	\$2,191
Building Fund	\$4,906

Pancake Breakfast Donations \$ 198

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022
WE ARE ONE HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC
CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$15,081.00

Week of May 1:	\$
Total ACA	\$5,406.50

Ray O'Keefe, Eva de Angel, Tony Christiano, Lois Brown, Esther Lopez, Valerie Vargas, Renee Cassidy, Nestor Beroch, Robert Beier, Colleen Purvis, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefenderfer, 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 Diefenderfer, Barry White, Manuel Garcia, Myriam Santacruz, Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Pat Murphy, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Garcia, Manuel Lopez.



DONATIONS NEEDED

Today we will put have 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



FOOD SALE—CHICKEN PLATE WITH RICE & BEANS

MANY THANKS

to the Knights of Columbus who prepared the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. They collected \$198.00 for donations to the Building Fund.. **THANK YOU!!!**