

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH 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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O HOLY NIGHT

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be celebrating the Christmas Season on Saturday, December 28th after the 5:00 PM Mass. **Please RSVP by December 23rd.** Please fill out the RSVP form and put it in the box on the table in the Parish Hall.

SAINT ALCUIN CLASSICAL ACADEMY

There are many challenges today in educating our children in the Faith and raising them to be Saints. St. Anna's wishes to aid parents in this great work by offering a low-cost Catholic educational program through St. Alcuin Classical Academy. The program would be hosted at St. Anna's. We will be holding an informational session for all interested families and their friends on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please join us to learn more about this opportunity to offer a solid Catholic education in Monroe. Please RSVP for the event online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84DA9AE23AAF8C70-53968959-hybrid>

Or scan the QR code



SCAN ME

DECK THE HALLS

DECEMBER 23rd



Please come help decorate our church for Christmas on **December 23rd after the 9:00 AM Mass.** We would especially appreciate help with the two trees that will be in the sanctuary.

FRIENDS OF THE HEART

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 LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Respect Life Ministry is hosting a baby shower for the Walton Co. Women's Health and Wellness Clinic. Items for mom and baby can be dropped off in pack-n-play in the parish hall. These items will better help support mothers and parents who have chosen life for their babies and help lessen some of the financial burden of parenthood. Some of the baby items needed most by moms are: wipes, socks, mittens, shampoo, lotion, laundry detergent, bottles, swings, shoes, sippy cups, high chairs, winter coats, diaper bags & size 3, 4, and 5 diapers.



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

And the angel said to them, **"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."** – Luke 2:10 The joy of Jesus Christ is celebrated with anticipation each year. Continue the Catholic legacy of joy by ensuring your parish is around to serve for generations. A year end gift to the endowment fund provides for parish needs now and in the future. Give online at cfnga.org/give and search for your parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation at 404.497.9440 to learn more.

SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS



The **Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Dec. 25** will be a special time this year.

It starts at 11:30 p.m. And for 30 minutes, we'll sing Christmas carols, hear "O Holy Night" and be accompanied by a brass group and flutes.

Make this your Christmas Mass and come to sing the great carols and hear the Christmas proclamation.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER

THE END OF ADVENT: THE O ANTIPHONS



After the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the liturgy turns toward the events and personages of the actual Nativity. We learn of the Virgin; we contemplate the joy of the gift of the Son, and we hear of the lineages of Jesus: who his family is and where does he come from. But the most beautiful of this time is the "O" antiphons. You know them but in their hymn form as "O Come O Come Emmanuel." The "O" antiphons are the antiphons sung before the Magnificat at Evening Prayer on the days of Dec. 17-24. What is most striking about them is that they all begin with "O" and then proceed to give a title to the Messiah to come. From Emmanuel to Key of David to O Wisdom, all the titles are what the ancient Hebrew people saw as representative of the Messiah. So, what can we do with these words? The best way is to make each verse part of your Novena of Christmas. Sing a verse each evening from Dec. 17 to Dec. 24. Sing as the Church does and pray as the Church prays. Of note, I reserve the hymn for the end of Advent, keeping with the Church as it sings these words toward the end of Advent.

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

Come pray with the Knights of Columbus and the Carmelites **forty minutes before each weekend Mass**. We will be praying the Scriptural Rosary before each of the weekend Masses on every **first Saturday and Sunday of the month**.



JESSEE TREE

Thank you St. Anna's Parish Family for your many generous gifts and donations to our Jesse Tree this year. A big shout out to those who have contributed their time and volunteered to organize this event which helps many in need during this Christmas Season.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Answer the call to Love, this Christmas.



We invite you to support local families in need, by contributing to the Second Collection during all Christmas masses.



Please be generous with your donation to the Catholic Charities **Christmas Second Collection**. Your money will help your neighbors right here in Georgia. **Catholic Charities Atlanta's** mission is to take families to another level by providing professional services that help families overcome obstacles and achieve a more self-sufficient life.

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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!



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

*12/24 Christmas Eve — 6:00 PM

*12/24 Christmas Eve — 12:00 AM / Midnight Mass / Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM

*12/25 Christmas Mass — 10:00 AM

Our Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.
December 23rd — December 27th and
December 30th — January 3rd

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WEEKLY MEETINGS DECEMBER 22ND — 28TH

Sunday:

Mass — 9:00 AM

Mass — 12:00 PM

No School of Religion

Monday:

Mass — 9:00 AM

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday:

Christmas Eve Mass — 6:00 PM

(Midnight Mass) — 12:00 AM

Christmas Carols — 11:30 PM

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday:

Christmas Mass — 10:00 AM

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED

NO MASS

Friday:

Mass — 9:00 AM

NO ADORATION

OFFICE CLOSED

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 9:00 AM:

Tuesday 6:00 PM:

Tuesday 12:00 AM:

Wednesday 10:00 AM:

Friday 9:00 AM:

Gracie & Tony Palazzo (D)

Tom McClary (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Nell Haltom (L)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Joseph Haltom (D)

Joe Gentile (D)



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 22 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

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

Thursday

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

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

Friday

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

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

Saturday

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

****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.

