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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

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

12/24: 6:00PM

12/25: 12:00AM & 10:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Closed Thursdays
Weekly Staff Meeting:
Tuesdays at 10:00AM
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

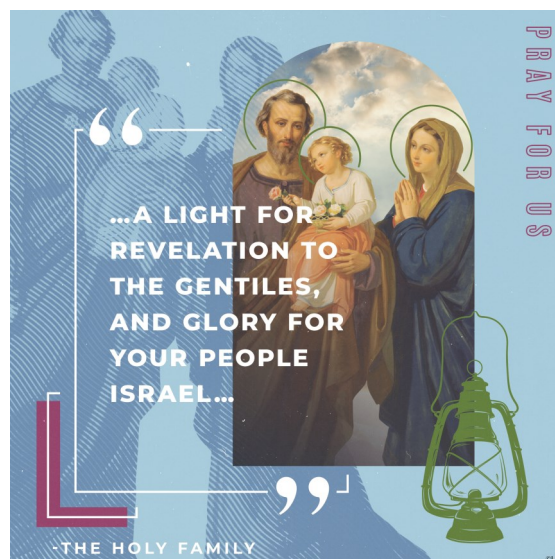
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

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.

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**



January 7th 2024 | The Epiphany of the Lord

	Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:	St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
	Sunday 9:00 AM:	Bridie Donaghy (D)
	Sunday 12:00 PM:	Lay Carmelite Community & their families
	Monday 9:00 AM:	NO DAILY MASS
	Tuesday 12:15 PM:	NO DAILY MASS
	Wednesday 12:15 PM:	NO DAILY MASS
	Friday 9:00 AM:	NO DAILY MASS

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

January 7th: Epiphany (Observed)

Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the wisemen in Bethlehem to adore the infant Jesus. In my house, the wisemen from all our nativity sets start out across the room from their respective creches, and slowly make their journey from December 25th-January 6th. I don't really have a standing tradition for dinner on the Epiphany. It's kind of just whatever Christmas foods and treats are left. I just make sure to have a king cake!

An essential Epiphany tradition is the chalking of the doors. Using blessed chalk, the head of the household writes "20+C+M+B+24" over the main entry door of the home, and the family recites a prayer (available on the blog).

The numbers in "20+C+M+B+24" represent the current year, 2024 (So, next year you'll write "20+C+M+B+25."). The letters have two meanings. They stand for the names of the Wise Men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. And, they stand for the Latin phrase, "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," which means, "May Christ bless the house." We will be distributing blessed chalk at St. Anna's this year both at the parish Christmas party on December 30th and at all Masses the weekend of January 7th, so make sure you take one for your family!

Please, visit the blog for recipes and activities!

January 8th: The Baptism of the Lord

On this feast we remember Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Renewal of your Baptismal promises is a perfect activity for today. Instructions for doing this can be found on the blog. This is a call-and-response lead by the head of the family, and everyone else responds. At the conclusion of the promises, the head of the family can sprinkle everyone with holy water. In my family, we renew our Baptismal promises on this feast and on all of our Baptismal anniversaries.

The Gospel reading for today is from the first chapter of Mark, however, in Matthew's version of the story John says: *I am baptizing you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire.*"

Matthew 3:11

And *that* is why we always celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in my Village by burning the Christmas tree. We do this in a portable fire pit in the middle of our driveway, so it's away from the house. And, large trees have to be chopped into two or three pieces because these jokers go up *with a quickness*. ***I do not recommend doing this if it is at all windy.***

This is a fun tradition that all the kids (and grown-ups) in the Village really love, but proper safety precautions are essential.

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



OFFERTORY RECAP:

12/24 & 25 Recap :TBA, Bulletin due early

POPE FRANCIS' JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION:

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. Amen..

IMPORTANT UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES:

NO DAILY MASS: JANUARY 8-12TH

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER: The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word "epiphanos" which means occurrence or revelation. The feast of Epiphany celebrates the three revelations that begin in this time. The first revelation is the coming of the wise men from the East. Coming from the East denotes a kind of exotic experience and the wise men or "3 kings" in their arrival mean that the message of the gospel will go to the ends of the earth.

The other revelations are when Jesus is baptized (a voice from heavens call Jesus "my Son) and the turning of the water into wine at the wedding. Each of these revelations help us to understand the Incarnation in different ways. Epiphany is usually on January 6 and many still celebrate it that day. The current calendar makes it a moving feast and thus the problem of when Christmas ends is not solved. For the traditionalists among us, the 12 days ends on January 6. But many still keep the 40 days of Christmas, which ends on Feb. 2. February 2 is the feast of the Presentation in the temple and is also known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. Its short-hand name is "Candlemas" because the Church blessed the candles on that day. And to make matters even more fun, January 6 begins the season of Carnevale, which is the season of eating meat (carne=meat) Carnevale goes until Fat Tuesday or "Mardi Gras. As my wife reminds me, you have to eat all the meat, butter and dairy products before Lent arrives. Carnevale is usually a little wild, but that's another day's discussion.

Happy Epiphany and be sure to make the chalk blessing on your house.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

1/10; 17; 24; 31

ldibble@st-annas.com

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RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

JANUARY MEET UPS

Sundays at 1:00PM

TBA

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP WITH FOOD DONATIONS!

We are continuing our meal train for both the Rising Youth and Youth Group! Our youth group meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the parish hall, and Rising Youth on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-2:30PM. Visit our website to sign up for a date that's convenient for you!

Parents: Love Donations are always welcome to support your child and other youth during their meet ups!

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



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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 has been posted on the website as of January 5th. You may view it anytime at Signup.com

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Join us for FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP on Wednesday, January 17th at 1:00PM. Please RSVP by Monday, January 15th to patgreen@windstream.net



MASS INTENTIONS: Would you like to have a Mass said for a loved one? Contact the office to schedule a Mass! The graces that come with having a Mass said for a special intention are immeasurable. The Mass unites the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Altar Flowers are another beautiful way to honor loved ones. We order two arrangements a week, if you would like to sponsor one in honor of someone the cost is \$65.

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DAILY MASS ANNOUNCEMENT: We will not offer daily Masses to the public the week of January 8-12th. Daily Masses will resume on Monday, January 15th.

WEEKLY MEETINGS JANUARY 7TH— JANUARY 13TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

Monday:

NO MASS

OFFICE CLOSED

KOC Rosary—6:30PM

KOC Member MTG.—7:00PM

Tuesday:

NO MASS

RCIA—7:00PM

Wednesday:

NO MASS

Boys Choir—4:00PM

Youth Group—6:30PM

FORM II Carmelites—6:30PM

Adult Choir—7:00PM

Stewardship—7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

Friends of the Heart—7:00PM

Friday:

NO MASS

Adoration 9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

ST. ANNA'S CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Thank you so much to our parishioners who helped decorate the church for Christmas. You have really brought in the spirit and your efforts are greatly appreciated! Everything is beautiful!

EPIPHANY: Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer: Epiphany means "manifestation," or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew's infancy narrative differs from Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph's long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? -LPi

DONUTS AFTER MASS: During our SOR schedule, donuts and coffee are provided after Mass to offer fellowship to our families, consider offering a love donation in support!

Join us for donuts after Mass today!!!

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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LIVE THE LITURGY: Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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