

## NEWS AT LOURDES (CONT)

**ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL** on for those who died while homeless during 2015, on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 5:30PM at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. Parking will be available in the upper deck next to Jackson Street as well as on the William Holmes Drive side street and the overflow lot. For more information call 678-843-8500.

**LOURDES BOOK CLUB** for a book discussion on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Panera at Emory Village at 7PM. 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](mailto:Lared111@aol.com) or 770-951-3417.

**FAITH OVER FEAR:** A Rededication to the Beloved Community, Monday, December 14, 2015, 10AM at the Martin Luther King, Jr Center for Nonviolent Social Change. Interfaith Community Initiatives (ICI), in cooperation with more than 19 other interfaith, faith-based and community organizations will be gathering to announce that we refuse to stand by while our friends and neighbors, Muslims, refugees, immigrants and others, are being publically denigrated and vilified. Our faiths demand that we speak out against bigotry and prejudice. Join us and show the world that faith and love and compassion are stronger than hate and fear. For more information, contact [interfaithcommunityinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcommunityinstitute@gmail.com) or call 404-622-3399.

**LECTOR PREP** for the month of February will be held on Tuesday, Jan 5th at 7PM and Saturday, Jan 9th at 10:30AM in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

## 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.

**FERTILITY CARE/NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** This isn't your parent's old rhythm method! Learn more about your fertility, why the Church promotes Natural Family Planning (NFP), why NFP is 99% effective, and how it can positively impact your marriage (3% divorce rate!) My next Introductory Class is **Wednesday, January 13 at 7pm** at Christ the King (in Buckhead). To register or for more information on future classes, contact Ann Hall at 404-915-1685 or [annlabar@hotmail.com](mailto:annlabar@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:pchilds@saintjude.net).

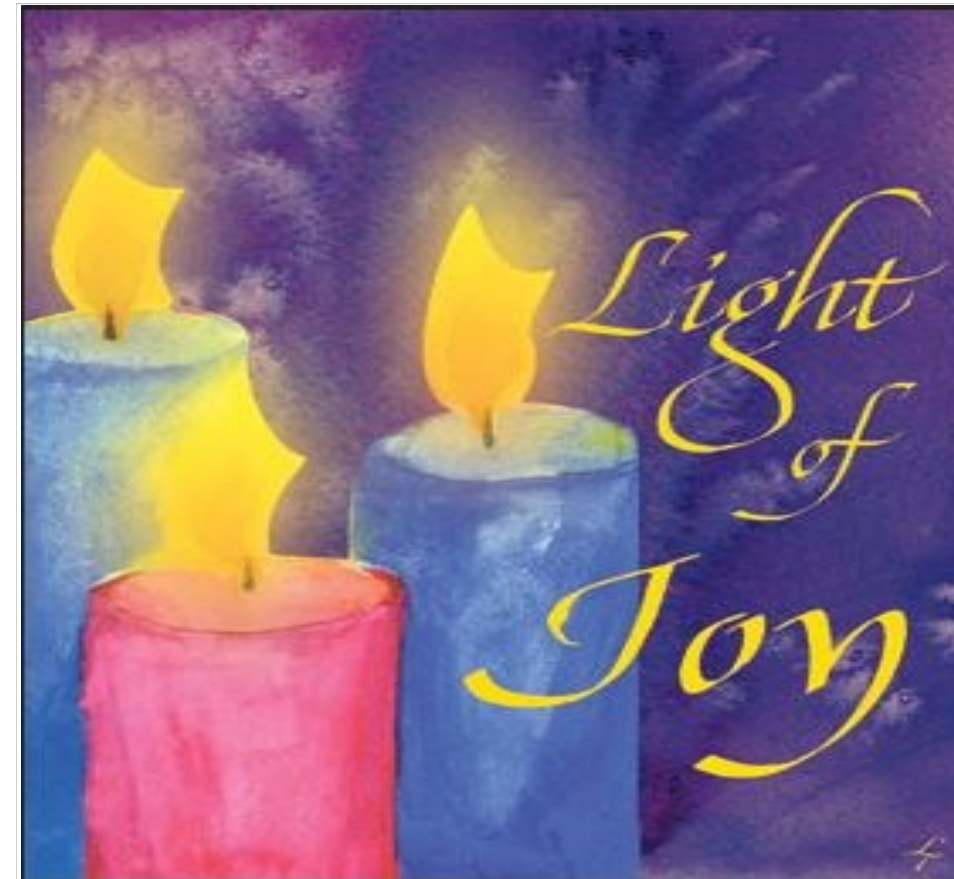
To report abuse by church personnel:  
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline  
Free Pregnancy Test—Advice & Aids—404.763.4357 or [Optionline.org](http://Optionline.org)

