

**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 10:30 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 **February**, it is for **AID TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**. 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](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).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

We will again celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 16th. This dinner is prepared and hosted by the Knights of Columbus. It is a **DONATION ONLY** dinner, so come and enjoy.

We are planning a **SPRING FESTIVAL** to be held on May 3rd. We will need your help!!! More details to follow.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4913**

in Valdosta will host a "FISH FRY FRIDAY" on Friday, March 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Fish Plates are \$12.00; Grilled Cheese are \$7.00, Drinks are available for dine-in.



**Tickets will be sold after Mass on February 23**

**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**

**February 16, 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. Stan Pieczara, Deacon Ray Brown, Ray O’Keefe, Eva de Angel, David Castañeda, Maria Perez, Jim Conrad, Arnold Balleza, Kathy Giddens, Rosa Santacruz, 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, 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.



Becky Davis.  
 Anahi Aguilar, Lois Brown,  
 Melanie Contreras, Emanuel Garcia,  
 Daniel Hernandez, Eloy Juarez Vargas, Alejandro Rodriguez, Jaylene Bautista,  
 Trinitee Wrice Trejo

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 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, Frank Zubricky, Paul Hamilton, and All the Faithful Departed.

*In loving memory*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Luke 6:17, 20-26**

I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I’d strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week’s Gospel of Saint Luke’s “woes”: **“Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of”** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The “woes” the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you’ll be miserable. He is saying, “You’ll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does.”

To some degree, we’re all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four “woes.” How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let’s admit what is causing our “woes.”

— Father John Muir

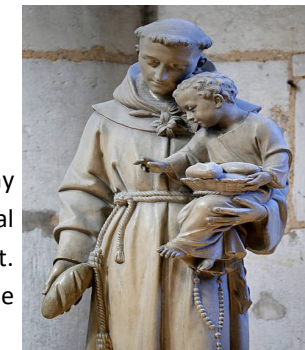
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**Please note that there will be a Food Sale on Sunday, February 23rd. The menu will be grilled Chicken leg quarters, rice & beans, salad, dessert and a bottle of water for \$10.00. Additional items will be available for purchase.**

**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 Ray City to the home of Bob & Rosario Beier.



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 Feb 9**

Regular Offertory	\$ 3,260.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,175.00

St. Ann’s Offertory \$ 712.00

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2025**

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

<b>ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,398.00</b>
<b>PAID TO DATE</b>	
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>	
<b>ST. ANN GOAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,023.00</b>
<b>PAID TO DATE</b>	<b>- 40.00</b>
<b>BALANCE DUE</b>	<b>\$ 2,983.00</b>

**Knights of Columbus**

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



**Next Meeting will be  
 March 2nd**

**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  
 March 15th**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Feb 16	Harvest of Hope Kickoff
Feb 17	Presidents’ Day, OFFICE CLOSED
Feb 23	Food Sale Sunday
Feb 23	Fish Dinner Tickets on sale after Mass
Mar 01	Pastoral Council Meeting: 10:00 AM
Mar 02	Fish Dinner Tickets on sale after Mass
Mar 09	Bilingual Mass: 11:30 AM
Mar 15	Rosary Makers Meeting: 11:30 AM
Mar 16	St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Feb 16	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	Health of David Castañeda
	12:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Feb 17	9:30 AM	+ Cesar Perez
Feb 18	9:30 AM	+ Andy Morrison
Feb 19	9:30 AM	+ Edmund & Mary Turner
Feb 20	9:30 AM	Health of David Castañeda
Feb 23	9:00 AM	(St. Ann’s) For the People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	S.I. Roger Johnson Family
	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 Bill & Araceli Schade**

