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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

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.

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**



December 10th 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

	Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:	Martin Burns (L)
	Sunday 9:00 AM:	Bob Criss (D)
	Sunday 12:00 PM:	St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
	Monday 9:00 AM:	Howard, Stephen & Jacl Zaddock (D)
	Tuesday 12:15 PM:	Floyd Farabaugh (D)
	Wednesday 12:15 PM:	Arlen Herrick (D)
	Friday 9:00 AM:	Agnes Mary Zaddock (D)

OFFERTORY RECAP:

11/26 Recap: In Pew: \$6,282 | Online: \$2,268.75 Total: \$8,550.75
12/3 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 Firepit: 12/10 at 6:30PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES: 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.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE MASSES FOR THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thank you so much for supporting fellowship in our Parish's Liturgical Life. A special thank you to our volunteers who helped host these receptions: Karen Rockey, Patsy Hobbs, Nancy Sykes, Cindy Palmer, Jan Moreira, Vickie Reger, Patty Schaefer, Patricia Buttner, Emarini Fernando, and Karen & Mike Straub!

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

Is Advent a Penitential Season?

Every year for some 50 years, I have thought about the question of Advent being penitential. Of course, the obvious signs are affirmative: Purple vestments, no Gloria, the odd propers that speak of preparation. But, Advent flies so much in the face of commercial experiences. It is a hodgepodge of things. Preparation for the end of the world goes right along with preparation for the Christmas feasts which, by the way, go on for a minimum of 12 days and, depending on where you come from, really go on until Feb. 2 (The Feast of the Presentation in the Temple). The Church says in its own documents that Advent is "a contemplation upon the three aspects of Christ coming" (General Instruction on the Liturgy). We look to Christ coming at the end of time. We give thanks for when he comes into our hearts, and we remember and celebrate His first coming. Preparation always involves a measure of penitence insofar as preparing we make room, and we clean our hearts. That involves reflecting on our lives, confessing our sins, and looking forward to the coming of the Lord. So, while Advent is NOT Lent, it does have a character all unto itself. There is a saying in Arabic, "maranatha," meaning "Come O Lord in your glory." So be it...



SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

December 10th-December 17th

December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent; Our Lady of Loreto

Second Sunday of Advent

Light the second candle of your Advent wreath, and keep preparing your hearts for the arrival of Our Lord and Savior! See the blog for a link to Advent kids' crafts.

Our Lady of Loreto

This feast won't be observed liturgically this year because it falls on a Sunday.

That being said, you should still feel free to remember Our Lady of Loreto in your celebrations outside of Mass. Loreto refers to the Holy House of Loreto. This is the place where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born and the place where the archangel

Because Our Lady of Loreto is the patroness of builders, and it is Advent, making a gingerbread house is a perfect activity! Find a recipe with an instructional video on the blog.

December 12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe

As he walked on his way to Mass on December 9, 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego and spoke to him in Nahuatl, which was his native language. She had the look and dress of a beautiful, Aztec woman, and she asked Juan Diego to tell his archbishop that she wanted a church built on the site where they met. Please, visit the blog for a video detailing the entire miraculous story of Juan Diego's tilma, which bears an image of Our Lady still visible today.

December 13th: St. Lucy

St. Lucy was a fourth century martyr who was executed in Sicily in 304 during the Roman persecution of Christians. In Norway and Sweden on St. Lucy's Day, young girls dress up in white dresses with red sashes and carry palms symbolizing Lucy's martyrdom in procession. They wear St. Lucy crowns on their heads which are composed of evergreen wreaths, lingonberry sprigs, and four white candles. Recipes and more on the blog!

December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent

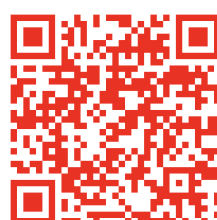
It's Gaudete (Joy) Sunday, and it's time to light the pink candle!

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-2/>

Live your faith out loud!

SCAN ME



YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

12/13 ; 12/20

ldibble@st-annas.com

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RISING YOUTH (4-7TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

12/10; 12/17

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

****PLEASE DO NOT FEED ELIJAH****

December 10th 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: 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. Anna's Penance — 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;

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! Sign ups are posted on the cork board and are on a first come basis.

Our obligations will require us to attend Mass twice for the 4th Sunday of Advent and for Christmas please choose 1 Mass to attend for each Holy Day. See the insert for more info.

LITURGY SCHEDULES JAN-FEB: We are now using Signup.com to schedule our volunteers at the Masses. You may sign up on your own for which Masses you would like to serve, or you may email Delilah the dates you are unavailable and she will add you to the schedule accordingly. Please make sure to make your adjustments and requests no later than December 31st. The schedule will be posted on the website on January 5th. You may view it anytime at Signup.com

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 Daniel 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.

WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 10TH — 16TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM & 12:00PM

Rising Youth—1:00PM

Advent by Firepit—6:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM

Girls Choir—4:00PM

KoC Rosary—6:30PM

KoC Member Mtg.—7:00PM

Tuesday:

Staff Meeting—10:00AM

Mass—12:15PM

Penance Service—7:00PM

RCIA—7:00PM (PH)

Wednesday:

Boys Choir—4:00PM (Choir RM)

Youth Group—6:30PM (PH)

Adult Choir—7:00PM

Stewardship—7:15PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday:

Mass—9:00AM

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:

The KoC is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest open to all children of the parish from Kindergarten through 8th grades. All Posters must be submitted by 12/20. Winners in the three categories will be announced at the Church Christmas Party and will each receive a \$25 prize. The winning posters will be sent on to the District Judging. Please see one of the ushers or Heather Gardner, Director of Religious Education for an entry form that must be submitted with the poster. Rules and regulations are listed on each entry form.

MATRIMONY: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, January 26-28, 2024, contact: HelpOurMarriage.org

ST. ANNA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: We are having a Parish Christmas Party!! Join us on December 30th following the 5:00PM Mass. We plan to have parishioners bring double batch sides in pot luck fashion while we will be providing the main meat course. Please plan to bring your item based on the first letter of your family name.

A-F: Veggie Side

G-O: Salads of ANY kind (greens, potatoes, macaroni, etc.)

P-Z: Desserts.

We will need assistance with decorating the parish hall. If you would like to help please email the office.

We are excited to celebrate Christmas with you! We will have a cookie decorating station for everyone to make cookies! Stay tuned for more information.

LIVE THE LITURGY: Christ is making a journey to each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path and invite Him in.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10TH, 2023

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

DONATE WHILE YOU SHOP! VISIT: WWW.KROGER.COM/ACCOUNT/COMMUNITYREWARDS/