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DAILY MASS

Monday 9:00 AM
Tuesday 12:15 PM
Wednesday 12:15 PM
Thursday No Mass
Friday 9:00 AM
(Adoration every Friday
9:30 AM—3:30 PM)

VIGIL MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Closed Thursdays
Weekly Staff Meeting:
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
If you need to contact us please
leave a message.

www.St-Annas.com

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SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM

Catholic parent(s) must be active, registered and participate in a Baptism class, please call the office to schedule.

MARRIAGE

Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

RCIA

Open to those inquiring about the Catholic Faith.

Tuesdays (Sept.-April) 7:00PM

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If you become aware of or have a reasonable suspicion of abuse you are required to report within 24 hours by Georgia law. **Reports of child abuse and neglect can be made by phone to 1-855-GA CHILD (1-855-422-4453) 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.** Archdiocesan policy **requires** a follow up letter to be sent to your local DFCS office detailing all the information provided to the intake center in order to keep records of our response to allegations of abuse. A copy of the letter also needs to be sent to the Office of Child and Youth Protection.

If an allegation of abuse involves any member of the clergy, employee, or volunteer of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, you must contact the Office of the District Attorney and the Office of Child and Youth Protection in addition to DFCS within 24 hours.

**FOR SACRAMENTAL
EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL:
706-688-9870**



November 26th 2023 | Thirty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM: St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Sunday 9:00 AM: Rev Renteria (D)
Sunday 12:00 PM: Thomas Bodkin (D)
Monday 9:00 AM: Robert Cocchi (D)
Tuesday 12:15 PM: Michael Joseph Reger (D)
Wednesday 12:15 PM: Shirley Hartl (D)
Friday 9:00 AM: Joana Oliveira (D)

SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS LITURGICAL LIVING:

November 26th-December 3rd

November 26th: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI as an answer to a growing secularism that was infiltrating the Christian world. On this day we reflect on Christ's supreme and eternal kingship.

This feast also marks the end of the liturgical year with the new year beginning next week on the First Sunday of Advent. The Te Deum is the traditional prayer for the day. Since this is a newer feast, there aren't long-standing traditional foods, but there are some ideas on the blog!

November 28th: Our Lady of Kibeho

Often called, "The Lourdes of Africa," Kibeho is located in southern Rwanda. It was in this place that the Blessed Mother appeared several times to three teenage girls from 1981-1989. The first apparition was on November 28, 1981 when Our Lady appeared to Alphonsine Mumureke identifying herself as *Nyina Wa Jambo*, or, "Mother of the Word." See the blog for more info, recipes, and games!

November 30th: St. Andrew; Christmas Anticipation Prayer Begins

Andrew was one of the original 12 apostles, the brother of Simon Peter, and the "first called" by Jesus. He is the patron of fishermen, singers, Scotland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and Patras.

Although Andrew certainly had a great fire for Christ, Kendra Tierney notes in her *Catholic All Year Compendium* that his greatest contribution to the faith was leading his brother to Jesus. St. Andrew's feast day then is a fine time to consider whom Jesus is asking us to bring to Him. It's a day to reflect on how things that may feel quite small can affect the world in big ways.

St. Andrew's feast day is also the day that we begin the Christmas Anticipation Prayer. Complete instructions can be found on the blog.

December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate the beginning of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year (Did y'all have champagne last night for Catholic New Year's Eve?). Advent is **jam-packed** with feast days and fun traditions, but **it's not Christmas yet!!!** Visit the blog for details on all the joy you can have during this season of anticipation. A voice proclaims: *In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God. Isaiah 40:3*

You can access the blog by scanning the QR code with your phone or visiting the following web address:

<https://www.st-annas.com/liturgical-living/>

Live your faith out loud!



OFFERTORY RECAP:

11/19/2023: *Bulletin due early*

In Pew: \$TBA | Online: \$TBA | Total: TBA

POPE FRANCIS' NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For the Pope; We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen..

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

Jesus & the Eucharist Series: 11/29 at 6:30PM

KoC Christmas Party: 12/2 at 6:00PM

Advent by Candlelight: 12/3 at 6:30PM

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

12/8 12:15PM & 6:00PM (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Brother Vincent's Solemn Profession: 12/8 at 3:00PM,

*St. Pius Conyers.

Trivia Night: 12/9 at 6:00PM

Advent by Firepit: 12/10 at 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

12/24—6:00PM VIGIL & 12/25—Midnight and 10:00AM

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES: 11/23-24 ; 12/8 ; 12/22-1/1

St. Anna's Parish Christmas Party: 12/30 at 6:00PM

Please check back to this list in future weeks for more events that may be added during the holiday season.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

Having just come back from a work week of Catholic music in San Francisco, my ears and heart are full of precious sounds and beautiful music. The sounds of wonderful choral music and Gregorian chant filled the air and led us to great moments of sublime worship. And to think...all of it was in Latin. Yes, the seminary in San Francisco, St. Patrick's, is training the future priests completely in Latin liturgy. They will know the grand tradition of Catholicism as they should. And of course, they will take it to their parishes and cathedrals.

