

ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 14th, 2025 / THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OFFICE HOURS & INFO

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday:
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Closed Thursdays

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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

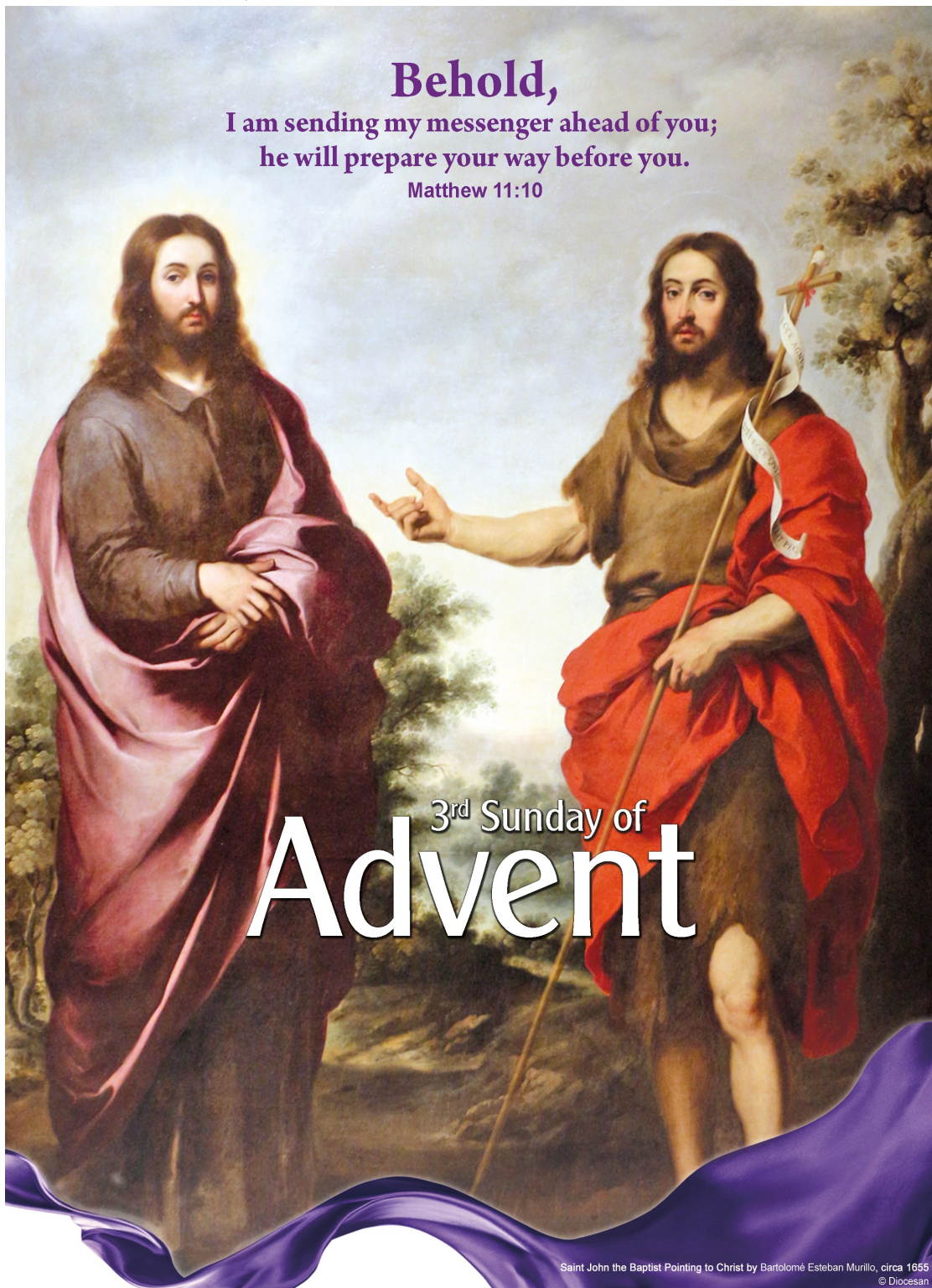
*ADORATION

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

HOLY DAY OF

OBLIGATION MASSES

12:15 pm & 6:00 pm



Saint John the Baptist Pointing to Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, circa 1655
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FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES CALL 770.520.8003

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SENIOR LUNCHEON

All St. Anna's seniors are invited to the luncheon on **Wednesday, December 17th at 1:00 PM** in the parish hall.

Please RSVP to Lynn Warren:

lynnvw@windstream.net or

Pat Green: patgreen@windstream.net



CONGRATULATIONS JOHANN!

Congratulations to Johann Fernando, one of our beloved St. Anna's parishioners, who was installed as a lector by Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer at St. Paul of the Cross Church on Saturday, December 6th, 2025.



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 and 2:30-3:30 PM time 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 and email address to Alan Farabaugh: afarabaugh@bellsouth.net

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict:

Every month, the Pope announces his monthly prayer intention, and requests that we include it in our personal prayers. 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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

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Prison
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Walk
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Hear
Raise
News
Blessed
Prophet
Greater

 **SUNDAY KIDZ**

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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. Anna'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



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.

THANK YOU!



Thank you all for your generosity and contributions during our baby shower for the unborn. St. Anna's Parish is a blessing for the Women's Health and Wellness Clinic.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT / AGES 18-35

Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual **Men's Discernment Retreat, December 26-28**, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. These dates have worked well for college students who are home on Christmas break, as well as working people who have time off during the Christmas holiday. The retreat includes talks by priests and seminarians, a panel discussion and time for prayer and reflection.

Register at calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat

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.

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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

DECEMBER 17th

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>

WEEKLY MEETINGS

DECEMBER 14TH - DECEMBER 20TH

Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

School of Religion —10:30AM

Monday:

Mass —9:00 AM

Tuesday:

Mass —12:15 PM

OCIA Class —7:00PM^(PH)

Wednesday:

Mass —12:15 PM

Youth Group & Confirmation

Class —6:30PM^(PH)

Thursday:

No Mass

Office Closed

Friday:

Mass —9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration—9:30AM

-3:30PM (in our chapel)

Saturday:

Reconciliation 3:30PM-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



Chitra Fernando (D)
For the Parishioners of St. Anna's
Anthony DeProspero (D)
Chris Mathis (D)
Jerry Hobbs (D)
Sara Burns (L)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: December 24th:

6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day: December 25th:

9:00 AM



Our parish office will be closed December 22nd-January 2nd
for the Christmas Holiday.

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 14th, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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.

