



## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

February 2021

### From Your Pastor

Dear Lourdes Family,

A new year has started and so has our next chapter, a Capital Campaign, in our vision of a thriving new church. This has been a long journey (since 2008) with many twists and turns. Faith and hope have guided us all in the face of uncertainty and will continue to do so as we take our next steps.

I'd like to know what questions and concerns you would like answered before you are ready to make a three-year pledge towards building our new church. Please send to [LourdesBuild@gmail.com](mailto:LourdesBuild@gmail.com). We will be updating our FAQs and publish it for all to see.

As we continue our journey together, please join me in praying our campaign prayer daily.

With the love of Christ,

*Father Jeffery*

### Be a Part of Great Things to Come!

I invite you to join one of our capital campaign volunteer teams: Prayer, Events, Thanks, Youth, Ambassador (they make the phone calls to members) and Communication. There is something for all — whether you have a lot of time or just an hour or two. It will be a fun and meaningful experience. Visit <http://bit.ly/LourdesTeams> to sign up, then the volunteer leader will contact you and invite you to the next zoom meeting.

### Kids' Corner

*To help children know Lourdes a bit better, here are a few questions to ask:*

- 1. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish was named after a member of the holy family. Was it Jesus, Mary or Joseph?**
- 2. Our Lady appeared in the town of Lourdes almost 2000 years after she went to heaven. Where is the town of Lourdes located: United States, France, or New Zealand?**
- 3. Our parish is famous because of what reason?**
  - a) It has the most good looking people.**
  - b) It has the most joyful people.**
  - c) It is the oldest African American Catholic Church in Atlanta.**
  - d) All of the above.**

**Our Capital Campaign Prayer was mailed to each family on February 1st.** If you do not receive it or you need another copy, please contact Angela Massingale at [amassingale@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:amassingale@lourdesatlanta.org) or at 404 522 6776.

# Lourdes Love

As we have shared the new church plans, here are a few of the comments by fellow parishioners.

*“I have been a member of Lourdes for over 40 years. I love this parish. I am in no rush, but I just can’t wait until we move into our new church.”*

*“We visited five other churches before we joined Lourdes. I have never been to a church that had more kind, welcoming people. I have found a home.”*

*“The music at Lourdes lifts my soul; the people are great; and the preaching, well, there is no one like Fr. Jeffery.”*

## We’ve Come This Far by Faith

Way back in 2008 OLL began planning for a new church building.

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| <b>2008</b> | Purchased the land on Edgewood (currently our parking lot) with the plan to build a new church there, with funds from our capital campaign. |
| <b>2013</b> | Purchased the Centennial property on Boulevard for a future parking lot.  |
| <b>2018</b> | Sold Centennial property to Lucror for \$1.5M with the guarantee of 200 parking spaces forever.   |
| <b>2021</b> | Parish capital campaign, <i>Moving Forward in Faith</i> , begins!   |

Thank you to all parish members who have helped move the parish towards our vision for a new church over the past 12 years!

Visit [www.lourdesatlanta.org/ourfuture](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org/ourfuture)



## KEY CAMPAIGN DATES

FEBRUARY

Campaign  
Events

MARCH

Time of Prayer  
and Discernment

APRIL

Easter Commitment  
Sunday