

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 **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 up. 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 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.

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 of volunteering in some aspect and plan on enjoying a day of fun.

St. John the Evangelist Church in Valdosta will have an **Exhibit on the Eucharistic Miracles** of St. Manuel González García, Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle and Blessed Carlo Acutis, the 1st Millennial to be beatified following their Masses on the weekend of March 29-30. There will be presentations about Blessed Carlo on Sunday, March 30 at 10:45 AM and on Monday, March 31 at 9:45 am on St. Manuel González García.

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE will be held at St. Anthony of Padua Church on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM. There will be several priests available. If you check the UPCOMING EVENTS, there are listed several other Churches in the area that will offer Penance Service before Easter.

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*

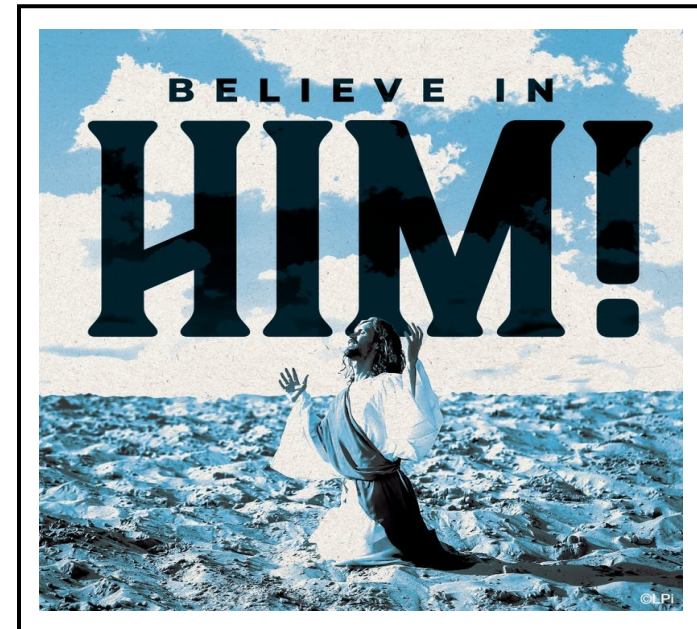
Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

March 23, 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, David Castañeda, Waylon Smith, Maria Perez, 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 March 23-29

Tanya Tamez, David Tamez.
 Alex Aponte, Zoe Arteaga,
 Lyle Benson, David Dispenza,
 Ambrose Ditto, Miles Hisel,
 Michael Martin, Ava Agudelo,
 Beyonca Jaqueline Rodriguez,
 Yolanda Arredondo, Erick Vargas.

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

3rd Sunday of Lent John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn’t intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn’t believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was “hiding” in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, “For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me” (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses’ writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish’s OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don’t know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

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LENTEN SCHEDULE

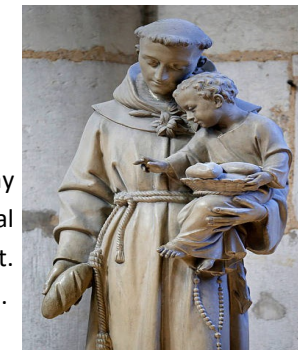
Fridays during Lent: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM followed by a **MEATLESS** Pot Luck.

FRIDAY, March 14,
 FRIDAY, March 21, and
 Friday, March 28.

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 L to the home of .



As you know, you are not always able to get a Mass on a date you would like. Did you know that **Sanctuary Candles** burn for a week and you can usually get the date you wish. Cost is **\$15.00**.

OFFERTORY — Week of March 16

Regular Offertory	\$ 1,521.00
Building Fund	\$ 696.00

St. Ann’s Offertory	\$ 771.00
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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025

HARVEST OF HOPE CAMPAIGN

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL	\$ 13,398.00
PAID TO DATE	
BALANCE DUE	
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
 April 13th**

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
 To Be Determined**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 23	Food Sale Sunday
Mar 28	Stations of the Cross: 7:00 Meatless Pot Luck
Mar 29-30	Exhibits on Eucharistic Miracles at St. John’s Following their weekend Masses
Apr 03	Lenten Penance Service: 7:00 PM SAoP
Apr 04	Adoration: 5:00—6:30 PM
Apr 04	Healing Mass: 7:00 PM
Apr 09	Lenten Penance Service, St. Paul, Douglas
Apr 10	Lenten Penance Service, St. John, Valdosta

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 23	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	+ Edmund & Mary Turner
	12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Mar 24	9:30 AM	+ Joseph & Marie Henkels
Mar 25	9:30 AM	+ Gloria Juz Torres Nerrera (3rd Anniv)
Mar 26	9:30 AM	Health of David Castañeda
Mar 27	9:30 AM	+ Andy Morrison
Mar 30	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	For the Forgotten Souls
	12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish

S.I. = Special Intention



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

For the Parish