

Lourdes Birthdays

Ava Godwin	Dec 21	Victoria Smith	Dec 22	Christian Johnson	Dec 26
Charlotte Akor	Dec 21	Ama Eyo	Dec 23	Courtney Lynch	Dec 26
Cynthia Thacker	Dec 21	Charlotte Johnson	Dec 23	Curtis Armour	Dec 26
Jaja Johnson	Dec 21	Gillian Brown	Dec 23	Garrett Smith	Dec 26
Jeantel Luscap	Dec 21	Martha Turner	Dec 23	Geraud Prince	Dec 26
Joshua Cahill	Dec 21	Norbert Moemeka	Dec 23	Ivor Brooks	Dec 26
Linda Elmore	Dec 21	Sadie Weston	Dec 23	Maria Yu	Dec 26
Cicholas Davis	Dec 21	Xavier Brown	Dec 23	Omar Muhammad	Dec 26
Nicole Carsten	Dec 21	Britton Proctor	Dec 24	Rylan McLeod	Dec 26
Rebecca Alexander	Dec 21	Kevin Johnson	Dec 24	Wylma Blanding	Dec 26
Sharif Kemp	Dec 21	Lisa Robinson	Dec 24	Craig Weber	Dec 27
Sydney Banks	Dec 21	Noelle Whitmore	Dec 24	Davis Smith	Dec 27
Adriel Alexander	Dec 22	Vonda Gipson	Dec 24	Fredrick McCray	Dec 27
Ayoka Duncan	Dec 22	Alphonsine Mfwamba	Dec 25	Jennifer Lund	Dec 27
Brian Elam	Dec 22	Carole Lacour	Dec 25	Jeremy McCray	Dec 27
David Brower	Dec 22	Gale Warren	Dec 25	John Mazzolini	Dec 27
Jeantou DeGrammont	Dec 22	Lenora Hutchinson	Dec 25	John Sewell	Dec 27
Kayan Rose	Dec 22	Nicole Anglin	Dec 25	Sebastian Allowitz	Dec 27
Seth Warren	Dec 22	Barabar Miller	Dec 26		

Saints and Holy People of African Descent ~ Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildo Irwa

Saintly Children

These two young men were lay catechists who voluntarily walked into martyrdom. They both belonged to the Acholi tribe and were catechized by the Comboni Missionaries in 1915. Daudi Okelo was born around 1902 in the village of Ogom-Payira to pagan parents. He received Christian instructions and was baptized around the age of fourteen and immediately wanted to be a catechist. Jildo Irwa was born around 1906 to pagan parents in the village of Bar-Kitoba. He was baptized by Father Cesare Gambaretto on June 6, 1916, at about age ten. He and Daudi were confirmed on the same day, October 15, 1916. In 1917, the local catechist died and Daudi petitioned the local priest, who was Father Cesare, for the position. The job entailed going from village to village to instruct the people about the Catholic faith. Daudi was eager to get started, so Father Cesare assigned Jildo as his assistant. Before the two young men set out for their first catechetical journey, Father Cesare spoke to them about the difficulties of their assignment. They both were committed to their mission. According to the Vatican's biography, Daudi is described as a young man of peaceful and shy character, diligent in his duties as a catechist and loved by all. He never got involved in tribal or political disputes. Father Cesare said that Jildo was of a lively and gentle nature. He was quite intelligent. Both young men were martyred on the same day. Five people entered their hut and told Daudi to stop his teaching. When he refused, they pierced him with their spears then threw his body onto a termite hill. The attackers then pierced Jildo with a spear, and then another one hit him in the head with a knife. Daudi was sixteen and Jildo was twelve at the time of their martyrdom. Pope John Paul II beatified them for their Christian witness and faithfulness to the Gospel on October 20, 2002.

African Saints-African Stories:40 Holy Men and Women - Camille Lewis Brown, PH.D

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



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Bulletin is always available on the Lourdes website

*Deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesdays at 12pm

EMAIL: cbell@lourdesatlanta.org

Today's Scripture readings are:

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

Next Sunday's readings are:

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Lourdes Prayer Line

lourdespct@gmail.com

MERRY CHRISTMAS! from the Lourdes Staff.

Church Office Closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 -Thursday, January 1, 2015. The office will re-open on Friday, January 2nd at 9am.

New Year's Mass Schedule

****Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph,**

Saturday, December 27th

5pm Eucharist

****Sunday, December 28th**

Regular Services: 8am, 10am, and 12pm

****Watchnight Service, Wednesday, December 31st**

11pm Eucharist

The Catholic Center at Georgia Tech invites all Catholics in the area to the New Year's Candlelight Mass. Join Father Josh Allen to welcome 2015 with prayer and praise! Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 31st at 11:55 p.m. in the sanctuary located at 172 Fourth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313. Light reception will follow. Parking is available at Peters Parking Deck across the street. Questions? Please call Chris Martineck at 404-892-6759 or email cmartineck@gtcatholic.org.

Lector Prep for the month of February is Saturday, January 3rd at 10:30am and Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

Baptismal Prep class will be held on Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm in the St. Augustine Room.

