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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.

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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

Deb Farabaugh: debfarabaugh@gmail.com



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.

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

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.



December 3rd 2023 | First Sunday of Advent



Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM: Gaubert & McDonald, 60th Anniversaries
Sunday 9:00 AM: Philip Moreno (D)
Sunday 12:00 PM: St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Monday 9:00 AM:
Tuesday 12:15 PM: Maria Anastasia Barrow (D)
Wednesday 12:15 PM: Bobby Capitano (D)
Friday 12:15 PM: Maria Tapia (L)
Friday 6:00 PM: St. Anna's Parishioners & Families

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bob & Betty Gaubert and Pat & Barbara McDonald are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversaries! Congratulations on a love so strong, we wish you many more years of love, laughter and happiness! May God bless you and keep you close all the days of your lives.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION NEWS LITURGICAL LIVING:

December 3rd-December 10th

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*

December 6th: St. Nicholas

Ah, the Santa Claus question. Somehow St. Nick has become mildly controversial among Catholics who wonder if Santa is too secular for a Christ-centered Christmas. Here's the thing: *Santa was Catholic, too.* He was born in the year 270 to Greek parents in the Roman empire. The area where he was born is part of modern-day Turkey. Nicholas became the bishop of Myra in 317.

Nicholas had a reputation as a faithful, kind, and compassionate bishop. He was known to have a particular devotion to the poor and to children. He attended the First Council of Nicaea where he famously argued against Arian heresy, which denies the divinity of Christ. Legend has it that Nicholas became so angry with Arius during this debate that he actually hit him in the face. Personally, I kind of hope this is true. Nicholas was one of the signers of the Nicene Creed, which we recite during Mass every Sunday. Check out the blog for all the Santa information you could ever want!

December 8th: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

"Immaculate Conception" refers not to Jesus' conception, but Mary's. It is a dogma of the Catholic Church (something we're required to believe) that Mary was born without the stain of original sin. Immaculate Conception is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation. This means that the faithful are obligated to attend Mass.

Mass times at St. Anna's for the Holy Day are 12:15 PM and 6:00 PM. Visit the blog for other area Mass times.

December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent

Light that second candle, and keep preparing your homes and hearts for the arrival of our King!

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!

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OFFERTORY RECAP:

11/19 Recap: In Pew: \$9,533 | Online: \$2,365 | Total: \$11,898
11/26 Recap: TBA, Bulletin due early

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

For persons with disabilities; We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. Amen..

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

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

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
12/8 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Brother Vincent's Solemn Profession: 12/8 at 3:00 PM,
*St. Pius Conyers.

Trivia Night: 12/9 at 6:00 PM

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

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

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

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

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

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

Advent: Past, present and future..

The liturgies of Advent offer the worshipper a threefold question. We say that Christ came once to us as child born in the manger at Bethlehem, into our hearts in this moment and at the end of time when Christ comes to judge us. Thus, Advent is eschatological (the end of the world), incarnational (the baby born and when Jesus comes into our hearts) and prophetic (the O antiphons: otherwise known as the hymn "O Come, O come, Emmanuel"). Advent used to have very strong elements of pronouncements about the end of the world, and if one listens carefully, one can still hear it in Jesus' words in the first two Sundays. Christ comes to judge and we should be ready, lest we go to hell for our actions. The last two Sundays concern themselves with the characters leading up to the birth. We hear Mark's gospel this year, which has terse readings for all the events leading up to the incarnation.

Thus, we hear the past, the present and the future in Advent. The propers give us clear ideas for what we are to hear and to do. Advent always opens with the antiphon, Ad te levavi (To you O Lord, I lift up my soul) and speaks so eloquently of our task. We must be open to God and behave in like ways.

Listen and read the texts of Advent. After some 40 years of doing so, I still marvel at the beauty of the words, the powerful images and the melodies which punctuate this short but lovely season. And to add, Advent is a penitential season, not like Lent but its own form. The task of Advent is to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, both now and at the end of time.



YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

12/6 ; 12/13 ; 12/20

ldibble@st-annas.com

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RISING YOUTH (4-7TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00 PM

12/3 ; 12/10 ; 12/17

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

ADVENT PARTY TODAY

December 3rd 2023 | First Sunday of Advent

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.



RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: We are planning to have a social reception following the Holy Day Mass times, 12:15 & 6:00PM on December 8th.

This will be handled as a potluck style meal. We ask families bring the following items by last name:

A-F to bring cornbread, crackers and biscuits.

G-O to bring chili toppings.

P-Z to bring salad.

An email was sent to sign up to bring your side!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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 Vigil, 5:00PM

Sunday, 9:00AM

Christmas Eve Mass:

Sunday Vigil, 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!

FRIAR VINCENT'S VOWS:

Friar Vincent will be taking his vows at St. Pius in Conyers on December 8th at 3:00PM.

We encourage you to attend in support of him taking this next step in his discernment. Please keep him in your prayers.

WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 3RD — 9TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM & 12:00PM

Advent by Candlelight—6:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM

Girls Choir—4:00PM

Tuesday:

Staff Meeting—10:00AM

Mass—12:15PM (PH)

RCIA—7:00PM

Wednesday:

Boys Choir—4:00PM (Choir RM)

Youth Group—6:30PM (PH)

Adult Choir—7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Friends of the Heart—6:30PM

Friday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Immaculate Conception Mass

Times—12:15 & 6:00PM

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

KoC Trivia Night—6:00PM

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.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies of St. Anna's, tonight is the night! Join us for an evening of meditative growth and fellowship! 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. Doors open at 6:00PM.

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 with Father Avery Daniels on 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Join us for our Trivia Night, Saturday December 10th! Doors open at 6:00PM. We will be having tables for up to 10. Chili will be available for purchase. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: December 8 & 9 Scott Hahn is going to be at St. Lawrence! Dr. Hahn is an American Catholic theologian and Christian apologist. A former Presbyterian minister who converted to Catholicism, Hahn's popular works include *Rome Sweet Home* and *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. He is a much sought-after speaker. Hahn founded and is currently the president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, a Catholic non-profit research and educational institute committed to the promotion of biblical literacy and fluency among Catholics. Register here: <https://stpaulcenter.com/lawrenceville2023/>

It's Faith In Serving Humanity's busy season. If any Sunday school groups or individuals would like to volunteer, please fill out an application online at www.fishofwalton.org. If you have any questions, please email: volunteers@fishofwalton.org



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD, 2023

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

***Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 *Denotes a Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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