

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 10:00 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 **September**, it is for **MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**. 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/chilyouthprotection

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.

We will begin praying the **Rosary** before our Sunday Masses. Can you lead the Rosary on ONE Sunday of EACH month? Please call the Office at 229-455-5554 to let us know so we can make up a schedule.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
On October 13th the Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast. All are invited and the cost is a donation. All proceeds will help the Knights with their projects around the Church.

Our **Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, **September 28th** from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please be an active part of our Parish and help if you can but try to participate where and however you are able. There will be a Bounce House, food, a Classic Car Display, Face Painting, Children's Carnival Games, a Dunk booth, Popcorn and Snow Cones, a Bake Sale, a Cupcake Walk, White Elephant Table, and MORE!

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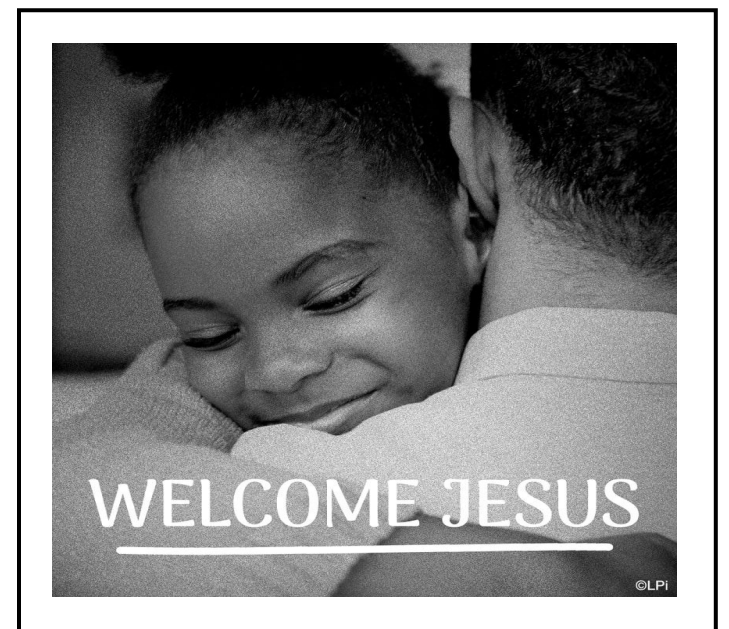
Rev. Joey Buencamino, *Parochial Administrator*
Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso

September 22, 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: 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



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 on September 15th.
 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 15.
 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 beginning in September.

Fr. Daniel Firmin, Fr. Francois Pellissier, Fr. Michael Cerrone, Fr. Michael Kavanaugh, Fr. Brian LaBurt, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Fr. Stan Pieczara, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, Rosa Santacruz, Juan Nieto, John Lukens, Jean Dingman, Emma Moore, Al Pole, Marciano Perez, Mike Kunai, 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, Gary Hogan, Ricardo Vargas, Antonio Tejada, David Sands, Shirley Logan, Nicholas Cantera, Bill & Araceli Schade, Joseph Costantino, Joann Dise, Mike Chammoun, Agustin 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, 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, Skyler Deyarmin, Manuel Lopez and Myriam Santacruz.



Zoltan Lorinczy, Charles Nugent, Casey Bennett, Jacqueline Escalera, Paul Farrington, Maritza Garduño Bautista, Rebecca Hartwell, Kelly-Marie Herrera, Wanda Martin.

Maryann Young, Andy Morrison, Fr. James Holloway, Lucio Sanchez Rangel, Pat Murphy, Jill Rosbury, EW Wilkerson, David Hunter III, Paul Reed, Florinda Blas, Maria Auxiliadora Bastidas, John Kumpel, Tricia Johnson, Alfonso Santacruz, Eugene Mollisee, 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 Casity, 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, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

In loving memory

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down’s Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we’d never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus’ words float into my mind, “**Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me**” (Mark 9:37). I thought, “Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin.” I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: “Jesus, are you there?” Robin did not turn to me and say, “Hi, John. Yes, it’s me, Jesus.” He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His “disabilities” were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

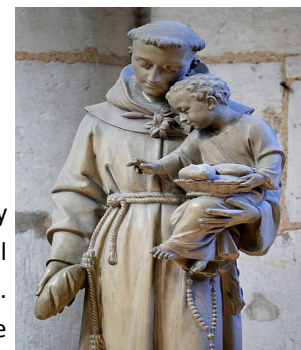
Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

- *Father John Muir*
- LPi

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 Pavo to the home of Nick & Allison Murray.



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. Envelopes available on the table in the Narthax.

OFFERTORY — Week of September 15

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,172.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,342.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 624.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY’S GOAL THIS YEAR: \$10,761.00
 Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$11,060.00
 Congratulations!!

ST. ANN’S GOAL THIS YEAR: \$ 3,010.00
 Total ACA PAID TO DATE \$ 3,010.00
 Congratulations!!

Knights of Columbus

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



Next Meeting will be
 October 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 will be
 October 19th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 28	Fall Festival 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Oct 4	Adoration 5:00—6:30 pm; Mass 7 pm
Oct 5	Parish Pastoral Council, 10:00 AM
Oct 13	Pancake Breakfast
Oct 19	Rosary Makers Meeting, 11:30 AM
Oct 20	Food Sale Sunday
Oct 21-25	Priests Retreat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sep 22	9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM The Swanson Family
	12:30 PM For the People of the Parish
Sep 23	9:30 AM Thanksgiving for Luis & Coco
Sep 24	9:30 AM Miguel & Migel Angel Jaimes
Sep 25	9:30 AM + Edmund & Mary Turner
Sep 26	9:30 AM Nereida Yetzel Capula (16th B’d day)
Sep 29	9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity
	12:30 PM For the People of the Parish

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

For the Healing of
 Bill & Araceli Schade

