

**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/](http://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 **APRIL**, it is for **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**. 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 microwavable dinners that are not frozen—example: Hormel.

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE** ON SATURDAY, April 13, 2024 from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Call the Church Office (455-5554) to reserve a booth to sell (\$15) and rent tables (\$10 each) - max 2. Church will accept donated items; NO clothes.

#### 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

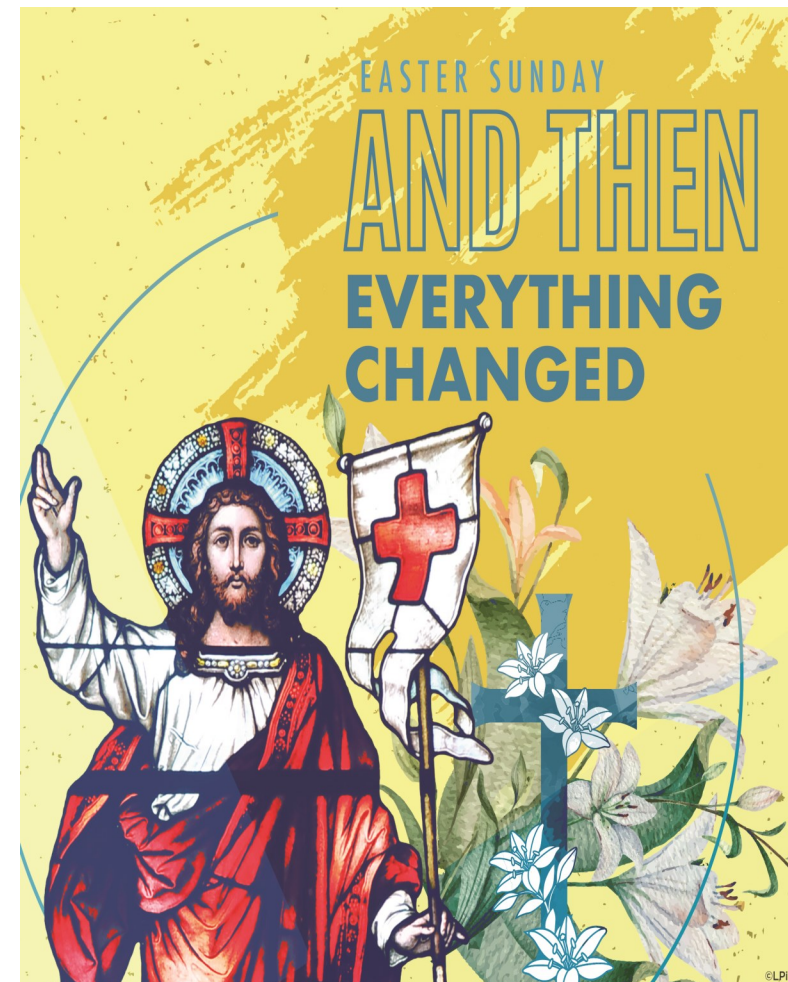
**PRAYER GARDEN:** We have a Prayer Garden with engraved bricks around the Statue of Our Lady. If you wish to order an engraved brick—either in honor of someone special to you or in memory of someone special who has passed away, you can come to the Parish Office, or you could fill out a sheet with the 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](http://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.

We are creating a **CIRCLE OF CARE Committee** and would like you to consider being a part of this committee. We will provide food for a family after a funeral or if a family has a seriously ill member and can use meals we could provide. The Rosary Makers will provide the meat and we will ask members of the committee to provide a side dish. Please call the Office at 229-455-5554 if you could help us.



## Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Telephone: 229-455-5554

Rev. Joey Buencamino, *Parochial Administrator*

*Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso*

March 31, 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 — 7:00 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 began on September 17th.  
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 Proverbs using the Ignatius Catholic Study Guide

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 31	11:00 am	Deceased members of the Parish
Apr 1	9:30 am	Deceased family & friends of Stidham Family
Apr 2		NO MASS
Apr 3	9:30 am	Healing of Jose Hernandez
Apr 4	9:30 am	+ Marcelo Bravo
Apr 5	7:00 pm	Deceased members of Zavala Family
Apr 7	10:00 am	+Thomas Turner
	12:30 pm	For the people of the Parish



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

For the happy repose of the soul  
Of Felipe Bautista

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Jean Dingman, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Deacon Ray Brown, Julia Santacruz, Rhoda Montisano, James Gray, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Madeleine White, Dan Burnette, Mary Hopper, Evelyn Puentes Borrero, Derrick Reese, Bill McDaniel, 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 Cham-moun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Liviana Sirmans, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, 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.



Ismeal Florres, Isreal Flores,  
Meagan Knight, Deacon Ray Brown,  
Veronike Gomez, Aurora Gomez,  
Maria Orozco, Sean Jankowski,  
Marcos Juarez.

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, Deb Ruth, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In  
loving  
memory

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn’t joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn’t peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples’ shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don’t we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don’t expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— Father John Muir

Hosanna!

OFFERTORY — Week of Mar 24

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,065.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,287.00

Food Sale	\$ 1,688.00
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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	\$ 5,600.00
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Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be  
April 14th



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  
April 20th



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 31	Easter Sunday: 11:00 AM
Apr 7	Newcomers Reception
Apr 8-10	Priests Conference
Apr 14	Knights of Columbus Mtg: 11:15 AM
Apr 14	Last class for Confirmandi
Apr 20	Rosary Makers: 11:30 AM
Apr 20	Confirmation Retreat, 10:00 AM
Apr 21	Catechesis for Adult Conformandi
Apr 21	Confessions for Confirmandi
April 24	Confirmation
May 12	First Communion