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SACRAMENTS
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM
(or by Appointment)

INFANT BAPTISM
Celebrated at Vigil and
Noon Masses
(except Advent and Lent)
Catholic parent(s) must be
active and registered!

MARRIAGE
Call at least six months before proposed date. Catholics must be active and registered!

COUNCILS
FINANCE:
Bob Gaubert

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Chris Penvose

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday Communion Service:
9:00 AM
Tuesday 12:15 PM
Wednesday 6:00 PM
Thursday 12:15 PM
Friday 12:15 PM
(Adoration every Friday
6:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
VIGIL MASS
Saturday 5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

OFFICE INFORMATION
Website:
www.st-annas.com
Closed Mondays
Tuesday– Friday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mailing: 1401 Alcovy St.
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Archdiocesan 24-hour Abuse Reporting Hotline: 1-888-437-0764

NEW COMMUNION SERVICE MONDAYS 9:00 AM

Celebrated by Deacon John

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP

11/15/2020—$10,053.00

Dispensation is extended until further notice for the vulnerable and at risk laity.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Deacon Tom Metzger as requested by Barbara Metzger & Family

9:00 AM

For the Families and Parishioners of St. Anna's

12:00 PM

For the repose of the soul of Monica Zehner as requested by Richard Zehner

There are various themes to explore as Advent begins. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. Paul's thanksgiving to God is upbeat about the future. Jesus warns us against complacency, for the end is coming sooner than we expect. We might go mainly with the first and third readings, about being prepared for the day of the Lord.

Advent invites reassessment of where our ways are leading us. This annual reminder that the world as we know it will one day end, sounds more appropriate in the northern Wintry season, when daylight is short and darkness seems to be winning over the light. But the positive side of this is that a new Spring day is dawning over the horizon, when Christ will come again into our lives with power to save us.

Do you ever watch people at airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They often seem excited, eager for the first appearance of the familiar face, ready with the broad smile of greeting to embrace the returning traveller. We too wait for the Lord's coming with eagerness, because we long for his presence. The waiting is important because, during our life's pilgrimage, we are incomplete. As Augustine once said, "You have made us for Yourself, o Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." At some deep level of our personhood we are in need, a need that only God can fill.

This is a time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to bring us to completion. We begin Advent, yearning for his coming. Today's first reading puts this yearning into an image, that "We have all withered like leaves… blown by the wind." The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene these past few weeks. Isaiah proposes the dead leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives. But he also calls us to look for a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray this Advent, "Come, Lord Jesus," and make our own the words of the psalm, "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people.

Back to the people at airports waiting for loved ones to arrive. It is an alert, active waiting – keeping an eye on the time. In today's gospel Jesus says, "Be on your guard, stay awake." He wants us to focus on our task here and now. We are to grow more mature in our relationship with others and with him, paying attention to prayer, and living with his message in our hearts. That's what waiting for him should be like. And while we wait, we can enjoy his gifts, as promised, for as Paul assures us: "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

• No SOR Nov, 22 and 29th.

- Nov 29 FIRST DAY OF ADVENT!

Please remember if your youth has been expose to someone with Covid-19 to keep your family at home. We are coming upon Thanksgiving Break and we are at more of a risk of exposure. It is so important that we follow the guide of CDC, Archdiocese and St. Anna's to stay home self-quarantine if there has been any possible exposure.

Youth Group:

- Dec. 06: Ice skating! In Conyers. Drop off at St. Annas 12:30 pick up at St. Annas ? See insert in the Bulletin with permission form.

Dec 18, 6:30PM

Please contact Eric Odum; eodum@st-annas.com or Becca Cox; rcox@st-annas.com for more information.

Blessings, Victoria

Buy 4 tickets for $20 and get 2 FREE!
K of C Annual Basket of Cheer Fundraiser for Local Community Non-Profit Organizations. Click on picture to purchase a ticket for the drawing on December 22nd for Four Baskets of Cheer! Due to COVID-19, Online ticket purchases. Thanks for your Support.

Our Youth Group is going ice skating! All Middle & High School youth are invited. December 6th following the 12:00 PM mass. For more information please contact Eric Odum or Rebecca Cox.
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Weekly Meetings
November 29th—5th:

Monday: Centering Prayer 7:00 PM (Zoom)
St. Joseph Penance Service 7:00 PM (Athens)
Tuesday: RCIA 7:00 PM (Parish Hall)
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:30 AM (Parish Hall)
YGAB 7:00 PM (105)
St. Anna's Penance Service 7:00 PM (San)
Thursday: K.O.C. Membership Mtg. 7:00 PM (PH)
Friday: Adoration 6:00 AM—Noon
Masks Required at all times

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Jesse Tree

This year we will be servicing the Winder Veterans Shelter, FISH MD, Covenant House (ATL) and the homeless camps in Athens Clarke County.

Advent Penance Service

Penance Services 2020:
St. Joseph's
11/30 at 7:00 PM
St. Anna's
12/2 at 7:00 PM
UGA Catholic Center
12/9 at 7:00 PM

freedom TO GROW SERVE GIVE

Just a reminder that our Building Fund Four Campaign is wrapping up in December 2020. If you have an outstanding balance please consider completing your pledge.

St. Anna's officially has an APP! Join us by downloading the MyUCD app on the Apple or Google app store today! Our Identifier Code is:
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WEEKLY VERSES
A week's worth of God's Word

Readings for the First Week of Advent:

Sunday, Nov. 29nd– IS 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7 / PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / 1COR 1:3-9 / MK 13:33-37
Monday, Nov. 30th– ROM 10:9-18 / PS 19:8-11 / MT 4:18-22
Tuesday, Dec. 1st—IS 11:1-10 / PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13 / LK 10:21-24
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd—IS 25:6-10 / PS 23:1-6 / MT 15:39-37
Thursday, Dec. 3rd – IS 26:1-6 / PS 118:, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 / MT 7:21, 24-27
Friday, Dec. 4th—IS 29:17-24 / PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 / MT 9:37-31
Saturday, Dec. 5th— IS 30:19-21, 23-26 / PS 147:1-6 / MT 9:35-10:2, 5-8

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