

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 30th, 2025

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9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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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

Then let us
celebrate
with a feast,
because this
son of mine
was dead,
and has come
to life again,
he was lost, and
has been found.

Luke 15:23, 24

The Return of the Prodigal Son
by Barolomé Esteban Murillo,
circa 1670



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 706-688-9870

SCRIPTURAL ROSARY



Come pray the Scriptural Rosary with the Knights of Columbus and the Carmelites every **first Saturday and Sunday of the month**, forty minutes before each weekend Mass.

FRIENDS OF THE HEART

Ladies, please join us **Thursday, April 3rd for Friends of the Heart, 6:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Hostesses, Sandy Bernard, Sharon Criss and Sherry Cox, will provide the drinks and the desserts, while the rest of us bring our favorite dish to share!



SCHOOL OF RELIGION: SAVE THE DATE

April 6th- No SOR

April 20th- Easter- No SOR

May 4th- Last day of SOR Brunch

5K RACE

The 5K race was a great success, thanks to Father Randy for his blessing, the Knights who volunteered, and the Parishioners. \$6,000 was raised for the Grotto. Greg Hennigan



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 April 5th-6th**. See a Knight in the Parish Hall to purchase your tickets! The Ham Raffle Drawing will be on Palm Sunday.

NEW ADULT CLASS

Join us 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

RETRouvaille WEEKEND PROGRAM FOR MARRIED COUPLE: MAY 2nd-4th

From: Bob and Karen Botte, Retrouvaille of Atlanta During this holy season of Lent, our community is praying for all marriages, especially those that are struggling. The Retrouvaille program provides help and healing for couples in need, and we humbly request your assistance with our mission to reach them. Please free up some space in your publications for this announcement and the ones to follow in the next several weeks. We are very grateful for your help with this important ministry.

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille weekend program, May 2-4, call 404-644-3253 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.



ST. CECILIA'S CORNER

CAUSE FOR JOY, CAUSE FOR SADNESS



Recent studies about the US Catholic population have yielded results which do not surprise anyone with an interest in the Church. The trends are real, even at St. Anna and other places. In fact, one study stated that within the next 5 years, very few parishes will not be touched by this trend. The results of the studies tell that the Church is going in these directions: (from the Pew Research Center) People over the age of 65 consistently complain about the current state of the Church. They find it too conservative, too focused on things like prayer, ritual and emphasis on God. They do not desire Latin; they wish for guitars and pianos, and they want a liturgy centered on themselves. They hunger for celebrations centered on birthdays, anniversaries and civil celebrations. Because of the lack of this, they either leave their parish of primary life for parishes that continue this, or they stop going to Mass. They are the ones who write bishops about these changes while bishops, who see this trend themselves, generally turn a deaf ear to these complaints. The next group, between 40 and 65 have within large part, left the Church. These are the children of the older group. They have sought refuge in other ecclesial groups or simply left the Church completely. Often referred to as the "Nones", they have largely vacated the Church. The next group, the 20- to 40-year-olds, are repopulating the Church. They hunger for a more transcendent experience, often go to the Latin Mass and teach their children more traditional practices, Latin studies and older forms of prayer. They have profoundly rejected the experiences of those above 65 and are looking to the Church for guidance on all sorts of doctrines. These divisions are not stereotypical. There is within each group a rejection of the overall. For instance, there are older people who love traditional practices. Those between 40 and 65 have not completely left the Church and there are young people who struggle with Latin and other changes. But by and large, this is the current state of the Church. All the trends continue on an upward trajectory. For those who are fighting these trends, one sociologist called it the "Don Quixote" experience. In other words, no amount of complaining will change it. Bishop Robert Barron, a well-known personality, has called it the "work of the Holy Spirit." Perhaps it might just be. Nevertheless, we should pray for all who struggle with the Church, those who have left it and those who complain and cause derision.

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.



LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

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.



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ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:
You can give online by scanning the (GREEN) QR!



CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SURVEY:

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from **until April 7, 2025**. This link is available on our St. Anna's website and in our parish email.

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YOUTH GROUP (9-12TH) APRIL MEET UPS

Wednesdays at 6:30PM
2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th
ldibble@st-annas.com

SPREADING PINE STRAW



Please come help spread pine straw at St. Anna's Catholic Church on **Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 AM**. If you have any questions please contact Tom Golden.

WEEKLY MEETINGS MARCH 30TH - APRIL 5TH

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
OCIA Class—7:00PM^(PH)

Wednesday:

Mass —12:15 PM
Boys Choir —4:30PM
Youth Group & Confirmation
Class —6:30PM
Adult Choir —7:00PM

Thursday:

OFFICE CLOSED
NO MASS

Friday:

Mass —9:00AM
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



Warlito Sardeng (D)
Anna Bella Tangredi (D)
For the Parishioners of St. Anna's
Molly Casey-healing (L)

Howard Green (D)
Britton Brenner (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!

OCIA

Open to those inquiring about the Catholic Faith.
Tuesdays (Oct.-April) 7:00PM
For more information contact Christine Feibish:
cfeibish62@gmail.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>



SCRIPTURE READINGS:

For the Week of March 30th, 2025

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Ps 51:12a, 14a; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Scrutiny Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

****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.

