

Lourdes Birthdays

CAROL HADLEY	DEC 16	CAROLINE SILER	DEC 18	SHERLON KAUFFMAN	DEC 20
ESAN EBNER	DEC 16	KATIE KISSEL	DEC 18	AVA GODWIN	DEC 21
HENRY HARRELL	DEC 16	LETICIA JONES	DEC 18	CHARLOTTE AKOR	DEC 21
IYESATTA MASSAQUOI	DEC 16	NINA HYLTON	DEC 18	CYNTHIA THACKER	DEC 21
KENNEDY HARLAN	DEC 16	OKORIE JOHNSON	DEC 18	JAJA JOHNSON	DEC 21
KIMBERLY STRINGER	DEC 16	SCHARLAN VIGNAUD	DEC 18	JEANTEL LUSCAP	DEC 21
LIBERTY JONES	DEC 16	TARYN VOLK	DEC 18	JOSHUA CAHILL	DEC 21
MARY CHAPMAN	DEC 16	XAIVER CAVALIER	DEC 18	NICHOLAS DAVIS	DEC 21
MICHAEL LACOUR	DEC 16	BRIAN RICHARDSON	DEC 19	NICOLE CARSTEN	DEC 21
ANGELEA TURNER	DEC 17	JACOB AMOS	DEC 19	REBECCA ALEXANDER	DEC 21
CURTIS DEJEAN	DEC 17	JENNIFER WATERS	DEC 19	SHARIF KEMP	DEC 21
KAREN ALLEN	DEC 17	LATHAM MINNS	DEC 19	ADRIEL ALEXANDER	DEC 22
KRISTEN SULLIVAN	DEC 17	TOKISHA CHARLES	DEC 19	AYOKA DUNCAN	DEC 22
LANI GUSTAFSON	DEC 17	WENDY SKEEE	DEC 19	BRIAN ELAM	DEC 22
MATT KISSEL	DEC 17	DENZEL WELSH	DEC 20	DAVID BROWER	DEC 22
MELISSA SIMMONS	DEC 17	JAMES MCMULLEN, JR.	DEC 20	JEANTOU DEGRAMMONT	DEC 22
THERESA BROWER	DEC 17	MONIQUE SEWWELL	DEC 20	KAYAN ROSE	DEC 22
ZARA FRANCIS	DEC 17	PEDRO RAMOS	DEC 20	SETH WARREN	DEC 22

3rd Sunday of December (12/16/12)

Thanks to the **YAG** (5:00 PM), **Choir** (8:00 AM), **KPCLA** (10:00 AM), for providing the bread for our guests at this weekend's Masses. As a reminder, the **Health Ministry** (5:00 PM), **Social Action** (8:00 AM) **AIDS Ministry** (10:00 AM) will provided this services next week.

Saints and Holy People of African Descent St. Macarius the Younger

Macarius the Younger (d.c. 394), also known as Macarius of Alexandria, is to be distinguished from St. Macarius the Elder, also known as Macarius of Thebes. The Younger was born and raised at Alexandria, and in young adulthood, about 335, traveled to Upper Egypt, where he remained until 373 or thereabouts, when he returned to Lower Egypt. This monk became famous for his prayerfulness, practice of austerities, and performance of miracles. For seven years, he ate only raw vegetables and beans. Desiring to improve on this extraordinary fasting, for the next three years he consumed daily only four to five ounces of bread that he moistened with a few drops of olive oil. In order to learn from the experience of others, on Lent he traveled to the monastery headed by St. Pachomius. The visitor observed the practices of the other monks, even though his degree of austerity far surpassed theirs. Each day, he prayed while he worked, weaving palm leaves into baskets and mats. The other monks became annoyed at his singular way of working and praying. On Easter Sunday morning they begged the abbot to send away the visitor lest he disturb further the existing standards of prayer and labor. Pachomius, too, having noticed the visitor's extraordinary behavior, discerned that the anonymous guest might be the famous Macarius. Pachomius and Macarius sat down together, whereupon Macarius revealed his identity. The pair discussed the morale of the monastery and expressed gratitude for the time they had shared together. Then Pachomius "embraced him (Macarius), thanked him for the edification he had given, and desired him, when he returned to his desert, to offer up his prayers for them."

Saints of Africa ~ Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M..

To report abuse by church personnel:
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline
Free Pregnancy Test - Advice & Aid - 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org
Lourdes Advocates ~ Ministry for Pregnancy (LAMP) - 404.969-LAMP or 404.969.5267

Centennial Note

About the Centennial Logo: The centennial logo was designed by Robert Evans (parishioner), Principal, Times3 Graphic Design. The logo uses Our Lady of Lourdes blue and gold colors, traditionally associated with the Virgin Mary. A cross shape is centered within the four quadrants, and a subtle kente pattern referencing Lourdes' African-American roots appears in the gold quadrants. The dates of the founding year and centennial year are overlaid on the squares.



