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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

ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 AM
*in the Chapel

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

**SAVE THE DATE:
St. Anna's Feast Day:
July 28th!**

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.



May 12th 2024 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

	Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:	Catherine & Dan Melton (D)
	Sunday 9:00 AM:	Alfred Zahra (D)
	Sunday 12:00 PM:	For the Parishioners of St. Anna's
	Monday 9:00 AM:	Mothers Day Novena
	Tuesday 12:15 PM:	Mothers Day Novena
	Wednesday 12:15 PM:	Fredrico Basan (D)
	Friday 9:00 AM:	Piacendina Letizia Pieranunzio (D)

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA SAVE THE DATE:

Happy Mother's Day to the Moms of St. Anna's!
We will offer a special novena for those who sent in names.
The dates are as follows: 5/13, 5/14, 5/20, 5/21, 5/25, 5/27, 5/28, 5/31 & 6/2—during regular scheduled Mass times.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION LITURGICAL LIVING NEWS:

May 13th: Our Lady of Fatima

In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. She visited them on the 13th of every month for six consecutive months beginning in May. She spoke to the children about prayer and making sacrifices for sinners, a devotion to the Immaculate Heart, and saying a daily Rosary. The Blessed Mother also showed the children a vision of Hell and spoke several prophecies to them. It was during her July 13th visit that Our Lady requested the addition of the Fatima Prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary ("O my Jesus, forgive us our sins..."). On Our Lady's final visit on October 13, 1917, tens of thousands of onlookers witnessed the Miracle of the Sun in which the sun appeared to dance in the sky and hurtle toward the earth before resuming its normal position. It's a perfect day to pray a family Rosary!

May 19th: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Happy Birthday, Church! Pentecost Sunday commemorates the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Our Lady and the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire: *Then there appeared to them tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim* (Acts 2:3-4). This event is considered to be the official beginning of the Catholic Church, and it marks the end of the Easter season. If there was ever a reason for a backyard bonfire with roasted marshmallows, this is it! You could also roast hot dogs over your fire, and then do Pentecost Sundaes for dessert.

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/>
Live your faith out loud!



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST:

Join us in the parish hall, in between the Masses today, for a Mother's Day Breakfast, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus #14425.

IN PEW OFFERTORY RECAP:

05/05/2024: \$11,782

You can give online by scanning the QR!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

5/12/2024—Catholic Communications



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Save the date! Join us on June 2nd for a procession for Corpus Christi.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER: Amazing that words in hymns really matter.

10 years ago this week, I was invited to attend a meeting of a subcommittee of the Bishops Committee on the Liturgy. I had no idea why I was invited but I went anyway. It was enlightening to say the least and an insight into the American church that was and still is going through many changes in the liturgy and in music.

The two hymns that the committee immediately discussed were "YHWH, you are near" and "All are Welcome". Notice that I abbreviated the Hebrew name for God, YHWH. That name is so holy in Judaism that it is not said. Adonai is usually substituted when it appears in the Hebrew bible. And that was the point of the meeting. The song violated Jewish practice and the committee asked publishers to either remove it or edit it to say something else. The composer refused and it was removed from many hymnals out of respect to Judaism. Never mind that it had been in hymnals for some 25 years. Nevertheless, it struck me how long it took to deal with this problem or even recognize that it was a problem.

The song "All are Welcome" appears to be free of any problem at first glance. However, the statement "All are Welcome" is misleading. While it is true that all are welcome, it does not clarify that to be part of Holy Mother church, you might need to know what to believe and that to be part of the Church you might have to change what you believe in. The Church does welcome anyone, but it also says to be part you might have to be baptized and you will have to believe in what the Church teaches. It's not some charitable organization. I remember a priest saying to the committee, "We preach salvation first and foremost." Sure, come in but if you want to be part, you might have to change.

Thus, the words we sing do matter. They matter a great deal. You might personally like a hymn, but publishers have been rather careless about texts. That is changing, as it should. But as I tell my mentoring musicians, "words that one believes in must be worked out carefully."

The words we sing really do matter. Lex orandi, lex credendi. The law of prayer is the law of belief.

