

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

SAVE THE DATE: The Diocese Seminarian Recognition Dinner will be on Friday, June 9, 2023 in the St. John Parish Center. More information will be forthcoming.

NEWCOMER RECEPTION: On the first Saturday 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.

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 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. We will take payments.



USHERS NEEDED! Men & women needed to become active members of our Parish to help with the Collection and the Reception of Holy Communion. See John Lukens for the 4:30 PM Mass and Deacon Steven for the 6:30 PM Mass.

Bishop Parkes has announced the Clergy changes for the upcoming year. St. Anthony of Padua will have a new Parochial Administrator on July 1st- Rev. Joey Buencamino.

We
have
been
blessed!



MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen



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Rev. Robert Phillips, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

May 27, 2023

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: On Monday at 12:15 PM Mass will be celebrated. There will be a Communion Service, Wednesday, 9:30 AM Followed by Adoration until 12:00 PM

Saturday 4:30 PM, English, & 6:30 PM in Spanish

Office Hours: Mon — Wed—Thurs

9:00 am—3:00 pm

E-mail: church@anthonyofpaduaga.org

The Parish Picnic we were trying to organize to celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua has been cancelled due to conflicting with Father's Day. We will work on planning a Parish Picnic in the Fall. If you would be interested in helping to organize a picnic, please call Tony Christiano (229)794-2497.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM
First Saturday of Month 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
7:30 PM—8:30 PM

Reconciliation

Saturdays beginning at 3:30 PM
Between 4:30 & 6:30 PM Masses

RCIA

Classes will begin in September , 2023
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

Registration: In September, 2023
Classes will begin in September.
Contact Deacon Steven Mancuso for more information.

Adult Education

The Gospel according to St. John
Saturday: 5:40—6:25 PM in Conference Room

Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Pat Murphy, Ottis Miller, the Family of Bishop Martin Holley, Giovanni Beltran, Evelyn Tatiana Puentes, Patricia Stidham, Nicholas Cantera, Guillermo Santacruz, Bill Schade, Joseph Paul Costantino, Joann Dise, John Lukens, Wanda Martin, Mike Chammoun, Agustin Iglesias, Sharon Walter, Clemmons Family, Fr. Daniel Firmin, Liviana Sirmans, Leo Betlow, Jesus Cordova Duarte, David Sands, Tricia Johnson, Tony Christiano, Esther Lopez, Ann Carter, Jackie Shierling, Valerie Vargas, Renee Cassity, Robert Beier, Don Christiano, Manuel Arias, Brenda Diefanderfer, Michael Junai, Erika Lloyd, Nayar Prado, Nina Waters, Kathryn 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.



Ricky Nugent, Jose Xochical, Leah Marin,
Case Nelms, Miranda Larios,
Daniel Hernandez.



Everett Holley, Br. Walter Gluhm, Mary Carrell Morrison, Jose Llanos, Jose Mandragon Benitas, Kathy Archer, Mary Nell Eckl, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Alan Moore, Juan Salazar Mendez, Luke Adkins, Windy Wingate, John Lucian, Msgr. Daniel Loureiro Rosende, Geri Erickson, Ann Richbourg, B.G. Gerhard, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Beatriz Agudelo, Bubba Knight, Myriam Roa, Nestor Beroch, Paul Hamilton, Sheila Maxwell, Saul Muñoz, Mary Malehorn, Angi Christiano, Brittany Felts, Frank Hunter, Linnet Crump, Lois Adkins, Rene Lopez, Eugene Faborito, Julisa Aguilar, Carroll Waters, Juana Perez, Edgardo Arias, Maria Gallegos, Judy Plantier, Fran LaRock, Bill Raczkowski, Consuelo Borrero, Carolene Johnson, Melisa Green, Estela de Santacruz, Kevin Ward, Baby Robert Wesley, and All the Faithful Departed.

Who will be graduating from High School, College or Wiregrass this year? We are trying to plan a Mass to celebrate with you. Please call the Church Office. 229-455-5554.

Food Sale will be on Saturday, May 27th with the menu being a Torta, dessert and bottled water.



Pentecost Sunday

I hope you’ll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it’s not normal to have tongues of fire “part and come to rest” on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it’s no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That’s precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!
— Father John Muir ©LPi

OFFERTORY — Week of May 13th

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| Regular Offertory | \$ 1,741.00 |
| Building Fund | 1,455.00 |

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| Brick for Rosary Garden | 100.00 |
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Our goal this year:
\$11.866.00

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| Total ACA PAID TO DATE | 6,163.00 |
| BALANCE DUE | \$ 5,703.00 |

Knights of Columbus

Roundtable meeting in the Parish Hall every Second Sunday of the month.
Next Meeting will be June 10th .



Rosary Makers

Our Rosary Makers meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 11:30 AM in the Parish Hall. For more information, please contact Kathy Giddens at (229) 482-2364. Open to everyone.
Next Meeting will be June 17th.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| June 3 | Adoration: 3:15—4:15 PM and 7:30—8:30 PM |
| June 5 | NO Mass |
| June 7 | Communion Service: 9:30 AM Followed by Adoration until Noon |
| June 10 | Knights of Columbus Meeting |
| June 13 | Mass: 12:15 PM FEAST OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA |
| June 14 | Communion Service: 9:30 AM Followed by Adoration until Noon |
| June 17 | Rosary Makers |



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

For the Health of
Petra Vidal