

**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/](http://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 **January**, it is for **BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS**. 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](http://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](mailto:c_sebring@outlook.com).

**St. John the Evangelist Church**, 800 Gornto Road, Valdosta will host a **Diocesan Day of Prayer** on February 1, 2025 at 11:00 AM. They will serve light refreshments afterwards.

**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.)**



**Saint Anthony of Padua Catholic Church**  
2530 Garner Road  
Ray City, Georgia 31645  
Telephone: 229-455-5554

**St. Ann Catholic Church**  
9007 US Hwy 82  
Alapaha, GA 31622

Rev. Joey Buencamino, *Parochial Administrator*

*Deacons: Ray Brown & Steven Mancuso*

**January 19, 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](mailto: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 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 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. Stan Pieczara, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, David Castañeda, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Kathy Giddens, Rosa Santacruz, Will Henkels, John Lukens, Daniel Burnett, Dr. Henry Richbourg, 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, 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.



Gabriel Aguilar, Rosa Contreras, Danielle Dispenza, Edgar Galvan, Yina Green, Rosaura Gonzalez, Minerba Perez Tellez, Karmen Kiefhaber, Jose Erasmo Lopez, Carolyn May, Chandler Bennett-Trevino, Jesus Orozco, Charly Utrera, Nancy Yates, Lorena Gonzalez Zavala.

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 Ocegüera, Joe Henkels, 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, Phyllis Fletcher, Maria Dolores Segade, Roshell McCrae, Myriam Roa, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

*In loving memory*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 John 2:1-12**

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn’t. “The really good stuff disappears first,” he said. “My man, you missed out on some amazing vino.” I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don’t we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus’ miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, “**Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one**” (John 2:10). That’s the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), “**But you have kept the good wine until now.**” This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God’s grace. With Jesus, the “good wine” of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don’t give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you’ve run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— *Father John Muir*

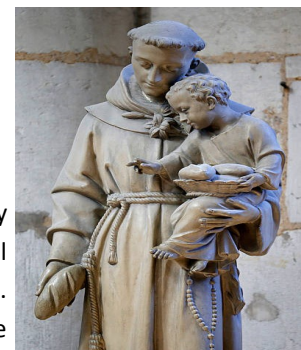
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On First Friday, February 7, 2025 we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 to 6:30 PM but NO MASS since Fr. Joey will be on vacation.

**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 Nashville to the home of Erasmo & Lupe Lopez.



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 Jan 12**

Regular Offertory	\$ 2,550.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,045.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 765.00

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025**

**WE ARE ONE-HOLY-CATHOLIC-APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

**Knights of Columbus**

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



**Next Meeting will be  
 February 9th**

**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  
 February 15th**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan 19 Food Sales
- Jan 20 Martin Luther King Day, OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan 27 Fr. Joey’s Birthday
- Feb 1 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: 10:00 AM
- Feb 1 Diocesan Day of Prayer: 11:00 AM  
 St. John the Evangelist Church, Valdosta
- Feb 7 First Friday Adoration from 5:00—6:30 PM
- Feb 9 Knights of Columbus Meeting: 11:45 AM
- Feb 15 Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 AM
- Feb 16 Food Sales Sunday
- Feb 17 Presidents’ Day, OFFICE CLOSED

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

- Jan 19 9:00 AM (St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
- 10:30 AM + Alan Moore
- 12:30 PM For the People of the Parish
- Jan 20 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan 21 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan 22 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan 23 9:30 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Jan 26 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 (2nd Anniv)

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

**In memory of  
 Joseph T. Henkels, Jr. (1st Anniv)**

