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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

#### VIGIL MASS

Saturday 5:00 PM

#### SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

**\*We will NOT offer public daily Masses this week.**

#### OFFICE HOURS & INFO

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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EMERGENCIES  
PLEASE CALL: 706-688-9870**

**Vote** PARISH  
ELECTION  
APRIL 21st  
ALL MASSES

#### SACRAMENTS

##### **RECONCILIATION**

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

##### **INFANT BAPTISM**

Catholic parents must be active, registered and participate in a Baptism class. Please, call the office to schedule.

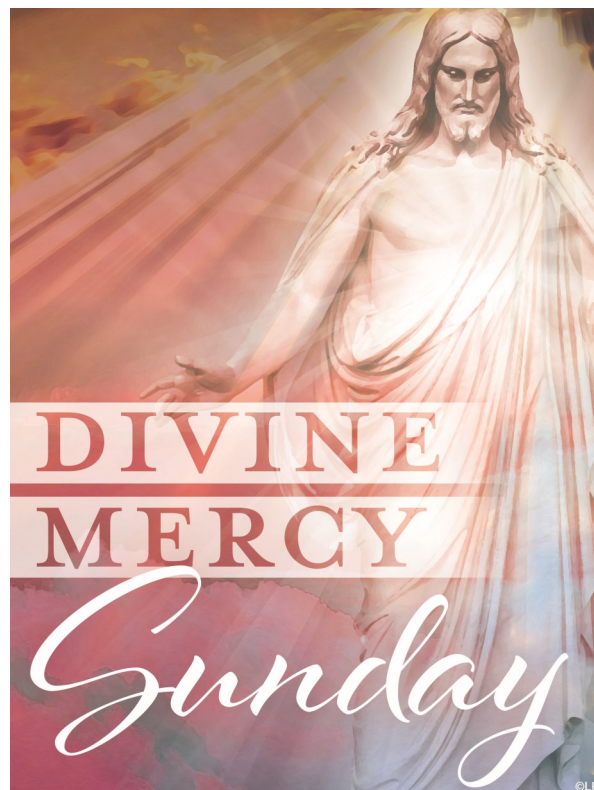
##### **MARRIAGE**

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



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.



## April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter

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|  | <b>Saturday Vigil 8:00 PM:</b> | Catherine & Dan Melton (D)         |
|                                                                                   | <b>Sunday 9:00 AM:</b>         | Steve & Julia D'Amico (D)          |
|                                                                                   | <b>Sunday 12:00 PM:</b>        | For the parishioners of St. Anna's |
|                                                                                   | <b>Monday 9:00 AM:</b>         | NO MASS                            |
|                                                                                   | <b>Tuesday 12:15 PM:</b>       | NO MASS                            |
|                                                                                   | <b>Wednesday 12:15 PM:</b>     | NO MASS                            |
|                                                                                   | <b>Friday 9:00 AM:</b>         | NO MASS                            |

*\*Public daily Mass will return next week.*

### SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

#### **April 7<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday**

Jesus Himself requested the creation of the Feast of Divine Mercy in his visits to St. Faustina Kowalska in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visits from Christ and was able to converse with Him. She wrote a book describing this experience called, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. It is available on Amazon. There is also a plenary indulgence available today. See the blog for complete instructions.

#### **April 8<sup>th</sup>: ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD\***

In celebrating this solemnity, we remember when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary and asked her to be the mother of Jesus. Our Lord did not demand this of Mary. She had a choice, and she chose to serve saying, "I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word." We call this yes, this unparalleled submission to the Will of God, Mary's *fiat*.

There is apparently a Swedish tradition of eating waffles on the Annunciation, which came to be simply because their word for, "Lady Day," sounds similar to their word for, "Waffle Day." And, there you have it: My family now celebrates *Våffeldagen*. We eat homemade buttermilk waffles and strawberry sauce along with bacon, eggs, and sausage for dinner.

