

NEWS AT LOURDES (CONT)

LOURDES BOOK CLUB for a book discussion on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Panera at Emory Village at 7 p.m. Our book selection is *Noontide Toll: Stories* written by Romesh Gunsekera. It is an episodic novel—or a set of loosely connected stories—set in Sri Lanka in the aftermath of the 26-year civil war between the insurgent Tamil Tigers and the Sri Lankan army. The narrator is a retired van driver, Vasantha. As he drives through Sri Lanka, carrying aid workers, businessmen, and families and meeting lonely soldiers and eager hoteliers, he engages them with self-deprecating wit and folksy wisdom—and reveals for us their uncertain lives. "Not a word is wasted or a detail extraneous in the clenched, explosive vignettes Mr. Gunsekera strings together." —Pico Iyer, *The Wall Street Journal*. For more information, please contact Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com or 770-951-3417.

DECEMBER IS SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH Prevent Blindness America suggests: ·Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child. Be diligent about inspecting these gifts before allowing your child to play with them. ·Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level. ·For younger children, avoid play sets with small magnets and make sure batteries are secured within the toy. If magnets or batteries are ingested, serious injuries and/or death can occur. ·Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles or a face guard with a new batting helmet for baseball or softball). ·Any toy that is labeled "supervision required" must always be used in the presence of an adult. Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones. ·Always save the warranties and directions for every toy. If possible, include a gift receipt. Repair or throw away damaged toys. ·Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. ·Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges. ·Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS Experiencing God's mercy. That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving. **Families.** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA AND ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL seek a **President** effective July 1, 2016. The President will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the School. Candidates must be Catholic in good standing with a minimum of a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and 5 to 7 years of Catholic school administrative experience. Interested candidates should send a resume and letter of interest to Dr. Diane Starkovich, 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080. No phone calls please.

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, an Archdiocese of Atlanta K-8 Catholic school located in Sandy Springs, Georgia, seeks an **Assistant Principal** for the 2016-2017 school year. St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School is a twice named Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, enrolling 507 students. The school is fully accredited by AdvancED. The Assistant Principal reports directly to the Principal and assists in the general operation and leadership of the school. The successful candidate will be a thoughtful, experienced educator who demonstrates the following qualities: a practicing Catholic in good standing with a personal commitment to Catholic education; a current master's degree in educational administration or curriculum and instruction; a certified administrator, or eligible for certification; at least 5 years of successful experience as a teacher, along with previous experience and demonstrated effectiveness as an educational supervisor or administrator; and strong managerial, organizational, leadership, technological and communication skills. Annual compensation will commensurate with experience. Please send a cover letter and resume or CV to the attention of Patty Childs, St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School, 7171 Glenridge Drive, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30328 or electronically to pchilds@saintjude.net.

To report abuse by church personnel:
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline
Free Pregnancy Test—Advice & Aids—404.763.4357 or Optionline.org

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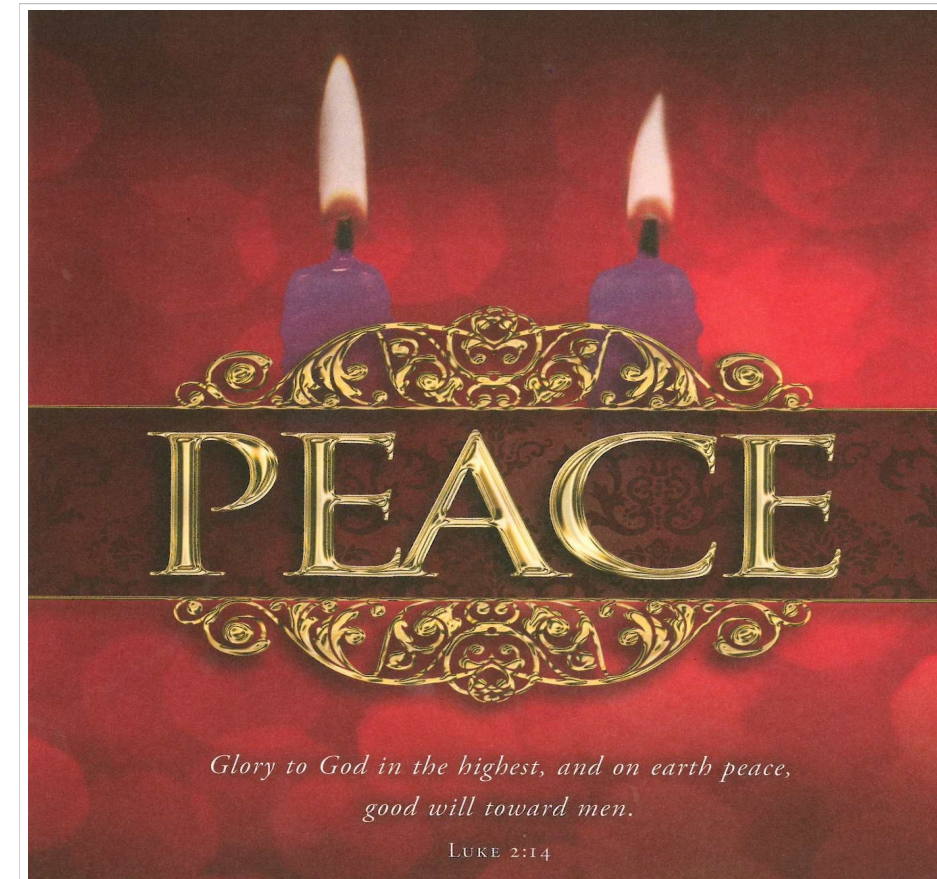
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CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Boulevard, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30312
404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015



Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*
Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*
Ms. Lisa Berkley, *Business Manager/Bookkeeper*
Ms. Carolyn Bell, *Secretary*
Mr. Kenneth Louis, *Director of Liturgy and Music*
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*
Ms. Samantha Smith, *Teen Ministry*
Mr. Cong Dinh, *Maintenance Supervisor*
Mr. Pierre Monette, Jr., *Youth/Young Adult Coordinator*
Mr. Luis Perez, *Housekeeping*

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

Rosary

Saturday: 4:30 PM

RCIA Inquiry Classes

Sunday after the 8:00 AM Mass
in KDCC—3rd Floor
Contact: Kim Parrish
404.247.6628
kaparrish@hotmail.com

Sunday School Classes

K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM—11:30 AM

Teens: 10:30 AM—11:45 AM

Contact: Samantha Smith
lourdesteens1912@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team

678.235.5469
lourdespct@gmail.com
Lourdes Prayer Line

We are active
We are committed
We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.

Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association
Janis Griffin, Coordinator

Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers
Kenya Griffin, Director
Wednesdays, 7PM-9PM; Sundays
1:30PM

Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday thru
April @ 2:30PM

Baby Boomers
Janine Brown: (301)651-5956
jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com

Bible Study
Every Wednesday, 7PM
Marcus Stewart, Facilitator:
(770)491-9319

Book Store
4th weekend after each Mass
Quita Barton, Coordinator
qbarton@aol.com
Contact the church office

(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 Saturday, 7:30PM
Darren Gustafson,
gustafson2954@comcast.net

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry
3rd Sunday after the 10AM Mass
Mary Jane Cooper, (404)375-1686
Jackie Bernard, (770)378-2705

Health Ministry
B. Singleton,
pocomo.singleton5@gmail.com
S. Griffith, scgriff1@hotmail.com

History Committee
3rd Saturday at 10:30a (TBA)

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)
2nd Sunday at 1:30PM
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight
(404)427-1039
Quentin Hutchins, Jr. Knights
(404)438-1249

KPC Ladies Auxiliary
2nd Sunday at 1:30p
Carmen Jenkins, Grand Lady
(404)229-9263



Mass Intention: 5PM ~ For the repose soul of †Eunice Des Anges

Today's Scripture Readings

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Budget:	\$26,197
Church Support (11/29/15):	\$31,115
Total Church Budget (7/05/15- 11/29/15):	\$576,334
Actual Church Support (7/05/15- 11/29/15):	\$502,468

2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Lourdes Share:	\$78,600
Total Pledged & Received	\$126,446
Amount Paid to Date: (As of Oct 23)	\$69,515
Outstanding Pledges:	\$56,930

Lourdes Lunch

Tuesday, Dec 1	245
Thursday, Dec 3	261

We are grateful for these men and women who share the charity of Christ with those who are hungry. All new volunteers (those who are 12 years of age or older are most welcome but will need to call the church office to be scheduled for volunteering.

