

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025

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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

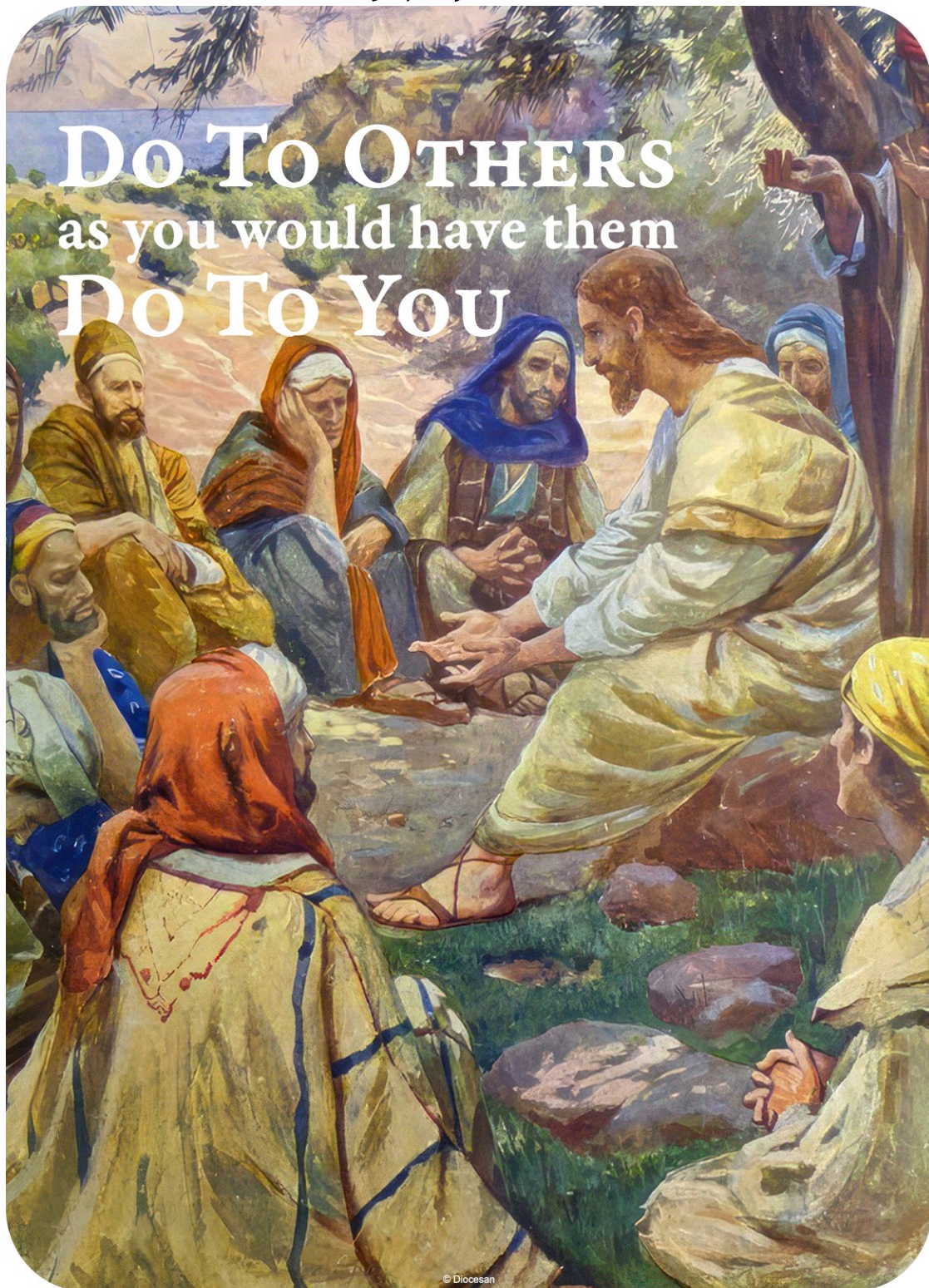
*ADORATION

Fridays 9:30 am-3:30 pm
*in the Chapel

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION MASSES

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm



FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 706-688-9870

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY: Make plans to attend this year's Lenten Fish Fry in our Parish Hall, every Friday from March 7 through April 11. Adult plate of fried or baked Cod or Catfish for \$15, includes fries, coleslaw, hush puppies, cookie and tea or lemonade. Children plates for \$7. Family meal for 2 adults and 2 children for \$40. Add-on extra items available of NE clam chowder, fish sticks, baked potato, mac & cheese and soft drinks for additional cost.



