

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

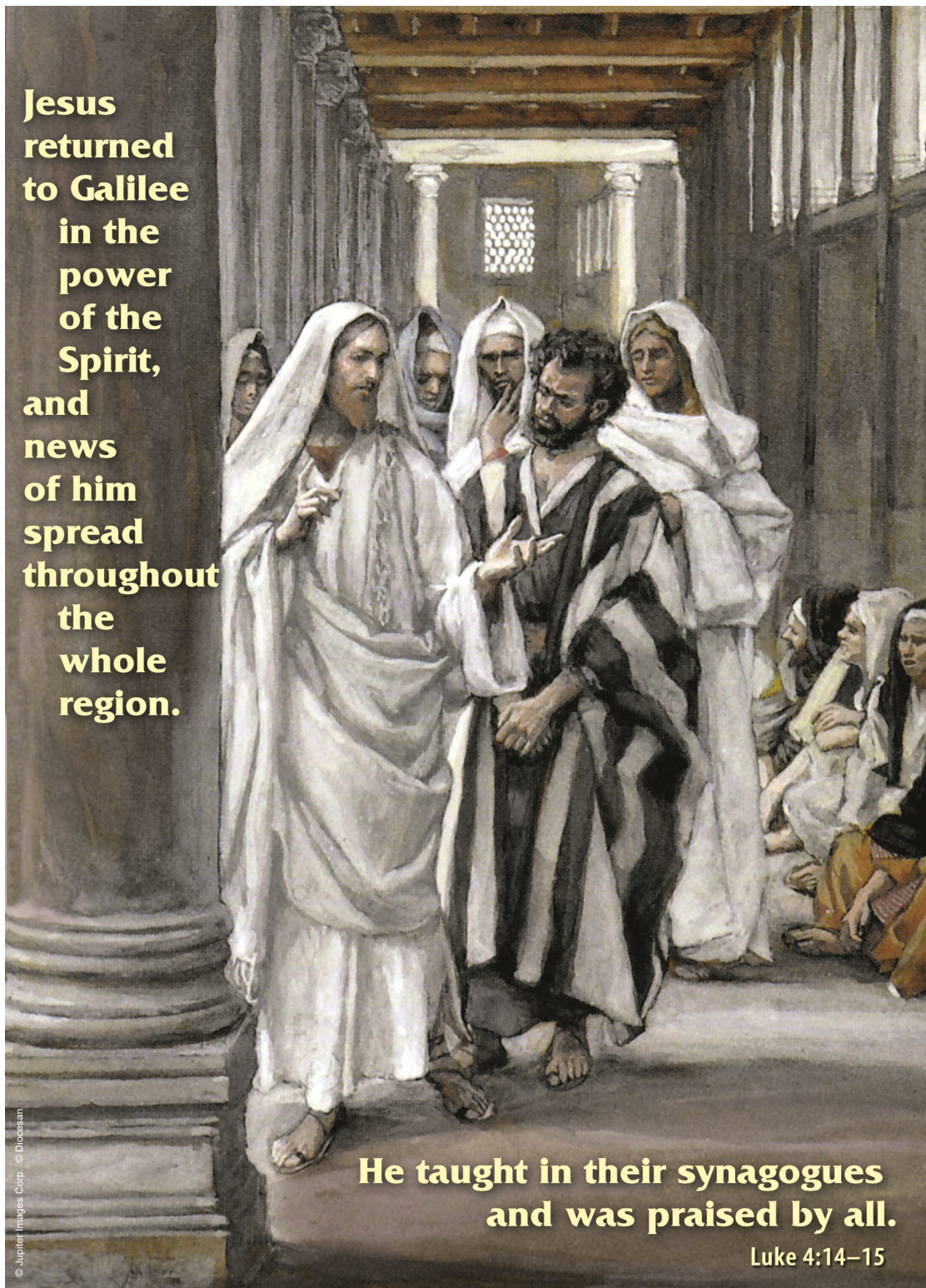
Fridays 9:30 am
*in the Chapel

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION MASSES

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm

**Jesus
returned
to Galilee
in the
power of the
Spirit,
and
news
of him
spread
throughout
the
whole
region.**



**He taught in their synagogues
and was praised by all.**

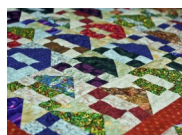
Luke 4:14-15

WELCOME

If you are new to our St. Anna's Parish, please consider registering. Registered parishioners have the benefits of receiving our updated information via email, weekly envelopes for tithing, and the Georgia bulletin. White registration cards are located under the large screen in the narthex. If you are a registered parishioner and not receiving our email updates please contact the office.



INTERESTED IN QUILTING?