\*This solemnity is normally observed on March 25<sup>th</sup>, however, because March 25<sup>th</sup> was Monday of Holy Week this year, the feast gets bumped to the Monday after Divine Mercy Sunday. So, this feast usually falls during Lent, and solemnities abrogate our obligation to do penance. While I think waffles for dinner are always a spectacular choice, Lenten waffles seem extra feasty to me.

See the blog for more! 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-5/>

**JONATHAN WEBSTER:** As our parish families knows, one of our former youth, Jonathan Webster, is working on his first year in Seminary after completing his undergrad. He was able to return for Easter and spend the holiday with his parish family. We are so grateful for the time we get with him while he works towards the priesthood. If you would like to write him letters of support or send him a care package you may send it to:

**Jonathan Webster**  
Notre Dame Seminary  
2901 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA 70118

**TRIDUUM SERVICES:** Thank you so much to everyone who helped facilitate the liturgies during the Triduum. A special thank you to Johann Fernando, Jonathan Webster, Manuel Medina, Nolan Dibble, Aubain Bakorongotane, and Abram Dibble for serving at all the liturgies for Holy Week. Thank you to Deacon John, Deb Farabaugh, Barbara Kerns, Mary Williams, and the entire RCIA team for preparing our candidates and catechumens for the Easter Vigil. Thank you Mary Lynne Reinagle and Betsy Marshall for coordinating the reception after the Vigil with all their volunteers! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:** 03/31/2024: \$11,866

You can give online by scanning the QR!

**SECOND COLLECTION:** 4/28/2024—Catholic Home Missions



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00PM in the Sanctuary today. The Chaplet will be led by Mrs. Becki Bennett.

Do you know where the feast of Divine Mercy came from? If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church.

In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God.

St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

**ST. CECILIA'S CORNER:** Christos Anesti...Christ is Risen! Holy Week has passed and it's my chance to say thank you to the choir singers, clergy and ministers for their work for the liturgies. Of special note, our choir singers had not ever sung so much and for many it was their first complete Holy Week. And our girls sang a wonderful Easter Sunday mass, complete with sequence and hymns.

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in the coming years. I was very glad to celebrate Holy Week here this year. It was my 42<sup>nd</sup> one and certainly one I will treasure for many years. Let us go forward with the paschal joy in our hearts and the eager excitement of new things coming our way.

#### **YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)**

##### **MARCH MEET UPS**

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

4/10

ldibble@st-annas.com

#### **RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)**

##### **MARCH MEET UPS**

Sundays at 1:00PM

4/7

emmarlowe@st-annas.com

**RISING YOUTH UPDATE:** Starting this weekend, our Rising Youth meet ups will be changing to the Sunday evenings. They will meet in the parish hall at 5:00PM with pick up at 7:00PM. This will allow for a slightly longer meeting time for the kids and will provide more time for fellowship and teachings.

**YOUTH MEALS:** We are still doing a meal train for our youth groups. If you are interested in donating or making a meal please contact Heather Stewart: [hstewart@st-annas.com](mailto:hstewart@st-annas.com); Miranda Marlow: [emmarlowe@st-annas.com](mailto:emmarlowe@st-annas.com) or Lisa Dibble: [ldibble@st-annas.com](mailto:ldibble@st-annas.com).

## April 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter

### POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION:

**For the role of women**—We pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to discrimination they face in various parts of the world. *Amen.*

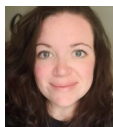
**2024 VBS UPDATE:** This year's VBS camp will be held from June 24th-28th from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day. Rising Pre-K through 6th grade campers will enjoy daily activities including crafts, music, Adoration, a themed snack, Bible, Rosary, outdoor games, lunch (brought from home), and recess. Cost to attend is \$50 for one child, \$75 for two children, and \$100 for three or more children. Registration opens May 1st! If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING at VBS this summer, please make note of the dates of our planning meeting Tuesdays: April 16th, May 14th, May 28th, and June 18th. All meetings are at 7:00 PM in room 107/108. There is an additional set-up meeting on Saturday, June 22nd at Noon. Teens who volunteer for the whole week receive FORTY SERVICE HOURS! For more information, contact Heather Stewart: [hstewart@st-annas.com](mailto:hstewart@st-annas.com)



**2024 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Next month, we will vote for 1 man and 1 woman to be elected for our Parish Council. Elections will be held the 3rd weekend of April! See the insert for more info! **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Patricia Buttner has withdrawn from the election.