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



Thank you for your generous support of our "All My Heart, All My Soul, All My Mind" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of YOU, our faithful parish community. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Anna's Catholic Church.

GEORGIA MARCH FOR LIFE



The march will be on **March 6th** at 262 Capitol Avenue S.E. Atlanta, Georgia. Respect for Life and Knights of Columbus are forming a car pool to the Georgia Capitol. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Patricia Buttner at 678-823-3109 or Alan Farabaugh at 678-982-9290

SEMINARY VISIT AND DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

- * April 11-13
- * Men ages 16-30
- * St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA
- * Lodging, transportation & meals provided

For more information visit: calledbychrist.com/events



SCHOOL OF RELIGION

School of Religion is in need of a few items to prepare for their First Reconciliation camp on March 8th:

Small moveable putting green and club

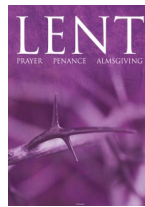
If you would be willing to loan this to the church for a few days, please contact Miranda Marlowe at mmarlowe@st-annas.com

NEW ADULT CLASS BEGINS MARCH 2nd!

Join us on March 2nd at 10:40 AM until 11:45 AM in room 107/108 in a Lenten journey "Walking With Mary To Jerusalem" by Father Mark Tupps. "No one knew Jesus better than Mary. No one. This is your invitation to walk with Mary as she walks alongside Jesus. This is your lent-welcome to the journey!"-Fr. Tupps For any additional information or questions, please contact Darryl Cynthia Moore at 770-380-8872 or via email: Darryl.moore52@gmail.com

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER

PART TWO OF LENTEN PRACTICES: FASTING

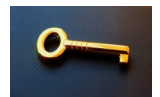


This week's practice to look at is fasting. Fasting is very unpopular. In fact, it is so unpopular that the Church cannot even make its mind up these days on the question. Nevertheless, it is a practice of long historical and spiritual importance. To fast is to not eat something. Not eating something goes against our body's natural desire for sustenance. But the practice has long been shown to have spiritual importance. For when we fast, we sacrifice our desires to put other desires higher. Those desires are to appreciate our Lord's passion and death or to help our minds focus on things more important to our spiritual growth. Fasting can have great spiritual rewards. But to do it takes strength, courage and resolve. The Church has historically asked us to fast from meat on Fridays, Ash Wednesday, and to observe the fast on Good Friday. In the 1960s, there was a decision made to only fast on the Fridays of Lent. This reduction was seen as "pastoral." However, many continue to choose to fast from meat on all Fridays. And others choose to fast from all foods as a sign of penance. In the older traditions, fasting was done on Wednesdays and Fridays. And some monks, in the ultimate experience of fasting, ate no food during Lent. They only drank beer (remember that beer is liquid bread) during the season. These days, the fast from meat is quite easy. And recently, Popes have encouraged people to "fast" from gossip, lying and arrogant behavior. Thus, however you choose to make fasting a part of your Lenten practice can be part of your preparations for the Holy season. The great spiritual writer Anthony of the Desert said it best. "To fast is to place holy things above earthly things." We are called to make fasting part of our experience. How you do so is part of your choice to live a Holy Lent.

Be sure and consult the Church's directions for fasting on Fridays and Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

YOUR KEYS TO HEAVEN

- ◆ Masses
 - ◆ Rosaries
 - ◆ Scapular
 - ◆ Way of the Cross
- How many of these will you have?



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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- Love
- Enemies
- Bless
- Pray
- Offer
- Reward
- Children
- Kind
- Merciful
- Father

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FEBRUARY 23RD 2025 | 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS:

All collections received on **Ash Wednesday** will be donated to FISH as Almsgiving.



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ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

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



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YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) FEBRUARY MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

26th

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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 FEBRUARY 23RD - MARCH 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

KOC Planning Mtg—7:00PM

Rm. 107/108

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

Barbara McDonald (D)

Tom McClary (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Individual Request Intentions

for OSV Campaign

John Mullen (D)

Robert J. Kelley (D)

Mercedes Andrade for healing (L)



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 5th: Ash Wednesday Masses: 12:15 PM & 6:00PM

March 24th: Penance Service at 7:00 PM

Fish Fry on Friday evenings during Lent: 5:00PM-7:00PM

Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent: 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 Christine Feibish:

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

For the Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45



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.

