

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.

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 March, it is for **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT**. 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.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM. All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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

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.

SOMETHING TO PONDER

While listening to the “Bible In a Year” Fr. Mike Schmitz stated that throughout the **world**, only 7% of a parish donate for the upkeep and work of the Parish. Can you imagine what could happen if we had 8 to 10%? This 7% includes those who contribute financially or volunteer their time and talents.

For example: The Knights of Columbus who organize to support our Priest. They meet once a month and if we are lucky, there are 10 men sitting around the table.

The Rosary Makers have only 5 or 6 people making rosaries for the missions around the world. Groups like these provide 90% or more of Parish work and Church ministries around the world. All the rosaries are made at home—even when first learning, it doesn’t take more than 25-30 minutes to make a rosary.

The donations to St. Francis Center help the homeless and poor in our surrounding area.

We are definitely a blessed people but it seems like we don’t want to share it with the less fortunate.

Remember we were made by God to love and serve Him.

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.

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.



Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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Rev. Joey Buencamino, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

March 24, 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 (provided)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 24 10:00 am + Marie & Joseph Henkels
12:30 pm For the People of the Parish
Mar 25 9:30 am Deceased members of Contreras Family
Mar 26 9:30 am NO MASS
Mar 27 9:30 am + Marcelo Bravo
Mar 28 7:00 pm Members of St. Anthony of Padua
Mar30 8:00 pm Members of the Parish
Mar 31 11:00 am Deceased members 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, 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 Chammoun, 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.



Alex Aponte, Lyle Benson,
David Dispenza, Miles Hisel,
Michael Martin, Ava Register,
Yolanda Vargas, Erick Vargas.

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.



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It’s usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus “looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve” (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and “marry” the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God’s people. Israel’s God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited “I do” to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir
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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: A procession before each Mass. Food Sale following Masses.

Holy Thursday: Bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Living Stations at 5:30 pm:
Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service at 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday: Bilingual Mass : 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday: English Mass at 11:00 am

OFFERTORY — Week of Mar 17

Regular Offertory \$ 2,135.00
Building Fund \$ 645.00

St. Patrick’s Day Food Sale \$ 777.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$10,761.00

Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$

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 24 Food Sales
Mar 28 Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM
Mar 29 Good Friday: 5:30 PM & 6:30 PM
Mar 30 Holy Saturday: 8:00 PM
Mar 31 Easter Sunday: 11:00 AM
Apr 6 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 10:00 AM
Apr 7 Newcomers Reception
Apr 8-10 Priests Conference
Apr 14 Knights of Columbus Mtg: 11:15 AM
Apr 20 Rosary Makers: 11:30 AM
April 24 Confirmation