

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OFFICE HOURS & INFO

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Thursdays

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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

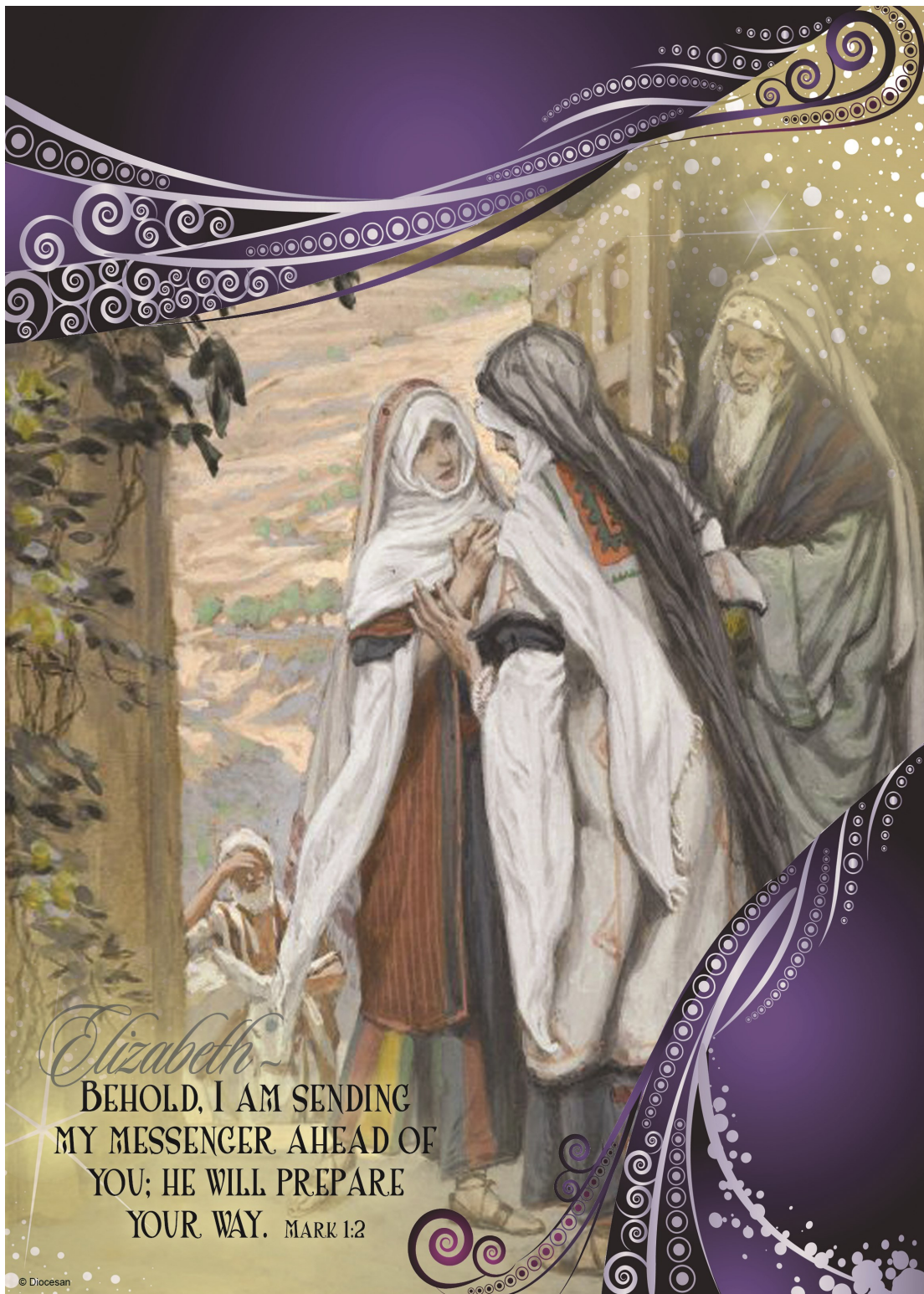
*ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 am
*in the Chapel

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION MASSES

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm



FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 706-688-9870

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"ALL MY HEART, ALL MY SOUL, ALL MY MIND" PROGRAM



Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation!

You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.st-annas.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday,

December 29.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe** and **secure** way to support St. Anna's Catholic Church. To set-up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions.

We are grateful for your support!

