

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 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.

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 **JUNE**, it is for the **PETER’S PENCE APPEAL**. Please be generous!

St. Francis Center will close on June 19th and will not reopen until August 12. This is time for them to take care of any repairs to the building, repaint if needed, and a time for all the volunteers to have a vacation. We will put our bin away for that time but please keep all involved with St. Francis Center in your prayers during the time they are closed.

Through our stewardship, we allow our parish community to shine like a city on a hill for others to see and then be drawn toward Jesus Christ. Our actions of stewardship do not point toward us but instead to the one who calls us to this life.

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.

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. The Birthdays listed in the Bulletin each week comes from your Registration Forms that are on file in the Church Office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RETROUVAILLE PARTICIPANTS

This weekend, several couples are attending the Rediscovery Retrouvaille Weekend Retreat at Marywood Retreat Center in St. Augustine, FL. Please keep them in your prayers as they work to heal and strengthen their marriages. Pray that the Holy Spirit guides their conversations, opens their hearts to forgiveness, and renews their commitment to one another. Your prayer support makes a tremendous difference in the success of this life-changing program. Thank you for joining us in lifting up these couples during this important time of healing. Please also refer any couples that you know that are struggling to a future weekend to marriagelifeline.org. Upcoming programs in Orlando, July 11-13 and in Spanish in Miami July 18-20.

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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Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator
Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

June 8, 2025

Parish Mission Statement

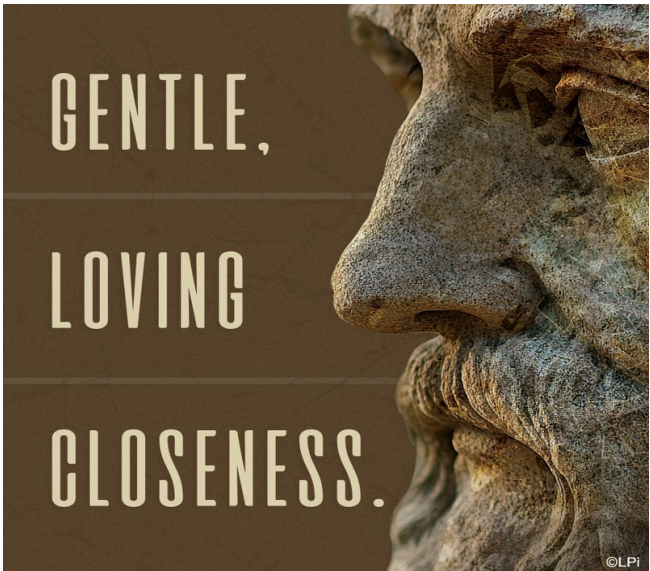
“We are a bilingual community, who walk together to meet the Lord through the sacraments. We are guided by the Holy Spirit and by the Doctrine of the Church, towards the love of God the Father through Jesus, His only Son.”

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 will 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 will began in September.
Classes are 11:45 AM —12:30 PM
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

Classes will begin in September
Sunday: 11:45 AM—12:45 PM in Conference Room

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jun 08	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
	12:30 PM	+ Juan Salazar Mendez
Jun 9	9:30 AM	+ Jose Obed Sanchez Milan & + Jose Marcos Sanchez Rojas
Jun 10	9:30 AM	Andres Contreras Covarrubias (10th B’Day)
Jun 11	9:30 AM	+ Gabriel Bautista & + Angel Juarez
Jun 12	9:30 AM	+ Joseph & + Marie Henkels
Jun 15	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Tony & Jeanne Christiano (63rd Anniv)

S.I. = Special Intention



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

DYLAN GONZALEZ

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, Marta Vargas, Annette Sinclair, Ann Reithmiller, Linda Patten, Daniela Puentea, John Barba, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, Kriste Gerhard, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Rosa Santacruz, John Lukens, Tripp Lasseter, Dr. HenryRichbourg, ChrisWilson, 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, 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.



For the Week of June 8—14

Beatriz Arteaga Mendiola, Pia Alvarez Castro,
David Andrews, Janice Dobransky,
Brenda Estrada, Antonio Garcia,
Maria Lemus, Josie Preciado,

Durinda Ray, Carol Leaverton, Eva Conrad, Asher Jarnagin, Joyce & Glenn O’Connor, Lucio Sanchez, Dale Horne, Gary Hogan, Mark Menard, Rev. Dan O’Connell, RJ Henderson, Andy Morrison, Fr. James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat Murphy, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora Bastidas, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Molisee, Fr. Mike Ingram, Viviana Moreno Lopez, Regino Solorio, John Callaghan, Edgar Ocegueda, JP Hiler, “Nina” Chammoun, Linda Christiano, 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, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Alan Moore, Kathy Archer, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Ann Richbourg, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In
loving
memory

Pentecost Sunday
John 20:19-23

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, “Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn’t bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?” We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word “sin” comes from an ancient word that means “to split” or “render asunder.” Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual “breath” leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— Father John Muir

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Have you ever looked at our website? Every week we post something about **Stewardship**, the **Readings & Saints** to be honored on that particular week and something called **Practicing Catholic**.

This week they are exceptional! Check it out!

Our website is anthonyofpaduaga.org

You can find the Bulletin there every week under **NEWS & EVENTS** and the other articles can be found under **GROW IN FAITH**

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 the home of Valerie Komara .



OFFERTORY — Week of June 1

Regular Offertory	\$.00
Building Fund	\$.00

St. Ann’s Offertory	\$.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

And HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL	\$ 123,329.00
PAID TO DATE	- 11,952.38
NO NEW REPORT THIS WEEK	
ST. ANN GOAL	\$ 30,808.00
PAID TO DATE	- 9,415.00

Knights of Columbus

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

Next Meeting will be
June 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
June 21st



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jun 08	Knights of Columbus Meeting, 11:45 AM
Jun13	Feast of St. Anthony of Padua
Jun 15	Bilingual Mass @ 11:00 AM celebrating Feast of St. Anthony of Padua followed by a Pot Luck Luncheon
Jun 19	Juneteenth Freedom Day
Jun 21	Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 AM
Jun 22	FOOD SALE SUNDAY

ANOTHER GRADUATE

Hunter Moore
Berrien High School