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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.

www.St-Annas.com

1401 Alcovy Street
Monroe, GA 30656
GPS: 836 Monroe Jersey Rd

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 24th 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Sunday 6:00 PM:

Monday 12:00 AM:

Monday 10:00 AM:

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM:

Christopher Shaefer (L)
St. Anna's Parishioners & Families
Brian Willingham (L)

Kathy Tangredi (L)
Howard Green (D)

OFFERTORY RECAP:

12/10 Recap: In Pew: \$7,528 | Online: \$2,750.25 Total: \$10,278.25
12/17 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:

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.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:

This year Advent is the shortest it can be: three weeks and one day. Even so, the Fourth Sunday brings us to a close with the narrative that will bring forth the Christmas season. We meditate on the person of Mary as the Theotokos, the "God bearer". It seems fitting as she is the one who brings forth the salvation given to humanity.



We begin this evening the 12 days of Christmas. There are so many Christmas traditions that I hesitate to call out one above the others. However, I would like to think for a moment about the creche, called the praesepio in Latin. The creche, with its little figures of the Nativity, is a gift from none other than St. Francis of Assisi. He proposed this devotion and then the German folks really took off with it. So the idea of the crèche has been around for a long time. My grandmother used to make sure that she put holy water on her creche on Christmas day. At my house the creche stays out until Feb. 2, 40 days after Christmas. Feb. 2 is the feast of the Presentation, and in many circles is the end of the Christmas season. We know Feb. 2 as Groundhog day and that is another story for another time.

So we sing "Venite adoremus" this evening and for the next 12 days. May you be blessed by the warmth of the Christmas season.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

1/3; 10; 17; 24; 31

ldibble@st-annas.com

cdibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH) DECEMBER 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. Meals should be dropped off, ready to serve, at 6:00PM. Visit our website to sign up for a date that's convenient for you!

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Quickly! Light that fourth candle because it only gets one day this year! Christmas Eve, as with the vigils of all great feasts, was traditionally observed as a day of fast and abstinence. There's an Italian tradition called the Feast of the Seven Fishes that's always seemed really cool to me, but it's WAY too much for me to try to get together on Christmas Eve. So, last year, I made slow cooker seafood stew instead. Recipes for the stew and the full feast are linked on the blog.

My family always goes to Midnight Mass. It's my favorite Mass of the year, and I have never let having young children (even new babies and toddlers) stop us from observing this tradition. The little kids take a disco nap from their regular bedtime to around 10:00 PM. Then, we get them up, get dressed for Mass, take a few obligatory pictures, and head out to the Church. Sometimes the little ones fall back to sleep during Mass, and that's fine. I normally don't get to bed until about 3:00 AM. I know the kids will wake me at 7:00 AM. I'm okay with that. It's a holy and joyful kind of tired.

December 25th: NATIVITY OF THE LORD: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Happy Christmas! Christmas is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation. Christmas Mass times at St. Anna's are 6:00 PM on Christmas Eve, and midnight and 10:00 AM on Christmas Day.

As mentioned above, my family always attends Midnight Mass, so Christmas morning begins for us with putting Baby Jesus in the manger. Jesus goes in the manger, and then we sing *Happy Birthday* to Him. For breakfast we have pigs-in-a-blanket and what are known in our family as "cream cheese bacon thingies."

We usually eat while we're opening presents in our jammies. I try to get everyone to throw their wrapping paper directly into a recycling bag, but apparently that's boring.

It's a pretty low-key day in our house. I know the kids are overtired from Midnight Mass and all the excitement, so I try to avoid chaos that could lead to meltdowns. We usually skip lunch because we're full of treats, and the kids are busy with their new treasures. Dinner is ham (savory, not sweet), scalloped potatoes with several dashes of cayenne pepper, fresh green beans, and Sister Schubert's dinner rolls. Sometimes I bake another pumpkin pie if we didn't get enough at Thanksgiving, but sometimes we just eat Christmas cookies for dessert. The kids are typically ready to pass out by 8:00 PM. And, that's the First Day of Christmas at my house. **There are 11 more days, y'all. Keep celebrating!**

Other Feasts this week:

December 26th: St. Stephen; December 27th: St. John the Evangelist; December 28th: The Holy Innocents; December 31st: The Holy Family

Visit the blog for more info about these!

SCAN ME



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

December 24th 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

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

LITURGY VOLUNTEERS: As you know, we are using signup.com to volunteer for serving in the Masses. We encourage all of our volunteers to check the group page. You may access our sign ups easily by visiting our website; www.st-annas.com and clicking "Liturgy Schedules" on our home page. If you have any questions, please contact the office for assistance.

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!



WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 24TH — 30TH:

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Christmas Mass—6:00PM

Monday:

Christmas Mass—12:00AM

Christmas Mass—10:00AM

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Mass—12:15PM

Wednesday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Mass—12:15PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday:

OFFICE CLOSED

Mass—9:00AM

Adoration 9:30AM—3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

St. Anna's Christmas Party—

6:00PM

ST. ANNA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: We are having a Parish Christmas Party!! Join us on December 30th following the 5:00PM Mass, for a night of FUN for the whole family. 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.)

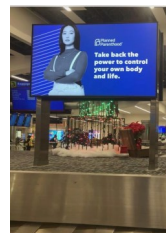
P-Z: Desserts.

We are excited to celebrate Christmas with you! We are so excited to celebrate with YOU!

RESPECT LIFE: If you are against abortion, call Governor Kemp's office to describe the Planned Parenthood signs at the Baggage Claim in our airport and express your feelings about this as Georgia is a pro-life state. The call was well received by the support staff. Let us inundate Governor Kemp's office with these calls today. Be courteous and describe all four signs and your reasons why this is so inappropriate for our pro-life state. Here are two of the four signs, if you would like to see the other two please email Delilah.

The phone number to call is: 404-656-1776.

I wanted to send the pictures to Gov Kemp's office but there is no electronic way of doing so. I talked to 3 people in the office and for security reasons you cannot send an email directly to his office so I'm sending a paper letter with the pictures.



Mailing address:

206 Washington Street

Suite 203, State Capitol

Atlanta, GA. 30334

The phone call only took a minute so please take the time to call.

LIVE THE LITURGY: God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" and God will show you that His will and imagination are better than yours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24TH, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4

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