JESSE TREE

COME JOIN THE FUN!

We will be loading the Veteran's Christmas Backpacks in the Parish Hall on Monday, December 16th from 9am until they are done (approximately noon).

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

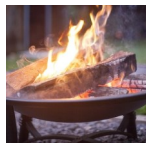
- New Coats for Foster Children
- Veterans Homeless Shelter Backpack items
- FISH Medical Donation

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.

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.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Come and join us in Adult Bible Study on Sundays from 10:40 to 11:45 in Room 107-108. Our current study is "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron. For more information, please call or text Darryl Moore at 770-380-8872. We look forward to seeing you!



ST. CECILIA'S CORNER ADVENT HYMNS



There is a running joke in my world that parishes only know one Advent hymn....that being "O Come O Come Emmanuel." I have long suspected that there is more than a grain of truth to the matter. In fact, what is notable is that we, just like the culture, run toward Christmas without taking the time to taste the beauty that is Advent. Every year I get the same question, "When are we going to sing the Christmas carols?" And I reply the same every year, "When it is Christmas. Not sooner."

So, I invite you to taste the images of Advent in the hymns that you either know or are learning. The desire of "O Come Divine Messiah" harkens us to ask when the Messiah is coming and how long will we wait. The wonderful imagery of "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" recalls the second coming, something many of us don't really want to think about and certainly do not talk about in polite company. One will find in the hymn "Creator of the Stars of Night" an almost Norman Rockwell image of the wintertime of Advent, with its patient waiting of the Christ. Lastly, "Come O Long Expected Jesus" conjures up the people of Israel longing for the Messiah they hoped would come and our longing for the Messiah to "make all things new."

I would be remiss to say that "O Come O Come Emmanuel" is really the "O antiphons", a series of verses that are sung in Evening Prayer from December 17 to December 24. If one will notice that each verse begins with "O" and then a title that the Hebrews gave to the coming Messiah. Each title is suggestive of something the Messiah would either do or be. I tend to save the hymn until the last days of Advent to give it the power it deserves and to help our prayer be with the Church in this marvelous season.

Lastly, a feature that was lost some time ago but hopefully will make a return is the sequence (poem) sung at the Mass of the Dead called the Dies Irae (day of wrath). As has been pointed out, Advent is about the second coming and the Dies Irae paints a frightening portrait of the end time. It used to be that that this poem was sung for all the Sundays of Advent, but was eventually relegated only to the requiem Mass. Perhaps the images were too dark for Advent but one might hope to recover some of the imagery to remind us that all is not light and joy.

So, learn your Advent hymns and see the season in a whole different light. And say with the Church, "Come Lord Jesus!"

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Come pray the Scriptural Rosary with the Knights of Columbus and the Carmelites **forty minutes before each weekend Mass**.

YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) DECEMBER MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

11th & 18th

ldibble@st-annas.com

YOUTH MEALS: We are still doing a meal train for our youth group. If you are interested in donating or making a meal visit:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/dd9471>



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UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

December 25th: Catholic Charities



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ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

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



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

Monday, December 9th

Masses: 12:15 PM & 6:00 PM

PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10th at 7:00 PM

Visiting priests will be here to hear confessions.

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WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 8TH—14TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00 AM

Mass—12:00 PM

School of Religion

10:30 AM — 11:45 AM

Monday:

*Mass — 12:15 PM

*Mass — 6:00 PM

Girls Choir — 4:30 PM

Tuesday:

Mass — 12:15 PM

Training Choir — 4:00 PM

RCIA — 7:00 PM (PH)

Wednesday:

Mass — 12:15 PM

Boys Choir — 4:30 PM

Youth Group & Confirmation

Class—6:30 PM (PH)

Adult Choir — 7:00 PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

Friday:

Mass — 9:00 AM

Adoration—9:30 AM—3:30 PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation—3:30—4:30 PM

Vigil Mass—5:00 PM

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:



Sunday 9:00 AM:

Sunday 12:00 PM:

*Monday 12:15 PM

*Monday 6:00 PM

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM

Michael White (D) and

Christina White (L)

Arlen Herrick (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Mike Reger (D)

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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) 7:00 PM

For more information contact Deacon John:

deaconjohn@st-annas.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

For the Week of December 8, 2024

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

Monday

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

****PLEASE DO NOT FEED JOEY OR AUDREY****



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.

