



St. Anthony of Padua CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday—Thursday

10AM to 4PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.”

—LUKE 3:4-5

Mass

9:00AM Sundays in Parish Hall

Live Stream

bit.ly/sapatlantayoutube

Parish Mission. Guided & inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be a beacon of hope in the wider community by sharing our unique cultural & spiritual experiences & spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to all. As a Church Family, we strive to collectively & individually share the responsibility of continuing the mission of Jesus Christ to heal, reconcile, & serve.

Remember in Prayer

Father of goodness & love, hear our prayers for the sick & housebound members of our community & for all who are in need. May the fullness of your will be done in their lives. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

Christine Belcher	John & Patricia Guice	Romaine Miller
Edith C. Bentley	Journee A. Guice	Mildred Morrison
Ingrid Berry	Easton Hairston	Belinda Pederoso
Catherine Binns	Carla Neal-Haley	Sabrina Polote
Tahlia Bostic	Maurice & Domonica Hilt	Natalie Miles Reed
Msgr. Ed Branch	Eartha L. Jackson	Kathryn Rivers
Marzine Bristow Sr.	Alvin Johnson	Louise Robinson
Thomas Britto* & Family	Everett Johnson	Taralyn Ruff
Emarie Browning	Shirley R. Kelley	Sheila Russel
Agnes Carter	Simeon Kelley	Jacqueline Simpson
Charles D. Carter	Len & Julie Lacour	Larry Stewart
Diane Dalton	Eunice Lecounte	Destiny Strider
Gloria Edwards	Michael Malcolm	Pauline Washington
Linnie Francis	Merrine McDonald	Teresa Williams

Mass Intentions

Dec 5 9:00 AM: The People of the Parish

Dec 12 9:00 AM: The People of the Parish

The Pope's December Prayer Intention

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit

Archdiocesan Announcements

25th Eucharistic Congress **Oct 15 E-Blast**
Black Catholic Ministry. **Connected Newsletter**
Faith in Formation. **Nov Newsletter**
Fortunate & Faithful Families. LGBTQ+ **Info here**
Justice & Peace Ministries. **Nov Newsletter**
Marriage Today. **Sept Newsletter**
Respect Life. **Dec Newsletter**
Youth Ministry. **Nov Newsletter**

The **Year of St. Joseph** celebration continues.

Webinar—**Not in Our Name**: The Road to Abolishing the Death Penalty in GA. Thurs. Dec. 16, 7 PM. Panelists to include Frank Mulcahy, & Rep. Scott Holcomb (81st district) & co-sponsor currently pending repeal bill in the House (H. B. 485).

Highschoolers & Young Adults wanted for quarterly features & e-newsletters to The Georgia Bulletin. Planning meetings begin in January. Contact Samantha Smith at ssmith@georgiabulletin.org.

Penance Services for Advent Season. Several parishes offer large penance services across the Archdiocese.

Safe Environment. Local & national resources to help keep our parishes, schools, homes, & communities safe. 24-hr hotline: 888-437-076.

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for sharing your gifts from God.

	Nov 21	Nov 28
Offertory	\$2,824	\$6,898
Capital Campaign	\$1,507	\$8,116

Annual Appeal 2021—COMPLETED

Thanks to you we have completed our Parish goal & rebate goal for this year's annual appeal! For the remainder of 2021, consider directing donations to the Capital Campaign, Offertory, or other 2nd collections. Remember to update your **online giving** & automatic debits.

Upcoming 2nd Collections

12/5—Capital Campaign. Church renovations are in the final stretch. Your donation will support the beautification & preservation of St. Anthony of Padua Parish as a worship & gathering space for generations to come.

12/12—Retired Religious Fund. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, & religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, & ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail & need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, & more.

Other Information

Online Giving. While Parish activity is limited due to construction, the church has the same operational expenses. Contribute securely to Offertory, Capital Campaign, & 2nd Collections online at bit.ly/stanthonyonlinegiving. The online giving system was upgraded. recently Please be aware that you may need to create a new account. Try resetting your password first. If that doesn't work, you'll need to create a new account. The upgraded system now allows for gifts to multiple funds in a single transaction & the ability to use Google pay.



Workplace Giving. If your employer offers charitable giving opportunities, consider a gift to St. Anthony of Padua! Some companies offer payroll giving, matched giving, peer matching, grants, & more. Let the office know if the church needs to register for you to participate.

Amazon Smile. Instead of shopping at Amazon.com; make the switch to **smile. Amazon.com**. Select St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Atlanta Inc as your charity of choice. The parish will get 0.5% of eligible purchase price as a donation at no extra cost to you!