Zach Williams



Jaime Ruoff



Mike McGuire



Patricia Buttner

\*See the TV screen and the bulletin insert for information on our candidates! Voting will take place the third weekend of April with our new council members announced in May and attending their first meeting in June. Be sure to vote!

**DAILY MASSES:** We will not offer public daily Masses this week. Father will be out of the office and not hold any meetings. Our normal daily Masses will resume on Monday, April 14th at 9:00AM.

### WEEKLY MEETINGS MARCH APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>-13<sup>TH</sup>

#### **Easter Sunday:**

Mass—9:00AM  
SOR—10:30-11:30AM  
Mass—12:00PM  
Rising Youth 5:00PM

#### **Monday:**

NO MASS—9:00AM  
OFFICE CLOSED  
KOC—Rosary 6:00PM  
KOC Membership Mtg.—7:00PM

#### **Tuesday:**

NO MASS—12:15PM  
RCIA—7:00PM

#### **Wednesday:**

NO MASS—12:15PM  
Youth Group—6:30PM

Adult Choir—7:00PM  
Stewardship—7:00PM

#### **Thursday:**

OFFICE CLOSED  
NO MASS

#### **Friday:**

NO MASS—9:00AM  
Adoration—9:30AM-4:30PM

#### **Saturday:**

KOC Officer Meeting  
Reconciliation 3:30-4:30PM  
Vigil Mass—5:00PM

**We will not offer public daily Masses this week.**

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT FEED ELIJAH OR JOEY\*\***

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Welcome back

### **SENIORS LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, April 17th. @ 1:00 pm  
in the Parish Hall

All St Anna's Seniors are invited.

Please RSVP [patgreen@windstream.net](mailto:patgreen@windstream.net)



**A PRAYER TO BE OPEN TO GOD'S WILL:** Good and gracious God, I know that life can be unpredictable. Sometimes I know what is good and right, but I don't have the courage to do it. Sometimes I am so busy with my own affairs, I forget to see the needs of people in front of me. Sometimes I am set in my own ways, and I resist growing and learning. Help me, Lord, to be open to Your will. When You prompt me to do the right thing, give me the courage to do it. When those around me need my help, give me Your heart to love them. When I'm stuck in my own ways, give me the grace to grow closer to You every day. Give me the trust and confidence of Mary. Let it be done unto me according to Your word! *Amen.*

**K.O.C. EASTER HAM WINNERS:** Congratulations to our Easter Ham Raffle Winners, Barbie Peebles-Golden, Warren Parsons, John Ward and the Becerra Family! Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for hosting their annual raffle!

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** On Sunday, April 21st Father Randy and Deacon John will be providing an altar server training during School of Religion. If your student is interested please make sure they attend class on the 21st.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTERS NEEDED:** We are in need of homebound ministers to distribute communion to those unable to attend Mass. If you are interested in becoming a homebound minister, please contact Johann Fernando: [johann.fernando@yahoo.com](mailto:johann.fernando@yahoo.com)

### **PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER:**

Dear Jesus, As you greeted your disciples after you rose, fill us, too, with your peace. As you breathed your spirit on them, breathe on us, too. As your presence was known to Thomas, make it known to us, too. Help us to live in your peace, power, and presence. *Amen.*

**LIVE THE LITURGY:** We find unfathomable mercy and everlasting love in the wounds of Christ—even when we are skeptical, even when we carry doubt. God meets us there in confusion. He reaches for our hand and places them at His side. We just have to call His name.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

**Annunciation of the Lord—Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48