What does this mean for us, the parish of St. Anna's? I will no longer debate the veracity and or usage of Latin. I will be in constant teaching mode, helping you appreciate the beauty which lies before us. There is no document to say that Latin should not be used. There was a lot of propaganda in the 60's and 70's saying that it should not be used. But that was just that...propaganda. Some of you have made known your disapproval, and that is fine. I know that not everyone will love it. But I must think of the future and the children, who have already begun to learn it. After all, one must invest in the future, for we only have the future. The past is done, the present takes us into the future. Latin is not the past...it is eternal: past, present and future. It is the language of the saints. Its beauty lies in the timelessness, the universality and finally the truth it gives us. Because I love language, there will always be a place for English (and French, my second love). But Latin will be the ongoing task for many years. Slow and steady wins the race, I say. And with that I say to you all "Dominus vobiscum" which means "the Lord be with you." And your response is "et cum spiritu tuo" which means "and with your spirit." Let us go joyfully into the future, with one heart and mind, not disparaging each other but in love and unity.

In fraternibus.....Kevin



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2023 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: Our group will be meeting again on November 29th at 6:30PM. We only have 1 more sessions left. Please, join us for this informative and spiritually captivating study! For more information on the Eucharistic Revival visit: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org> Our next session is "The story of the Eucharist". Jesus didn't simply leave us a written message or instruction manual to follow. He gave us a living, dynamic Church where we encounter Him personally and allow ourselves to be transformed into His likeness.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES: Why do we practice penance during Advent? Traditionally, Advent includes an element of penance, a fast before the feast of Christmas. This gives us the opportunity to release the physical, mental, and emotional clutter in our lives in order to arrive on that Holy Night ready to receive the Newborn King.

St. Joseph's— 12/4 at 7:00PM

St. Matthew's— 12/5 at 7:00PM

Catholic Center—12/6 at 7:00PM

St. Anna's— 12/12 at 7:00PM

* Reconciliation/Penance is offered EVERY Saturday, 3:30-4:30PM.



HOLIDAY MASS UPDATE: This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, our Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning Mass times will be the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. We will NOT have our 12:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Our Holiday Schedule is as follows;

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Friday, December 8th 12:15 & 6:00PM

4th Sunday of Advent Mass:

Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 9:00AM

Christmas Eve Mass:

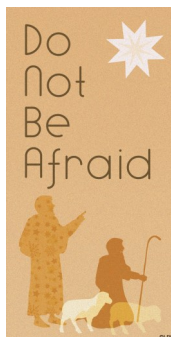
Sunday, 6:00PM

Christmas Day Mass:

Midnight and 10:00AM

New Years Day Mass:

Monday, 9:00AM



If you would like to serve at a Holiday Mass, please sign up at the Ushers Station today! Sign ups are posted on the cork board and are on a first come basis.

WEEKLY MEETINGS NOVEMBER 19TH — 25TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM & 12:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM

Girls Choir—4:00PM

Tuesday:

Staff Meeting—10:00AM

Mass—12:15PM

RCIA—7:00PM (PH)

Wednesday:

Boys Choir—4:00PM (Choir RM)

Youth Group—6:30PM (PH)

Adult Choir—7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday:

Mass—9:00AM

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

KoC Christmas Party 6:30PM

OFFICE CLOSURE: Our offices will be closed Wednesday, December 8th in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, HDO. We will reopen Friday, 12/10 at 9:00AM.

HOMEBOUND MINISTER TRAINING: Friday, 12/1 following the 9:00AM Mass. An email was sent to our volunteers, we ask you kindly reply.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT:

Ladies of St. Anna's, let us start our Advent Journey together! Register now for this FREE event on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. To reserve your table of 6 please email Jill Schmidt jis.des387@gmail.com

Come hear Fr. Pablo Migone, Chan. Of the Diocese of Savannah, share his message on the Sanctity of Marriage through the story of the 5 Georgia Martyrs.



ADVENT BY FIREPIT: Men of St. Anna's, join us for a faith filled night by the firepit! Father Randy will be holding a one night event Sunday, December 10th starting at 6:30PM. Get to know other men in the parish and start your Advent off with this informative and meditative evening. Come share a meal and meet other Faith filled men in the parish! Dinner will be provided, please plan to bring your own drinks.



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: For 2023-2024 our Annual Appeal goal is \$44,100. We have had a pledge from our community of \$65,632.16. We are so thankful to our generous parishioners who have given to them appeal. So far we have raised \$39,842.16. We are still working to receive the additional \$4,257.84 to meet our goal and \$25,790 to meet the pledged amount. We still have a little over a month to turn in our donations. Please prayerfully consider giving if you have not already done so. This appeal helps many great Catholic causes in our diocese and is only possible through the contributions of parishioners like you. Thank you again for your generosity.

LIVE THE LITURGY: God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking his face.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH, 2023

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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