December 16, 2012

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Chester Griffin, Deacon

Ms. Lisa Berkley, Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Ms. Carolyn Bell, Secretary

Dr. Kevin Johnson, Music Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Bowen, Director Religious Education

Ms. Paula Scotman, Teen Ministry

Mr. Cong Dinh, Maintenance Supervisor

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30 PM and by appointment

RCIA - Inquiry Classes

Every Sunday after the 8:00AM Mass

KDCC - 3rd Floor

Rosary

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Second Collection

Catholic Charities - December 25, 2012

Organizations/Meeting Dates/Contacts

* (OLLS) Alumni Association

Benjamin Gibson, Calvin Washington

* Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers, Kenya Griffin, Director

Wednesday 7p-9p; Sunday 1:30; OPEN REHEARSALS every 2nd Sunday thru April @ 2:30p.

* Baby Boomers

For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776

* Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm

Ishola Gaba, Facilitator - 404.456.3365

* Book Store: 4th weekend after each Mass

Quita Barton, Coord. qbarton@aol.com or call the Church Ofc.

* (OLL) Centennial Committee - ollcc100@gmail.com

Patrice Barton Smith, Co-Chair - Psbarton901@gmail.com

Louis Hubbard, Co-Chair - dipdab80@sbcglobal.net

* Cursillo Movement / Ultreya: 3rd Sat. 7:30 pm

Kwame Nyaku, Coordinator - 404.543.0068

* Finance Council: Quarterly Meetings

Mary Ellen Macke, Chairperson

* Haiti Ministry- 3rd Sunday after the 10am Mass

Renee Schatteman - 404.557.3330

* Health Ministry

Ellie Daniels, elvandaniels@bellsouth.net - 404-290-2398

Susan Combte, susan_combte@hotmail.com - 404-664-6423

* History Committee: 3rd Sat. 10:30 am

Geraldine Jackson-White, Facilitator - 404.767.1005

* Knights of Peter Claver (KPC): 2nd Sun. 1:30 pm

Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight - 404.427.1039

Junior Knights: Quentin Hutchins, 404.438.1249

* KPC Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Sun. 1:30 pm

Carmen Jenkins, Grand Lady - 404. 229.9263

Junior Daughters: Brandi Collins, 404.936.0544

* Lourdes Lunch: Tues. & Thurs, Sept - June

Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator - 404.375-0838

* LAPS (Life After Pink Slips): 1st Monday only at 7:00 pm
Charles Bowen, Coordinator - 770.981.3663

* Life Issues: 3rd Saturday 4:00 pm

Ron Chandonia, Coordinator - 770.631.0060

* Liturgy Committee: 1st Mon. 7:00 pm

For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776

* Lourdes Athletic Ministry

Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator - 404.704.7327

Kwame Nyaku, Co-Coordinator - 404.543.0068

* Lourdes Book Club

Carole Lacour, Coordinator - 404.629.0878

* Men's Ministry

Patrick Turner, Facilitator - 770.469.4624

* Parenting Ministry: Every Sunday 10:30 am

P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator - 770.981.7226

* Prayer Shawl Ministry: 3rd Sat. 3:00 pm (no mtg. Nov. & Dec.)

Kathy Merritt - 770.986.2907

* RCIA (Interested in becoming Catholic)

Kim Parrish Coordinator 404 981-5977

* Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry): 4th Sun. 12 noon

For info, call the Church office - 404.522.6776

* Social Action Committee: 1st Sun After 8:00 am

Beatrice Soublet, Coordinator - 404.629.9654

* St. Vincent de Paul Society: 1st & 3rd Sun. 11:30 am

Joel Maxwell, Coordinator - 888.246.7155

* Women's Council: 1st Sunday after the 10:00 Mass

Denise Hood, President

* Young Adult Group: 2nd Sun. 9:30 am

LaSheka Beaman, Co-Coordinator - 412-877-3837

Samantha Smith, Co-Coordinator - 678-559-8151

* Young at Heart (seniors)

For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776



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Bulletin is always available on the Lourdes website

*Deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesdays at 12pm

EMAIL: cbell@lourdesatlanta.org

CHURCH OFFICE: 404.522.6776

Today's Scripture readings are:

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

Next Sunday's readings are:

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00pm ~For the repose soul of †Elaine Waters

8:00am~For the repose soul of †John Evans

12:00pm ~For the repose soul of †Arthur Scott

Church Office Closed For the Christmas Holidays Our Lady of Lourdes church office will be closed on Monday, December 24th thru Tuesday, January 1st and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Attention! All parishioners who are fluent in American Sign Language and interested in starting a Deaf Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes please contact Jahannah Sistrunk at Jahsistrunk@gmail.com or call 404.427.1952

Carolling for Lourdes Homebound Please join us to carol for Lourdes homebound members. We will meet at the church at 12:30pm on Thursday, December 20th. Contact Beatrice Soublert at 504-919-3546 for more details.

Boomer's Saturday Night Dinner in the Neighborhood Join Lourdes' boomers (single/married born between 1946 and 1964) for Dinner, Saturday, December 22, 7pm at Noodle: Midtown, 903 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309, 404.685.3010 <http://www.noodlehouse.net/midtown.htm> Come meet new friends; see old friends mixed with a little food & laughter! Please RSVP to Lisa Berkley at bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org or call church office by Friday, December 21, 2012 by 5pm.

