

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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REGULAR MASS

SCHEDULE

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 12:15 pm
Wednesday 12:15 pm
Thursday No Mass
Friday 9:00 am

VIGIL MASS

Confession 3:30-4:30pm
Saturday 5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00 am and 12:00 pm

*ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 am
*in the Chapel

HOPE

Be vigilant at all times...

Lk 21:36



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FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 706-688-9870

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MEN'S ADVENT BY FIREPIT

Sunday, December 15th at 6:00PM

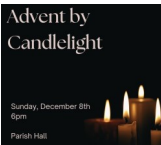
All St. Anna's men are invited to gather around the firepit to listen to our guest speaker, Brother Vincent, Archdiocesan Hermit talk about how to prepare our hearts during this Advent Season. Please bring your own chair to this event. Food and drinks will be provided.



WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, December 8th at 6pm

For Catholics, Advent is a time for remembering how the world waited in anticipation for God's promised Messiah to come and preparing for his coming again. But as women, it often feels like every moment of Advent is filled with cleaning, decorating, baking, cooking, helping with children's programs, shopping, and wrapping gifts in preparation for celebrating Christmas. Like Martha in Luke 10:38-42, we are busy with many things. Our intentions are good. We are trying to make Christmas special for our families, friends, congregation, co-workers, and acquaintances; but we can become so busy preparing that we miss out on slow, quiet time that Advent offers us to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. Join us for a night to discover the heart and humility of our Blessed Virgin Mary so we can make room in our homes and lives for our Savior. Please reach out to Miranda Marlowe at mmarlowe@st-annas.com if you would like to host a table of 6. Each table host will decorate their table and each attendee will bring a finger food to share!



JESSE TREE

This year's Jesse Tree ornaments will feature the following charities:

- New Coats for Foster Children
- Veterans Homeless Shelter Backpack items
- FISH Medical Donation

Please take an ornament and return the gifts by Dec 16th to make Christmas special for someone in need. **Coat donations for children in foster care need to be submitted by December 14th** to get to DFCS for their foster holiday party on December 17, 2024.

Any questions? Please call Gina Griego at 770-402-6155.

MONROE CHRISTMAS PARADE

St. Anna's will be participating in the Monroe Christmas parade this year! The parade will be **Thurs., Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.** Our theme will be **Joy Story**. If you would like to participate, you must dress in a suitable costume. Suggestions are characters from the Toy Story movie or costumes that resemble toys or stuffed animals. For example, you could be a yo-yo, a jack in the box, or a gentle lion. Parents must attend with their children and they must be in costume as well. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Casey @ 770-355-5390 or Jackie Matonak @ 770-601-1778



SENIORS LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE:

SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 18th 1:00PM in the Parish Hall. All St. Anna's seniors are invited. **RSVP to patgreen@windstream.net**



FRIENDS OF THE HEART

We will not gather in the month of December, due to the Christmas Parade happening on the evening of December 5th.

The next get together will be on



January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our hostesses will provide the drinks and the desserts while the rest of us bring our favorite dish!

RESPECT FOR LIFE

December 1st meeting has been changed to the second Sunday of the month, just for this month.

Our next meeting is December 8th in room 107/108 after the noon Mass. Come join us to pray for the unborn and work on projects to promote life. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Buttner: pebbbles72@gmail.com



YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

4th, 11th & 18th

ldibble@st-annas.com

THE THREE COMINGS OF CHRIST AT ADVENT

We say that in Advent that there are three comings of Christ. However, it is as if we celebrate them in a most odd manner. I say that because we look at them not in the order in which they occur, but in the order of a different time. We call that time the Greek word "kairos", which is to say, God's time, not ours. Thus, we begin Advent by celebrating and hearing about the end of time, which Jesus has already spoken about in the feasts leading up to Christ the King, which we celebrated last week. It's as if the subject has not changed. And to be honest, it has not, because Advent has never been just about the birth of Christ, but it has always had an understanding of looking toward the end time also. As one of my abbot friends used to tell us, "The end is the beginning, and the beginning is at the end." If it sounds odd, it's because we must come to know that all things, including this world, will come to an end. Jesus tells us of the consequences of this end. The dead shall be raised, and all shall enter either into heaven or Hell. However, the Church has always held that if we believe, we should not be worried about this end time.

The other two comings are really about the present and the past. We believe that Jesus comes into our hearts. That is the personal coming of the Lord into our life and it is about our openness to the words of our Lord. This coming is renewed every day, and we make a choice about its occurrence.

The last one is easy, for it is the coming of Christ as the infant king in time and place. We celebrate the yearly reminder that Jesus came as an infant. He comes in not as a king in the usual sense, but in humility and meekness.

Thus, the three comings constitute the arc of salvation. Jesus comes in time, he comes into our hearts, and he comes at the end of time. Or to put it in the ancient tongue, "Mar a natha."

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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 8th: Retirement Fund for the Religious



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ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

You can give online by scanning the (GREEN) QR!



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SAVE THE DATE

PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 7:00PM

Visiting priests will be here to hear confessions.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

12/1- NO SOR for **Thanksgiving Break**

WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 1ST — 7TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

Monday:

Mass —9:00AM

Girls Choir —4:30PM

Tuesday:

Mass —12:15PM

Training Choir —4:00PM

RCIA —7:00PM^(PH)

Wednesday:

Mass —12:15PM

Boys Choir —4:30PM

Youth Group & Confirmation

Class—6:30PM^(PH)

Adult Choir —7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

Friday:

Mass —9:00AM

Adoration—9:30AM-3:30PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30-4:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

KoC Christmas party

6:00PM^(PH)

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Sunday 12:00 PM:

Monday 9:00AM

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM

Frank & Marianne Palmisano (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Donna Buttner (D)

Alma Biller Scanlon (D)

Reynaldo & Nabor Gamino/

Margarita Castro (D)



SAVE THE DATE:

DECEMBER 9th, MONDAY

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MONDAY MASSES: 12:15 PM & 6:00PM

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 (Oct.-April) 7:00PM

For more information contact Deacon John:

deaconjohn@st-annas.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Week of December 1st 2024

Sunday

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



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.