St. Anna's quilters is welcoming anyone who quilts or would love to learn to quilt to join our quilting group. We meet from 2:00 - 4:30 every Monday here at St. Anna's. We use our talent to provide help for charities in the area. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Gina at 770-402-6155.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GUARDIANS



Free time on Friday? Please consider signing up as a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian. Guardian duty is a one-hour increment divided between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm in the Chapel. Our Lord is never to be left alone in the Chapel. Please call or email your name, phone and email address to Alan Farabaugh:

afarabaugh@bellsouth.net 678-982-9290

RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

Respect Life Rosary will be prayed **after the noon Mass, January 26, 2025**, in honor of the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade decision. Please take a minute to visit our Respect Life display in the Parish Hall this weekend.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Our next meeting is **February 3rd** 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



WEEKEND IGNATIAN RETREAT:

January 31st - February 2nd

Discerning the Movements of the Holy Spirit :

Take time to rest and renew your heart, mind, body and soul on a silent guided weekend retreat at Ignatius House. Rooted in the 500-year-old tradition of Ignatian Spirituality, this retreat invites you to listen for God's voice, which speaks directly to each of us. In the sacred silence, you will receive guidance to help you prayerfully discern the movements within your heart—whether they are holy desires from God or distractions from less fruitful sources. Drawing on the discernment techniques of St. Ignatius, you will learn how to distinguish between these inner stirrings and align your life more fully with God's dream for you. As you reflect on the beauty and fragility of life, you will gain insight into how to live with greater wisdom, peace and connection to God. **This is a silent retreat.**

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center, Sandy Springs, GA
Directed by Fr. Jim Fleming, SJ

To register, visit our website at ignatiushouse.org/calendar/ or call 404-255-0503.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER

NEXT SUNDAY: CANDLEMAS!



Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, will occur on **Sunday Feb 2**. As with many movable feasts, some years it lands on a Sunday. This year is one of those years. It is a little different insofar as candles are blessed and there is a procession.

At St. Anna, our main liturgy with the procession will be at Noon mass on Sunday. We will begin in the parish hall and process to the Church. At the other masses, there will be a modification on the procession insofar as everyone will stay in the Church. But at all masses, everyone will receive a hand candle to use for the liturgy.

The liturgy is the end of the Christmas season (40 days) and teaches us two stories. One is the story of Anna and Simeon, who meet the baby Jesus in the temple and the other one is the purification of Mary. As with all Hebrew women, after their childbirth they came to the temple to be "cleansed" from their birthing efforts. A facet worth noting is the words of Simeon, who proclaims that "mine eyes have seen the salvation" and then says that he can die. His words are memorialized in the canticle called the Nunc Dimittis (in Latin) which is sung for the procession.

There are themes of light and that even the Gentiles can receive the salvation given by the Incarnation. It is the last day of the old Christmas season and from there we get ready for Lent. Interestingly, Groundhog Day is the popular connection to the feast. **If you have candles that you use at your house, be sure and bring them so that they may be blessed. There will be a table for you to put them on.**



CHOIR NEWS



Girls Choir: Monday at 4:30 pm
Boys choir: Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
Adult Choir: Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Questions: Call Kevin at the office.

A REMINDER:

LIVING IN VIRTUE:

A NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WORKSHOP:

Valentine's Day is around the corner, and Pregnancy Aid Clinic (PAC) is celebrating in a way that reflects Catholic values! This **free workshop** explores the beautiful mystery of love in marriage and the science behind the human body. Participants will get an introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP), learn about various methods, join in interactive activities and have the chance to ask questions of a panel of fertility educators.

This workshop offers insights into the female reproductive system, fertility patterns and the theological and medical benefits of NFP. Adults of all ages and life stages are welcome to join us for this enriching morning, complete with breakfast refreshments.

Join us at St. Michael the Archangel church in Woodstock on **Saturday, February 8, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Register here: <https://www.pregnancyaidclinic.com/lovinginvirtue.html>**

JANUARY 26TH 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

February 9th: Black and Indian Missions



(BLACK) QR CODE FOR THE OSV CAMPAIGN

ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

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



CANDLEMAS: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd: There will be a procession at the noon Mass.

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YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) JANUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

22nd & 29th

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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>



WEEKLY MEETINGS JANUARY 26TH—FEBRUARY 1ST

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

School of Religion —10:30AM

Monday:

Mass —9:00AM

Girls Choir —4:30PM

KOC Assembly Mtg —7:00PM

Rm 107/108

Tuesday:

Mass —12:15PM

RCIA Class—7:00PM^(PH)

Wednesday:

Mass —12:15PM

Boys Choir —4:30PM

Youth Group & Confirmation

Class —6:30PM

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

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM:

Sunday 9:00 AM:

Sunday 12:00 PM:

Monday 9:00 AM:

Tuesday 12:15 PM:

Wednesday 12:15 PM:

Friday 9:00 AM:



For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

David Sykes (D)

Barbara McDonald (D)

Westerfield Family members- (D)

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Beatriz Moreno (D)

Alfonso Moreno (D)

Altar flowers donated by Nancy Sykes in memory of David Sykes.



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 Christine Feibish:

cfeibish62@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

For the Week of January 26, 2025

Sunday

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 119:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

****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.

