

# ST. ANNA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## OFFICE HOURS & INFO

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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

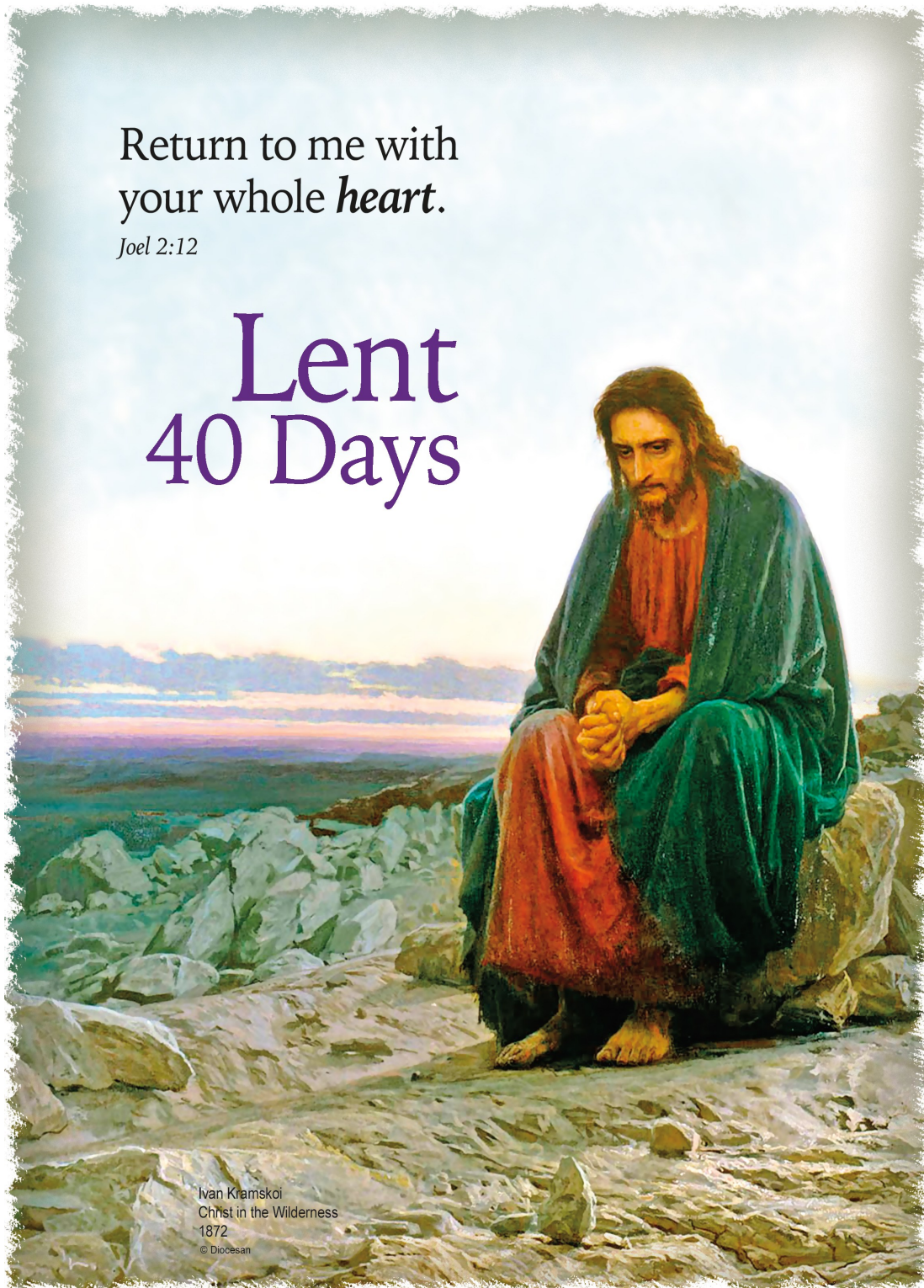
12:15 pm & 6:00 pm

FEBRUARY 22nd, 2026 / 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Return to me with  
your whole *heart*.

Joel 2:12

Lent  
40 Days



Ivan Kramskoi  
Christ in the Wilderness  
1872  
© Diocesan

FOR SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES CALL 770.520.8003

### 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.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Today we wish to recognize those who not only support our parish but also have made a gift or pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, thank you to all who have already completed their pledge payments, as well as, those who are still making payments. For those who have not had an opportunity to participate, but still desire to be a part of the 2026 campaign, please visit our website at [lifeofthechurch.com/donate](http://lifeofthechurch.com/donate) or you may reach the Office of Mission Advancement at [missionadvancement@archatl.com](mailto:missionadvancement@archatl.com) or 404-920-7600. Thank you for your participation.