YOUTH GROUP (8-12TH)

MARCH MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

5/22 & 5/24 LOCKIN

ldibble@st-annas.com

RISING YOUTH (4-7TH)

MARCH MEET UPS

Sundays at 5:00PM

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emmarlowe@st-annas.com

2024 VBS UPDATE: If you are interested in VOLUNTEERING at VBS this summer, please make note of the dates of our planning meeting: **Wed. May 15th**, 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



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POPE FRANCIS' MAY PRAYER INTENTION:

For the formation of religious and seminarians—We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel. *Amen.*

SENIORS LUNCHEON: Join us Wednesday, May 15th. @ 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All St Anna's Seniors are invited. Please RSVP:

patgreen@windstream.net



"WHEN ALL CHRISTENDOM WAS CATHOLIC":

Alan Farabaugh, Faith Director of St. Anna's council #14425, over three evenings in May, will present in brief, the early Church Fathers' application of the faith to the human condition: not so different from our own today. These were men who by AD 150 wrote: the first catechism, the instructions on how to conduct worship, and the Church teaching on abortion, contraception, papal authority, the True Presence in the Eucharist and more. Come for a fast-paced review of the first 800 years and leave with a "pocket full" of apologetics for your personal defense of our Catholic Faith. Meet at St Anna's Parish Hall. May 14th, 21st, 28th from 7pm until 8pm

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: This silent prayer practice, with its roots in our Catholic Church, was practiced by the early "Fathers and Mothers of the Desert"

over 1700 years ago. St. Anna's Centering Prayer meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel and on ZOOM. The coordinator for this group is Thomas Brown, you may contact him via email: thomasjbrown@email.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14425:

Congratulations to Cody Smith, David Smith, David Williamson & Kevin Faulkner!



OH BABY: Thank you so much to those who have gone above and beyond to support the expectant mothers at the Walton Women's Health and Wellness Clinic! We had such an amazing and loving response, we know this Mother's Day will be one that wont forget! Thank you!

WEEKLY MEETINGS MAY 12TH - 18TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM
KoC Mothers Day Breakfast (PH)
Mass—12:00PM

Monday:

Mass—9:00AM
Girls Choir—4:00PM

Tuesday:

Staff Meeting 10:00AM
Mass—12:15PM

Wednesday:

Mass—12:15PM
Senior Luncheon—1:00PM
Boys Choir—4:00PM
Adult Choir—7:00PM

KoC COR Mtg. 7:00PM (PH)

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED
NO MASS

Friday:

Mass—9:00AM
Adoration—9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

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

ROSARY RECITATION UPDATE:

Hello, Marian devotees and fans of the Rosary. How wonderful and helpful our Lady is to us, and how much good she can do for us through her intercession to Jesus on our behalf. All we have to do is to be like little children, trusting in our Mother's love and concern. During the Marian month of May, we will pray the Rosary before each Mass, starting 40 minutes before Mass. Members of our Respect Life Committee (Chaired by Patricia Buttner) and the Ladies of the Knights (Chaired by Sally Constantino) will be leading each rosary. If you are not a member of those groups but YOU would like to lead the Rosary, please, please let me know and we will sign you up!! *We would love to have your participation.* The Rosary we will be following is the Pro-Life Rosary and you can find that in the drawer under the TV screen in the Narthex. You simply follow that tri-fold and you will be a Pro! For more information, contact Bruce at BruceSabatino@gmail.com or 770-207-0261 for Hayne Palmer.

ENDOWMENT SUNDAY, MAY 19TH:

We at St. Anna's are celebrating our vibrant and growing community now and the community it will continue to be long into the future with an Endowment Sunday next week! Our endowment fund supports the mission of our parish long into the future. It ensures the financial stability and sustainability of our parish now and forever. The principal of the fund continues to grow over time – only the interest is spent on current needs of our parish. How can you support our parish endowment fund? • Make a gift now – You can make a gift of cash, appreciated stock, real estate, or other assets like a coin collection or jewelry. You can also give a one time or recurring online gift with a credit card or ACH payment. You can make a gift to the endowment fund in honor of or in memory of someone you love, a birthday, or an anniversary. • Make a planned gift – you can make St. Anna's a full or partial beneficiary in your will or estate plans, life insurance policy, or retirement accounts like an IRA. • Do both – You can also make a gift now and a planned gift in the future in thanksgiving for all that God has entrusted you with. Thank you in advance for your support of St. Anna's both now and in the future with a gift to our endowment fund!



LIVE THE LITURGY: In His prayer to the Father, Jesus says it aloud to remind us, always and forever: if we belong to Him, we belong to the truth. Lord, may those words ring in our ears as we go into the world as Christ taught us. We are consecrated to the truth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18TH 2024

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Nest Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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