Christmas Holiday Schedule 2012

1. **Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th**
4pm Family Eucharist & 7pm Children Eucharist here at Lourdes
2. **Christmas Midnight, Monday, December 25th**
Lourdes Eucharist will be celebrated at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Horizon Sanctuary, 400 Auburn Avenue. Music program begins at 11:00pm. Parking will be at the MLK Visitor's Center behind Ebenezer Church (enter from John Wesley Dobbs Ave & Boulevard). **THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PARKING HERE AT LOURDES FOR MIDNIGHT SERVICE.**
3. **Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th**
10AM Service
4. **Regular Service, Saturday, December 29th**
5PM
5. **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Sunday, December 30th**
Regular Services: 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM
6. **Watchnight Service, Monday, December 31st**
11PM Eucharist
7. **Feast of Mary, Mother of the Lord, Tuesday, January 1st**
10AM Eucharist

LOURDES STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Church Budget: \$18,345

Church Support: 12/09/12: \$19,621

Total Church Budget (07/01/12 – 12/09/12): \$429,060

Actual Church Support (07/01/12 – 12/09/12): \$430,984

ARCHBISHOPS' ANNUAL APPEAL 2012

LOURDES SHARE \$66,146

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES \$41,464

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (02/26/12 – 12/07/12): \$78,687

(429 LOURDES HOUSEHOLDS)

Lourdes Lunch Our parish volunteers served **276** people this Tuesday and **278** on Thursday. We are grateful for these women and men who share the charity of Christ with those who are hungry. All new volunteers are most welcome but will need to call the church office to be scheduled for volunteering. Volunteers are scheduled from 9:30am and until 1:00pm.

Centennial Gala and Silent Auction tickets will be available for purchase after all the weekend Masses of Dec 1-2 and Dec 15-16. Ticket donations are \$50.00 each and can also be purchased online at <http://www.lourdesatlanta.org>.

Thank you! To all those who joined our Pastoral Care Team. Please complete your Safe Environment Certification and be ready for our next meeting in January to plan your installation.

Lourdes Book Club Please join the Social Action Committee for a book discussion on Saturday, February 2, 2013 in the cafeteria after the 5pm Mass. The book selection is "A Saint on Death Row by Thomas Cahill". Do you question about the death penalty and how it affects the rest of us? Through the life of Dominique Green, this book shines a necessary light on America's racist and deeply flawed legal system. Explore why "his ashes are buried in the shadow of a beautiful basilica in Rome". After visiting him in prison, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Green's hero, called him "a remarkable advertisement for God." (CSM - April 7, 2009) Potluck food and drinks. Questions/RSVP to Bill and Mary Moon at perebill@yahoo.com or 770-413-7272.

World Wide Marriage Encounter - Making Good Marriages Great A romantic and long-lasting Christmas Gift for your Marriage could be a Formal evening of Dining & Dancing with Atlanta's finest couples. The Atlanta Marriage Encounter community recommends and supports the Marriage Day Ball because of its focus on Celebrating Marriages. Tickets to the 28th Annual Ball are now available for Christmas Giving. The 2013 Marriage Day Ball will be held at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia on Saturday, February 16th to make your Valentine's celebration special. For details and reservations, visit <http://wwmeatlanta.com/marriage-day-ball> or call 770-623-4333.

The Marist School Evening Series Marist School will once again be offering some adult education classes this winter. We would like to invite the community to come on campus and meet some of our talented faculty and staff. Courses are available religion/spirituality, art and photography, computer applications, history, literature, football "talk", parenting skills, organic food/gardening, Spanish language/culture and more. Join friends, neighbors and peers for three nights of captivating evening classes. Three Monday Evenings: January 28th, February 4th and February 11th (7:00 – 9:00 P.M.) Online registration begins Monday, December 3rd. Register by January 18th to get the Early Bird price. All the details are on line: www.marist.com/eveningseries.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in including: : Joseph Allen, Heather Ausman, Addie Bailey, LaQueeta Banks, Lerone Bennett III, Rachel Blackburn, Ruby Bolden, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Brewington, John Brown, Michael Vosburg-Casey, Jay Coleman, N'Dira Collier, Ed Jude Costello, Leah Cox, Fred Crimi, Clara Cruz, Diane Daniels, Wilford Deese, Inez Doutè, Holloway Egan, Tim Egan, Yvonne Fears, Jim Finn, Charlene Flournoy, Winston Fouche, Helen Franklin, Princesa Frazier, Cynthia Freeman, Karin Garcia, Alamrew Gaines, Jessica Goff, Aldwyn Gomez, Bianca Gomez, Leah Gomez, DeLeur Gordon, Peter Gosch, Miriam Gotay, Jeanne Gray, Johnny Gray, Jr., Dorothy and Melvin Griffin, Geton Harper, Nathan Hearn, Vicki Lynn Hogan, Thomas Holcomb, William Jackson, Barbara James, Nancy Jamison, Blanche Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Sonia Johnson, Minnie Jones, Jessica Jordan, Brenda Lee, Joni Lefter, Hilary Lobban