Thoughts on Stewardship

We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. – Thornton Wilder

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Bernice Malcom, Yovan Marinkovic Pierce McCarthy, Dorothy McClean, Beverly McEwan, James McMullan, Angelo Mejia, Axel Mejia, Chloe Miller, Beverly Mims, Ashton Montgomery, John Moore, Elias Mustafa, Peggy Neeson Nevels Family, Cheryl Odom Idalia O'Neal, Mazie Parker,	Darlene Perkins Lucy Piquant, Lorraine Powell, Charles Prejean, Katie Price, Lisa Price-Alexander, Willie Price Eisenhower & Rosario Raines, Kevin Rogers Janey Reynolds, Rosalind Reynolds, Joi Robinson, Shayla Robinson, Chris Rutherford, Michelle Ryans, Barbara Schenk, Karla Schmidt,	Jollette Shannon, Alana Sheppard, Belinda Skelton, Lois Smith, Renise Smith, Ernestine Smith, Malcom Smith, Regina Smith, Terry Smith, Michelle Skrmetta Lori Sneed, John Soto, Delia Spencer, Janet Stewart, Ashley Stone, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Mary Tarrott,	Brian Terrell, Leonard Thomas, Jr., Lillie Thomas, Terry Thompson, Merlin Todd Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie Vieira, Alan Vieira, Barbara Waller, Bobbie Ware Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Sherran Winchester Juliana Yang
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The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email cbell@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SEMINAR ~ Monday, December 7, 2015 from 6PM—9PM Our Lady of Lourdes, will be hosting a 3-hour Faith Formation Seminar on the topic "Vatican II: A Call to Responsibility, A Mission of Mercy." the speaker will be Dr. Ron Chandonia. The seminar will be held here at Our Lady of Lourdes in the Parish Hall. RSVP by calling the church office (404-522-6776) or emailing Carolyn Bell, cbell@lourdesatlanta.org to register to attend as seating capacity is limited. Donations :\$10 per attendee and dinner will be served.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR Women's Council Nominations for Woman of the Year will begin on December 12th—January 3rd. Ballots are in the back of the church.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR Thank you to all our vendors and our supporters who attended the Alternative Gift Fair. It was a great success. Thanks to all who took part. I wanted everyone to know we will have another fair on December 12th and 13th. Tables will be \$25.00. If interested please contact Lauren Le Platte at 678-598-635.

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order of priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING ADVENT During the first three weeks of Advent, one way we can prepare the way for the Lord's coming is by doing Random Acts of Kindness all around the Metropolitan Area. At both exits, there'll be baskets you can dip into and select a strip of paper with a suggested act of kindness. There'll be one basket for children and another for adults & teens for you to make your random choice each weekend.

LOURDES' BIRTHDAYS

December 6 Carla Prejean Erin O'Neil Gabrielle Gould Maureen Mercer Michael Dural Stacey Gray Tanya Gant Willis Thompson	Adrianna Twine Anthony Smith Beverly Ward Gabrielle Ward Isabelle Gnoassia Jill Triplett John Keane Jonathan Robertson Joshua Brewington Kristy Stickland Richard Curchar	Rachael Hart Tania Jean-Pierre December 10 Arielle Cadet Cassie Slaughter Dillon Hines Luther Ewing Nancy Verre Nia Dural Velda Roberts	Solomon Greene December 12 Annabell Buggage Cameron Lynch Deloris Ward Harold Guidry Khalia Mackey Lolem Ngong Michael Williams Miquelle Bowers Moira Bucciarelli Shelia Okekpe Stanley Dunwell Veronica Mannah Vidrine N. Jones
December 7 Asher Padron Cameron White Carol Elam Donald Shockley Julie Johnson Kimberly Leach	December 9 Aleijan Salguero Chris Lewis Christopher Rutherford Davina Chester Isaac Baroi Johna Williams Marvin Pastel	December 11 Adele Etheridge Ava Cooper-Cadres Brendan Flannery Christina Jamerson Elizabeth Paul Ethan Waddy Myrna Cubilette	
December 8 Adrianna Ambeau			

Ministries & Organizations

Lisa Bufford, Junior Daughters
(678)362-6952

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September-June
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator
(404)375-0838

LAPS (Life After Pink Slips)
Charles Bowen, Coordinator
Info at www.lourdesatlanta.org

Life Issues
4th Sunday at 12PM
Ron Chandonia, Coordinator
(770)631-0060

Liturgy Committee
1st Monday at 7PM
Contact the Church Office

Lourdes Athletic Ministry
Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator
(404)704-7327

Lourdes Book Club
Carole Lacour, Coordinator
(404)629-0878

Men's Ministry
Lenny Alexander, Facilitator
404-644-7554

Parenting Ministry
Sunday at 10:00AM
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator
(770)981-7226

Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)
4th Sunday at 12 noon
Contact the Church Office

Social Action Committee
1st Sunday after the 10AM
Douglas Collins, 404 317 4057
doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry
Rosemary Jean-Louis, 678-641-9020

St. Vincent de Paul Society
1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM
Joanne Breaugh,
SVDP Hotline – 678-892-6163

Women's Council
1st Sunday @ 10AM
Theresa Wilson, President
404-659-6433

Young Adult Group
Fridays at 7:30p
ollyagatl@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office