

Palm Sunday

“The Paschal Mystery”

Jesus prayed that “this cup pass” but ended with “not my but your will be done.” We place our faith in the “death and rising” of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. If we are to be His disciples we must pick up our cross and follow” Him. The cross is an instrument used to put the one who carries it to death. We are to carry our cross and, by faithfully following Jesus’ teachings, learn the grace-infused discipline to “give up” or “die to” our disordered passions, our sins, our selfishness. At Mass we unite these personal “sacrifices” to that of our Savior’s ultimate sacrifice. “Please pray that this my and your sacrifice be found acceptable by God the Almighty Father” clearly indicates our sacrifice which is subsequently offered “with Him, in Him, and through Him” to God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours forever and ever!

We are not saved by our efforts for the Lord states in John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” Rather it is by faith in the Lord that we obtain the grace necessary for us to do the Father’s will. What happens to us and how we accept it is the cross we are asked to bear.

The explanation above indicates the importance of the Crucifix in our celebration of the Mass. It reminds us of our primary focus is thanksgiving for what He did for us and only then on what we do “with Him, in Him, and through Him.”

Our Crucifix will be ready to seal and hang soon. Real soon. The sealing needs to be done correctly with the right sealant. It makes sense to be sure we get it right considering its importance to our worship as well as all the many hours of self-sacrifice, artistic talent and loving devotion our sister has dedicated to this for us. One more word on this work of art. It is realistic and shows, not a weak and beaten Christ, but a strong bodied and determined SON of GOD...may we all be strong and determined “with Him, in Him, and through Him” in unity of Spirit to the honor of God, our Father! Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for Barbara McDonald to return to good health and quality of life at the request of the children and grandchildren **Sun 9:00am** for the people of St. Anna’s parish **Sun 12:00pm** for the soul of Bruce White at the request of the Bereavement Committee

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

Offertory: \$ TBA

Our Weekly Average Operational Expense is \$9,000

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes resume for the students in the School of Religion today.

OPERATION RICE BOWL. Rice Bowls are due back to the catechist today. Thank you to all the children and families that participated in this very worthwhile Lenten project.



“GOD AND COFFEE”

resumes today in the Parish Hall with the study of “WHERE HAVE ALL THE CATHOLICS GONE?” by Fr. Michael Dolan.



SUMMER DAYS VBS will be held the week of June 12th to the 16th. Many volunteers are needed to make Summer Days VBS a success. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Deb Farabaugh at dfarabaugh@st-annas.com or 770-267-7637). The theme of this year’s VBS is “TRACKING MARY, MYSTERIES & MESSAGES.” This is a brand new program from Growing with the Saints. VBS is for children

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is this Wed., April 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship!



The youth of St. Anna’s will lead the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Good Friday, April 14th. This will be done outside at the outdoors Stations of the Cross at 4pm. Please join us as we walk with Jesus.

SPRING “RENT-A-YOUTH” is Saturday, April 29th. Let the youth of our parish do your Spring cleaning and yard work for you! Contact Delilah Barron (770-773-6259 or delilah.tbarron@gmail.com) or David Quintanilla (347-840-4794 or david325i@yahoo.com).

St. Anna's Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11**, from 1-6 pm in the parish hall.
Contact Rhonda Adamczyk at **770-298-1296** with any questions.



Any **EASTER EGG** donations will be greatly appreciated: We need stuffed eggs, empty plastic eggs, and/or bags of individually wrapped candy! A collection box will be in the Narthex.

Please sign up for the Easter Weekend ministries!

Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex under the TV. We still need many ministries covered for the Easter Services.

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Jesus our Lord and God rose victorious for us!
7:30pm -Easter Vigil Mass
NO 5:30pm Mass

Easter Vigil Reception

Please bring finger food. Food may be dropped off in the parish hall on Saturday, any time after 4pm
Questions Mary Lynne Reinagel at 770-722-3862 or Ginny Harlan at 770-639-7208

Easter Vigil Reception will be held after Mass Saturday April 15th. Mass begins at 7:30pm.

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Jesus gave the Sacrament of His Body and Blood
7:00pm - Mass of the Last Supper
8:00pm - Midnight - Adoration hours

Abbey Hospice is seeking volunteers!

Please contact Rachael at 770-464-5858, or email at volunteer@abbeyhospice.com

Did you know...The two large wood crates in the parish hall contain statues that will go in the niches on either side of the Altar. They will need to be treated with a coating for protection before they can be placed in the niches. One is the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the other is Our Lady of Lourdes. She will be placed to the left of the Altar and will have a votive stand associated with her...**now you know!**

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass
April 9 - Marianna Tanner
April 16 - No Nursery

12:00 Mass
April 9- Yaricxa Roman
April 16- No Nursery

Thank you to Christopher Yarman for the completion of his Eagle Scout project—the playground looks new and is safer than ever! That's the fourth Eagle Scout project to benefit St. Anna's and there's another in the works! Austin Odum outdoor altar and lectern was the first, brother Eric Odum's outdoor stations of the cross was the second, Matthew Schorr's outdoor classroom was next and his brother, Austin Schorr's, fire pit will be ready to use in two months! We are truly blessed with these Eagle Scouts here for we had two other Eagle Scouts, Cameron Jones and Daniel Fogie, whose projects benefited others. Once again congratulations to each of these fine young men.



MARRIED COUPLES: "Do you need a weekend that will focus on love, caring, and relationship? It will be the best gift you'll give each other this year. The next available

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled for April 21-23 and June 9-11 at the Atlanta Marriott Peachtree Corners. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling 678-242-WWME.

Meeting times for the week:

- OLPH - Every Mon. @ 3pm (102/3)
- Centering Prayer - Every Mon. @ 7pm (Chpl)
- RCIA/RCIC - Every Tues. @ 7:15pm (107/8)
- Parish Bible Study - Every Wed. @ 10am (105)
- Men's CRHP- Mon 4/10 6:30pm (101)
- Women's CRHP- Mon 4/10 6:30pm (108)
- WYN- Wed 4/12 6:30pm (PH)
- Stewardship Council- Wed 4/12 7:15pm (Library)
- Rosary Makers -Thurs 4/13 7pm (108)
- Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)

WEEKLY VERSES

A week's worth of God's Word

April 9 thru April 15
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** 37: Mt 21: 1-11 / 38: Is 50:4-7 / Ps22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11? Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
- Monday:** 257: Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** 258: Is 49:1-6/ Ps 71: 1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** 259: Is 50:4-9a/ Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** 260: Is 61: 1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/ Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21
- Thursday:** 39: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/ 1Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** 40: Is 52:13—53:12/ Ps 31:2,6,12-13, 15-17, 25/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1-19; 42
- Saturday:** 41: (1) Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33: 4-7, 12-13, 20, 22? (2) Gn 22: 1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8-11/ (3) Ex 14:15-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/ (4) Is 54:5--14/ Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12, 13b/ (5) Is 55:1-11/ Ps Is 12:2-3, 4-6/ (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4; 4/ Ps 19:8-11/ (7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Pss 42:3,5; 43:3-4 pr Ps Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ (8) Rom 6:3-11/ Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ (9) Mt 28: 1-10