

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 9th, 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

"All this will be
yours, if you
worship me."
Jesus said to
him in reply,
"It is written:
'You shall
worship
the Lord,
your God,
and him
alone shall
you serve.'"

Luke 4:7, 8

The Temptation of Christ by the Devil
by Félix Joseph Barrias, 1860



1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT

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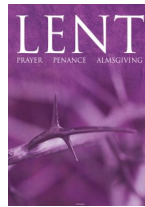
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FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

1. The new code of Canon Law reminds us that all of Christ's faithful are obliged to do penance. The obligation arises in imitation of Christ himself and in response to his call. During his life on earth, and during his public ministry, Our Lord undertook voluntary penance. He invited his followers to do the same. The penance he invited would be a participation in his own suffering, an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin. It would be a personal sacrifice made out of love for God and our neighbor. It follows that if we are to be true, as Christians, to the spirit of Christ, we must practice some form of penance.
2. So that all may be united with Christ and with one another in a common practice of penance, the Church sets aside certain penitential days. On these days the faithful are to devote themselves in a special way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity. Such days are not designed to confine or isolate penance but to intensify it in the life of the Christian throughout the year.
3. Lent is the traditional season of renewal and repentance in Christ. The code of Canon Law re-affirms this. It also prescribes that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as days of fast and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. Members of the Eastern Catholic Churches are to observe the particular law of their own sui iuris Church. Priests and parents are urged to foster the spirit of penance among those younger to be the subjects of either law.
4. Because each Friday recalls the crucifixion of Our Lord, it too is set aside as a special penitential day. The Church does not prescribe, however, that fish must be eaten on Fridays. It never did. Abstinence always meant the giving up of meat rather than the eating of fish as a substitute. What the Church does require, according to the code of Canon Law, is that its members abstain on Fridays from meat.
5. In accordance with the mind of the universal Church, we are all reminded of the obligation of Friday penance, and in addition during this season of Lent we may make an extra effort for our own spiritual welfare by: 1. a) abstaining from some other food or drink of our liking; 2. b) making the special effort involved in family prayer, taking part in the Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament or praying the Stations of the Cross; 3. c) making a special effort to help the poor, sick, elderly or lonely. 4. d) making a special effort to visit the sick in the hospital, the elderly and the incarcerated.
6. The form of penance we adopt each Friday is a matter of personal choice and does not have to take the same form every Friday. Failure to undertake this penance on a particular Friday would not constitute a sin. However, penance is part of the life of every Christian and the intention to do penance on Friday is of obligation in memory of the passion and death of Our Lord.

ST. CECILIA'S CORNER

THE SHAPE OF LENT: A LITURGICAL PRIMER



We are told every year that Lent has forty days. And as Catholics, we employ the image as a means of likening ourselves to Jesus, who went into the desert for forty days. Truthfully, the counting of Lent as forty days is a little complicated. Depending on which Church father you read, there are days in the scope of Lent that should not be counted as such. Sunday has never been considered part of Lent, which points to the language we use regarding Sunday. We call it the "Sundays in Lent", not the Sundays "of Lent." Then we have the problem of the solemnity of the Annunciation on March 25. The missal instructs us to celebrate that day by singing the Gloria, a liturgical no-no for Lent. St. Joseph on March 19 violates the count, as many of Italian heritage will be glad to point out. And if you really want to get in the weeds, St. Patrick on March 17 has often been given a dispensation from not eating meat. Those of Irish descent have been more than happy to enjoy the day. My own liturgy teachers, some of whom have considered Lent as a "suggestion", have not so much worried about the number but the attitude regarding Lent. Perhaps, as Catholics in an increasingly secular culture, we might take a little cue from this. Lent is about the great practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Whether the number equals forty is not so much the point. What IS important is our attitude in these three practices. Shall we increase in holiness? Shall we grow closer to the Lord in our daily lives? Shall we accept the crosses of our lives in order to live in deeper communion? Shall we give in thanksgiving for all that the Lord has given us? Dom Prosper Gueranger, in his monumental series of books called "The Liturgical Year" (l'Annee Liturgique) reminds us that the seasons of the liturgical year are there to help us keep focus on the totality of the life of Christ. Each season is meant to bring forward different aspects so that over time we have the complete story. Thus, Lent is to remind us of the great events leading to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us walk the days of Lent confident in our desire to live in greater holiness. Or, as one of my Orthodox friends says to me every year, "May you live a holy Lent so as to reach the joys of the paschal mystery."

CHOIR NEWS

Girls Choir:

Boys choir:

Adult Choir:

REHEARSAL REMINDER:

Monday at 4:30 pm

Wednesday at 4:30 p.m

Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Questions: Call Kevin at the office.



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SURVEY:

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **March 5, 2025- April 7, 2025**. This link is available on our St. Anna's website and in our weekly parish update email. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

MARCH 9TH 2025 | 1st SUNDAY OF LENT



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YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) MARCH MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

12th, 19th & 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 MARCH 9TH - MARCH 15TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

School of Religion —10:30AM

Monday:

Mass —9:00AM

Girls Choir —4:30PM

KOC Membership Mtg.

5:00PM-8:00PM^(PH)

KOC Ladies —7:00PM^(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

Stations of the Cross —6:00PM

Fish Fry —5:00PM-7:00PM

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)
Layla Grace & Knox Brown (L)
For the Parishioners of St. Anna's
Joan Staley (D)
Barbara McDonald (D)
Javier Rodriguez Family (L) &
(D) family members
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(D) family members



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 7th-April 11th:

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

Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings: 6:00PM

March 22nd & 23rd/April 5th & 6th: KOC Ham Raffle after the weekend Masses in the Parish Hall.

March 24th: Penance Service at 7:00 PM

March 26th: Mass —7:00PM

March 28th: Mass —5:00PM

March 26th-March 28th: 40 Hour Adoration: Following 7:00PM Mass on Wednesday, March 26th and concluding with 5:00 PM Mass on Friday, March 28th

EASTER HAM RAFFLE: It is almost that time of year again! Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Easter Ham Raffle the **weekend of March 22nd-23rd and April 5th-6th**. See a Knight in the Parish Hall to purchase your tickets! The Ham Raffle Drawing will be on Palm Sunday.



EASTER EGG HUNT:



We are getting ready to start preparing for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We are in need of candy without nuts or coconut. If you are able to donate, we will be collecting them in the green bucket in the Parish Hall.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 20th, Easter Sunday, following the 9AM and 12PM Masses.

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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****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.

