

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-3:30 pm
*in the Chapel

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION MASSES

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 21st, 2025 /FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God is with us.

Matthew 1:23



4th Sunday of
Advent

The Dream of Saint Joseph by Anton Raphael Mengs, circa 1773/1774 © Diocesan

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES CALL 770.520.8003

DECEMBER 21st, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



COME DECORATE OUR CHURCH

We will be decorating our church for the Christmas Season on **Monday, December 22nd at 10:00 AM.** Please come if you are interested in helping out. Your time and talents are appreciated.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: December 24th:

6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day: December 25th:

9:00 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GUARDIANS



All are invited to visit with our Lord in the chapel, even to just stop by and say a quick prayer or sit quietly with Jesus. Free time on Friday? Please consider signing up as a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian. **We are in need of a Guardian to cover the 10:30-11:30 AM slot.** 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. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions please email your name, phone number, and email address to Alan Farabaugh: afarabaugh@bellsouth.net

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery: December 13th, 2025

Our Knights of Columbus & the Hobbs family laid wreaths



on the headstones at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery honoring every Georgia Veteran.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you are new to St. Anna's Parish, please consider joining our parish family by registering. Registered parishioners have the benefits of receiving our updated information via email, weekly tithing envelopes, and the Georgia Bulletin. White registration cards are located under the large screen in the narthex. Completed cards can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped off in our parish office during office hours. If you are a registered parishioner and not receiving our email updates please contact the office.

VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Onsite VIRTUS Safe Environment Training at St. Anna's

Register online at the VIRTUS website: www.VIRTUS.org

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026

Time: 9:00am to Noon

Location: Parish Hall, St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1401 Alcovy St., Monroe, GA. 30655.

Maximum number of attendees: 25

No childcare provided

Questions? Please contact Patty:

pschaefer@st-annas.com



NO SCHOOL OF RELIGION

CHRISTMAS BREAK:

December 21st, December 28th &

January 4th

Merry Christmas! Enjoy your Christmas Holiday!

OUR MUSIC MINISTRY INVITES YOU!



St. Anna's Music Ministry invites everyone to join us as we prepare for the **DEC. 24th Christmas Eve 10:00 PM Mass with Christmas Community Caroling from 9:30 PM-9:55 PM.** Let us reminisce

and share joyful memories as we sing traditional Christmas songs together. All are welcome!

Parishioners may review the Mass hymns in advance with YouTube links by visiting:

<https://www.st-annas.com/voices-united-hearts-connected/>

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection on **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta. Your gift will enable a family to finally break the cycle of poverty and become self-reliant. Last year, Catholic Charities served nearly 12,000 individuals. Please give generously so they can continue to extend love and the light of Jesus as they serve our neighbors in need.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Do you have knowledge or experience in law, accounting, banking, property management, construction, maintenance, purchasing or running a business? Are you feeling a call to do something more for your Parish? If so, you have skills that could be put to good use on the St. Anna's Finance Council. The Finance Council only meets four times a year, so it is a light commitment, but you get to understand and provide advice on the financial aspects of St. Anna's to the Pastor. If you think you might be interested, but are unsure, please reach out to Father Brian Frbrian@st-annas.com or Bill Schneider, the Finance Committee Chair financecouncil@st-annas.com and they will happily discuss any questions you have.

4th Sunday of Advent

I V E M M A N U E L
S P I R I T Z H W H
A F U L F I L L A Q
S D U P M U S U W M
D A S B I N L O B H
D N G I R D A W N X
R G D R Z L Q M V L
E E U T W I F E E I
A L M H R N I H M P
M R B P C H I L D D

Birth
Child
Spirit
Angel
Dream
Wife
Son
Name
Fulfill
Emmanuel



SUNDAY KIDZ

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DECEMBER 21st, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

December 25th: Catholic Charities

A second basket will be passed.

ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

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



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YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL) MEETINGS & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

JANUARY

7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

ldibble@st-annas.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>

NO MASS & NO ADORATION

December 26th & January 2nd

WEEKLY MEETINGS

DECEMBER 21ST - DECEMBER 27TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

No School of Religion

Thursday:

Christmas Day Mass

9:00AM

Office Closed

Monday:

Mass —9:00 AM

Friday:

No Mass

No Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday:

Mass —12:15 PM

Saturday:

Reconciliation 3:30PM-4:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

Wednesday:

Christmas Eve Mass

6:00PM & 10:00PM

Our office will be closed

December 22nd-January 2nd.

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM

Sunday 12:00 PM

Monday 9:00 AM

Tuesday 12:15 PM

Wednesday 6:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Friday 9:00 AM

Paul Raymond Shelton (D)

Tom McClary (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Nell Haltom (L)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

The Bufford Family



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASSES: JANUARY 1st

12:15 PM & 6:00 PM

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 3:30PM-4:30PM or by appointment

INFANT BAPTISM

Catholic parents must be active, registered for six months 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 (Sept.-April) 7:00PM

For more information contact Christine Feibish:

cfeibish62@gmail.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Week of December 21st, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abed; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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 96:1-3, 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or

Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday

Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

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

Saturday: Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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.