The Ladies Auxiliary, Health Promotions Ministry and Teen Ministry are looking for professionals who are available to participate in a Career Fair to be held on February 15th, 2015. The Career fair will be geared toward High school and College students who are researching various professions to make a decision for their future career path. If you are a practicing professional and would like to present at the Career Fair please contact Paula Scotman 678-646-2736 or email oll_teens@yahoo.com.

OLL Grief Support Group Anyone who is struggling with grief or loss of any kind is welcome to join us on January 13, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Katharine Drexel Center.

OLL SAT Prep Workshop Is your high school student ready for the SAT Test? Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Teen Ministry are sponsoring OLL SAT Prep Workshop, in support of higher education of our parish youth. The training will be led by renowned Kaplan Institute trainer and high school teachers, and will cover i) Math, ii) Verbal, and iii) Composition Writing on January 17 thru March 7, 2015 from 9:00am – 1:00pm each Saturday in the Katharine Drexel Center at a cost of \$80 per student. The fee covers cost of pre- and post- tests, Kaplan training materials, trainers' fees, and snacks. The Workshop is open to OLL high school students.

Weekly Church Budget: **\$22,495 (New Budget Total)**

Church Support: 12/21/14: **\$27,795**

Total Church Budget (07/06/14– 12/21/14): **\$533,707**

Actual Church Support (07/06/14 – 12/21/14): **\$515,998**

LOURDES SHARE **\$78,600**

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$17,038**

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (12/05/14): **\$61,562**

Lourdes Lunch: Closed for the Christmas holiday and will return on **Tuesday, January 6, 2015**. We are grateful for these women and men who share the charity of Christ with those who are hungry. All new volunteers- those who are at least 12 years of age are most welcome but will need to call the church office to be scheduled for volunteering. Volunteers are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014 "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" – Leviticus 19:18. If you still have a pledge balance to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, [pastor], and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia, as well as around the world. Every gift is important and appreciated.

St. Thomas More Catholic School in Decatur, Georgia, is seeking a qualified, long-term 5th Grade **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** to take over a classroom starting in March 2015. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in education. Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to jraymond@stmga.org.

Development Coordinator Pregnancy Aid Clinic in Hapeville GA seeks a full-time Development Coordinator. Candidates must have an undergraduate degree, 2-4 years non-profit marketing and/or fundraising experience, public speaking, funds processing, website and Facebook updates, and be a practicing Catholic. For a comprehensive job description log onto About Us/Job Opportunities at www.pregnancyaidclinic.org.

Sacred Heart Cathedral School (www.shcschool.org) is seeking a **PRINCIPAL**. SHC is a SACS accredited Catholic school, grades K-8, with 580 students and a pre-school with 120 students. It is a ministry of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a diverse parish of over 1400 families located in Knoxville, TN, near the Smoky Mountains, an area with a growing Catholic population. The start date for the position is June 1, 2015. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with at least an MA in Educational Administration, 3-5 years of classroom teaching experience and 3 years of administrative experience. Interested candidates should email a current resume, cover letter and three references, including a pastor reference, to searchcommittee@shcknox.org. The closing date for applications is March 1, 2015.

Thompson Scholars 2015, Spiritual Pioneers: The Call, Risks and Blessings of Church Development deadline is extended to Friday, January 9, 2015. The seminar, April 21 – 24, on the Columbia Theological Seminary campus, is designed for individuals engaged in church planting and development work, including those who are new to the task. See the application, for more information; contact Sarah Erickson, Director of Lifelong Learning, at ericksons@ctsnet.edu.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in including: Joseph Allen, Audrianna Anderson, Heather Ausman, Christian Bailey, LaQueeta Banks, Edith Barham, Cailin Blount, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Brewington, John Brown, Alexander Burdette, Tamiko Burgess, Cheryl Cianfrocco, Betty Barbara Chambers, N'Dira Collier, Anna Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Yolanda Corbett, Ed Jude Costello, Leah Cox, Clara Cruz, Diane Daniels, Sallie Davenport, Gary Davila, Wilford Deese, Sofia Desantos, Sonia Diaz, Toni Douglas, Temaya Eatmon, Dierdra Edwards, Holloway Egan, Yvonne Fears, Jim Finn, Evelyn Fortin, Winston Fouche, Albert French, Karin Garcia, Alamrew Gaines, Westley Gillard, Jessica Goff, Mike & Janet Goffinet, Aldwyn Gomez, DeLeur Gordon, Peter Gosch, Miriam Gotay, Jeanne Gray, Johnny Gray, Jr., Donna Gregory, Tryphena Gregory, Dorothy and Melvin Griffin, Geton Harper, Nathan Hearn, Vicki Lynn Hogan, Thomas Holcomb, Darlene Ingram-Perkins, William Jackson, Nancy Jamison, Blanche Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Sonia Johnson, Minnie Jones, Jessica Jordan, Patrick Josey, Jane Lawrence, Brenda Lee, Joni Lefter, Hillary Lobban.