

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 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 the late Terence Cardinal Cook, COURAGE received canonical status in the Catholic Church on November 28, 2016.

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 10:30 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 the **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**. Please be generous!

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. Today they have several needs: personal hygiene items, non-perishable food items and snacks for the homeless, anything they can eat while walking that doesn't need to be heated. Packs of crackers are always good.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

On the first Sundays of the month, there will be a special blessing for anyone who will celebrate a birthday or anniversary during that month. This information comes from your Registration Forms.

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 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.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a catholic men's organization. Any man over the age of 18 is eligible to join. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact Craig Sebring at 229-460-2823 or c_sebring@outlook.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We are planning a **SPRING FESTIVAL** to be held on May 3rd from 10 AM to 2:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering in some aspect and plan on enjoying a day of fun. There are sign-up sheets on the table by the Office window. The more people who sign up, the less time we will ask of you to spend here.

We have all noticed the rise in the cost of groceries since the Covid outbreak 4 years ago. Our Hispanic brothers and sisters who have prepared meals for us for all these years have not increased the cost of the plates we have enjoyed for these past four years. **Well, the time has come!** The dinner plates will now be \$12.00; the Fruit Cups will be \$7.00 and the Pineapple Cups will be \$12.00. The menu for April 13th will be the Tortas with all the dressings and the additional items that they provide every month. **WHILE WE ARE THINKING ABOUT THESE DELICIOUS MEALS, WE MUST LET THESE HARD WORKING FOLKS KNOW HOW MUCH WE ENJOY THEM AND THE MEALS THEY PREPARE. LAST MONTH \$1,757 WAS DEPOSITED INTO THE BUILDING FUND THANKS TO THEIR GENEROSITY!** This

PRAYER FOR THE GRACE FROM ALL THE WORLD'S MASSES
Eternal Father, we humbly offer Thee our poor presence, and that of the whole of humanity, from the beginning to the end of the world at all the Masses that ever have or ever will be prayed. We offer Thee all the pains, sufferings, prayers, sacrifices, joys, and relaxations of our lives, in union with those of our Lord Jesus here on earth. May the Most Precious Blood of Christ, all His Blood, Wounds, and Agony save us., through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Amen
(This prayer should be recited daily and be made known.)



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St. Ann Catholic Church
9007 US Hwy 82
Alapaha, GA 31622

Rev. Joey Buencamino, *Parochial Administrator*

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

April 13, 2025

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: 9:00 Am (St. Ann's) , 10:30 AM in English & 12:30 PM in Spanish at St. Anthony of Padua

Office Hours: Mon — thru—Thurs
9:00 am—3:00 pm
church@anthonyofpaduaga.org



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 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM Masses
 Or by appointment

RCIA

Classes began 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 in September.
 Classes are 11:45 AM —12:45 PM

Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Sunday: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM in Conference Room
 We will study the Book of the Prophets.

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Fr. David Kruse, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Eva Conrad. David Castañeda, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Kathy Giddens, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp Lasseter, Daniel Burnett, Dr. Henry Richbourg, Chris Wilson, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, James Holton, Gerald Silva, Vera Kate Setser, Julia Santacruz, Lindy Reed, Valentina Rojas, Pam Coombs, Julianita Tejada, Joanna Padgett, Mandy Sirmans, Carol Buencamino, Tom Lostetter, Betty Brannon, Armando Sanchez, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera, Bill & Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agusti Iglesias, Sharon Walter, David Sands, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renae Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, 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.



WEEK OF APRIL 13—19

Josie Johnson, Elizabeth Lorinczy
 Evelyn Romans.
 Desiree Bailon, Jonathan Bautista,
 Camellia Ezekiel, Lidia Guajardo Antonio,
 Lamberto Hernandez, Isreal Ortiz,
 Carlos Palma, Jenny Zuniga.

Laura Bailon, Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn O’connor, Joe McDermott, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark Menard, Richard Schultz, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Henderson, Steve Rampey, Peggy Motz, Maryann Young, Andy Morrison, Fr. James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat Murphy, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora Bastidas, John Kumpel, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Homer Giddens, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegueda, Joe Henkels, JP Hiler, “Nina” Chammoun, Linda Christiano, Cirilio Antonio Almaraz, 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, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Ann Richbourg, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In loving memory

Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

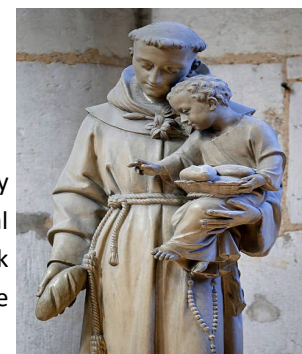
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The **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a **Pancake Breakfast** on Sunday, May 4, 2025 after the 10:30 AM Mass. They will be serving Pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, coffee. Plates will be \$10.00 each but children under 10 will be free.

TRAVELING

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, THE MIRACLE WORKER

We will pray as a family to St. Anthony of Padua in our homes for any special intentions we might have. This week St. Anthony will travel to Adel to the home of Julissa Meza and family.



OFFERTORY — Week of April 6

Regular Offertory	\$ 4,116.00
Building Fund	\$ 3,720.00

St. Ann’s Offertory	\$ 474.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL	\$ 13,398.00
PAID TO DATE	- 1,249.87
BALANCE DUE	\$ 12,148.13
ST. ANN GOAL	\$ 3,023.00
PAID TO DATE	- 55.00
BALANCE DUE	\$ 2,968.00

Knights of Columbus

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



**Next Meeting will be
 May 18th**

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
 April 26th**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 13	Giving Sunday, Second Collection
Apr 13	Food Sales: Menu: Torta
Apr 17—20	SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
Apr 18	Good Friday: Collection for the Holy Land
Apr 20	Easter: Collection for Priests’ Retirement
Apr 26	Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 AM
May 02	Adoration: 5:00 AM—6:30 AM
May 02	Healing Mass: 7:00 PM
May 03	Spring Festival: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
May 04	Pancake Breakfast: 11:30 AM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 13	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Thomas Turner
	12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Apr 14	9:30 AM	Another year in the life of Jazlene Torres
Apr 15	9:30 AM	NO MASS
Apr 16	9:30 AM	Prayers for Joseph & James de la Rug
Apr 17	7:00 PM	Washing of the Feet S.I. Joseph T. Henkels, III
Apr 18	5:30 PM	Living Stations
Apr 18	6:30 PM	Veneration of Holy Cross & Communion
Apr 19	6:00 PM	Easter Vigil (St. Ann’s)
Apr 19	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil (St. Anthony of Padua)
Apr 20	11:00 AM	Dec’d family & friends of Saul Arredondo

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

For Daman Komara