### LENTEN SEASON

During the Lenten season, Catholics practice fasting and abstinence.

#### What is fasting?

Fasting is a spiritual penance and discipline that should detach us from the things of the world and draw us closer to Christ. During Lent, fasting for Catholics means **eating one full meal and two smaller meals during the day; the two smaller meals together should not equal a second full meal.**

#### What is Abstinence?

**Abstinence means refraining from eating meat (mammals and fowl).** Traditionally, meat was considered luxurious, so abstaining from it is a form of simple sacrifice and penance. The Church permits fish, which is why many parishes host Fish Fries on Fridays during Lent.

#### When does the Church require fasting and abstinence during Lent?

Catholics ages 18-59 are required to fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 18, and Good Friday is on April 3.

Additionally, **all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence, meaning Catholics cannot consume meat.**

#### Who is required to fast and abstain?

All adults ages 18-59 are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those ages 14 and older are required to abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

**\*However, there are exceptions based on mental and physical limitations.**

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) says**

"Those who are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women."

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES MARIAN GROTTO

#### DEDICATION

Sunday, February 15th, 2026

Bishop John Tran

Fr. Brian Bufford &

Knights of Columbus



### WOMEN'S EVENING OF REFLECTION

#### SAVE THE DATE:



Our ministry is growing! Join us the **first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM** as we share a meal and hear a reflection from Father Brian. Our next evening of reflection will be **Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall**. For details email Rebecca Miller: [rrljm321@gmail.com](mailto:rrljm321@gmail.com)

### SACRED MUSIC LINKS

Please visit our St. Anna's Catholic Church website to listen to our sacred music played and sung during the Mass. The links can be found under our **Ministries** tab. Click on **sacred music** and **click on the individual hymns** to listen to the music. For any questions please email Gerard: [gmirandilla@st-annas.com](mailto:gmirandilla@st-annas.com)

### FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus fish fry returns to St. Anna's during Lenten Fridays.

Our Fish Fry will be served from **5:00 PM -7:00 PM in the Parish Hall on February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th.**

Dine-in or take-out is available, with entrée choices including: fried cod, broiled cod, fried catfish or shrimp with French fries, coleslaw, and hush puppies. Other sides available are: macaroni & cheese, baked potatoes. Kids (fish sticks) and Family meals available. Lemonade, Tea and Water is complimentary. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Proceeds benefit the many charities of the Knights of Columbus.



### 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Desert  
Angels  
Forty  
Bread  
Stones  
Hungry  
Temple  
Fasted  
Written  
Worship



SUNDAYKIDZ

## FEBRUARY 22nd, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

March 8th: Catholic Relief Services

### ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING:

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



### PARISH STAFF

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### YOUTH GROUP (HIGH SCHOOL)

#### Meetings & Confirmation Classes

Wednesdays at 6:30PM

**February: 25th**

[ldibble@st-annas.com](mailto:ldibble@st-annas.com)

### CAN YOU HELP FEED US?

#### (Youth Group)



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 22<sup>ND</sup> – FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

#### Sunday:

Mass—9:00AM

Mass—12:00PM

School of Religion

10:30AM – 11:45AM

#### Thursday:

No Mass

Office Closed

KOC Planning Mtg.

7:00PM<sup>(107/108)</sup>

#### Monday:

Mass —9:00AM

KOC Assembly Mtg.

7:00PM<sup>(PH)</sup>

#### Friday:

Mass —9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration—9:30AM

-3:30PM (in our chapel)

Stations of the Cross—6:00PM

#### Tuesday:

Mass —12:15PM

Penance Service —7:00PM<sup>(PH)</sup>

OCIA Class —7:00PM<sup>(PH)</sup>

#### Saturday:

Reconciliation 3:30PM-4:30PM

Vigil Mass—5:00PM

#### Wednesday:

Mass— 12:15PM

Youth Group & Confirmation

Class —6:30PM

### 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)

Annabella Tangredi (D)

For the Parishioners of St. Anna's

Gustavo Leon (D)

Peter Guasti (D)

Patricia Dolce (L)

Tom McClary (D)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday, February 27th-March 27th at 6:00 PM

### ST. ANNA'S PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 PM

### DAILY MASS

Daily Mass will be celebrated in the main sanctuary during the Season of Lent.

### 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:

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Week of February 22nd, 2026

#### First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19;

Mt 4:1-11

#### Monday

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

#### Tuesday

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

#### Wednesday

Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

#### Thursday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

#### Friday

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

#### Saturday

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

#### Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



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.