Catholic Foundation of North GA. Consider naming the parish endowment fund as a beneficiary of your 401K or retirement account. Request a form from your plan provider. Contact Juliet Greco (jgreco@cfnga.org) at the **Catholic Foundation**. 404-497-9440

Contact Information Changes. Notify the office if you have name, address, phone, or email changes.



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E-newsletter sign up

Parish Announcements

Whole Parish Catechesis Today

Kids & parents have classes this morning 12/5, 11:15 AM on Zoom.

Centering Prayer Groups

Do you seek a more intimate relationship with God? Wed 6:30 PM & Sat 9:30 AM. We find healing, light & love together praying in the ancient tradition. Contact [Leslie Geer here](#), for the Zoom link info. Learn more about [Centering Prayer](#), All are welcome!

Submit Your Ideas to Re-Name Parish Hall

The Parish Hall needs a name. Please submit your ideas to Fr. Vic. Consider the history of the Parish, our Parish Mission, or the general purpose of the gathering space.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home Auxiliary Fundraiser

The Keen Agers are raising funds to support the merciful end-of-life care for those with no where else to turn provided by the Hawthorne Dominican Sisters. All patients are accepted regardless of their ability to pay. For a 2nd year in a row, the pandemic has thwarted the usual fun of a luncheon & raffle drawings across the Archdiocese. The loss of crucial donation-streams has left a tremendous deficit. Please consider contributing to this magnificent charity that tenderly provides comprehensive palliative care to patients prior to their transition. Thanks for your generosity! You can give online (look for OLPHHA Cancer Home

Fundraiser) or include a memo "OLPHHA Fundraiser" on checks.

#iGiveCatholic #GI♥INGTUESDAY

Our campaign this year was to stock the kitchen with all the essentials needed to make it functional—to refresh & revitalize it with updated cookware, utensils, storage solutions, safety items, & basic supplies.

Thanks to your incredible generosity & enthusiasm, we broke fundraising and participation records. We raised nearly \$8,000 from 60 families & organizations!

Rosary Prayer Session Today

KPC & KPCLA will lead the Rosary today Sunday, Dec. 5th at 12 pm. Zoom call in # is 530-881-1212 PW: 317 501 009. All welcome!

Advent Blue Books & 2022 Josephite Calendars

The Little Blue Book for Advent & Christmas Season is available for your family to pick up at Mass. These are much loved 6-minute reflections & weekday Gospels. Also, with the support of H. Griner Funeral Home, 2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived. Pick up one for your family at Mass 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

Share Special Days

If you have an upcoming Birthday, Anniversary, milestone, or cause for celebration please use this form so that it can be announced at Mass bit.ly/2YHDMbT.

Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Lk 3:5-6

Live the Liturgy

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.



Weekly Readings

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18



MLK Day 5K Drum Run: Let Freedom Run



The MLK Day 5K Drum Run/Walk gathers diverse groups in the community to celebrate Martin Luther King Day in the spirit of sisterhood & brotherhood with fellowship & fitness. This 5K walk/run will take place entirely on New Peachtree Road. The FLAT & FAST out & back USATF certified

race course & Peachtree Road Race qualifier will have a 3.1-mile drumline all along the racecourse. This 5K will have a vibe like no race ever run.

Partial proceeds from the run will be returned to St. Anthony of Padua again this year!

Registration \$30 & includes a long sleeve shirt. Make sure to select/join our parish group: "St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church" so that we can show up in force for this joyful day of community celebration. bit.ly/3rv4Utt

Advertisements for Sunday Bulletin

When the church opens, we need to send our bulletin out to be printed professionally. If sponsors buy year-long ads on the back page — it can be printed at no cost to the parish.

Support St. Anthony with your ad!

Small business owners

Professionals

Healthcare providers

CPAs, Lawyers

Service providers

Contractors, Artists

Content Creators

Ministries/Organizations

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design.

To place an ad contact :
Melissa Jones with LPi
205-382-4555
mjones@4LPi.com

Lyke House at AUC —New Art Exhibit

The Archbishop Lyke Memorial Gallery celebrates contributions of Black Catholics to U. S. Catholicism & the universal church. Read about the new exhibit in [The Georgia Bulletin article](#) by St. Anthony of Padua Parishioner, Andrew Nelson. The Lyke House is located at 809 Beckwith St SW (Atl) lykehouse.org

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th

The Pope's Prayer for Immaculate Conception



Artist: Stephen B. Whatley