## A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT OUR LADY of LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Boulevard, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30312  
404.522.6776  
[www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015



**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](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Sunday School Classes**  
K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM—11:30 AM

**Nursery Hours**  
9:30AM—11:30AM  
In the Parish Hall  
Ages: 3 Months—4 Years Old

Teens: 10:30 AM—11:45 AM  
Contact: Samantha Smith

**Pastoral Care Team**  
678.235.5469  
[lourdespct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdespct@gmail.com)  
Lourdes Prayer Line

#### 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*

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



## Today's Scripture Readings

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Budget:	\$26,197
Church Support (12/06/15):	\$23,010
Total Church Budget (7/05/15- 12/06/15):	\$602,531
Actual Church Support (7/05/15- 12/06/15):	\$525,478

## 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Lourdes Share:	\$78,600
Total Pledged & Received	\$126,421
Amount Paid to Date: (As of Dec 10)	\$70,190
Outstanding Pledges:	\$56,231

## Lourdes Lunch

Tuesday, Dec 8	258
Thursday, Dec 10	310

*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

*Remember, it is not a sin to possess things, but it is a sin for things to possess you. We need to surrender all our stuff.*

## Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Ed Jude Costello,	Alamrew Gaines,	Grace Johnson,
Audrianna Anderson,	Leah Cox,	Jessica Goff,	Hazel Johnson,
Heather Ausman,	Clara Cruz,	Mike Goffinet	Marvin Johnson,
Christian Bailey,	Diane Daniels,	Janet Goffinet,	Sonia Johnson,
LaQueeta Banks,	Gary Davila,	Aldwyn Gomez,	Tracy Johnson,
Edith Barham,	Wilford Deese,	DeLeur Gordon,	Minnie Jones,
Cailin Blount,	Sofia Desantos,	Peter Gosch,	James Jordan
Kevin Bowman,	Sonia Diaz,	Jeanne Gray,	Jessica Jordan,
Aaron Brewington,	Toni Douglas,	Johnny Gray, Jr.,	James Josey,
John Brown,	Temaya Eatmon,	Donna Gregory,	Nelia Kimbrough,
Alexander Burdette,	Dierdra Edwards,	Dorothy Griffin	Jane Lawrence,
Tamiko Burgess,	Holloway Egan,	Melvin Griffin,	Brenda Lee,
Leroy Burrows	Yvonne Fears,	Cliff Gunthel,	Joni Lefter,
Cheryl Cianfrocco,	Jim Finn,	Geton Harper,	Freda Lipscomb,
Betty Chambers,	Evelyn Fortin,	Mary Harrison,	Hillary Lobban,
N'Dira Collier,	Winston Fouche,	Vicki Lynn Hogan,	Michael Lulejian
Elizabeth Cook,	Albert French,	William Jackson,	
Yolanda Corbett,	Karin Garcia,	Blanche Johnson,	

**The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

Please email [cbell@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cbell@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins are always available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** on behalf of the parish is sending Holiday cards to the 82 inmates on death row in Georgia. Please stop by the table at our gift fair to sign a card to provide encouragement to our sisters and brothers.

**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.

## 2015 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

4PM Family Mass at Lourdes  
7PM Children's at Lourdes

### Christmas Midnight, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Horizon Sanctuary, 402 Auburn Avenue. Music program begins at 11:30PM. 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 MASS.**

### Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

10AM Mass

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

Saturday, December 26th  
5PM Mass

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Regular Services: 8AM, 10AM, and 12PM

### Watchnight Service, Wednesday, December 31st

11PM Eucharist

## LOURDES' BIRTHDAYS

### December 13

DeJon Alexander  
Emerson Gibson  
James Haydel  
Jennifer Halicki  
Mariano Rojas  
Mark Zeigler  
Sandra Clodomir  
Victoria Hardy  
Willie Harris

### December 14

Daryll Ward  
Jolene Edwards  
Joseph Okekpe  
Kara Stewart  
Katie Price  
Monique Reed  
Stephanie Bonnen  
Timothy Coveney  
Valerie Harris

### December 15

Bernetta Jones  
David Patton,  
Javod Sewell  
Jerry Billingslea  
Juanita Lang  
Macey Pouncey  
Maureen Portee  
Patrick Crosby  
Philip Musey  
Shoirdae Henderson  
Stephen Lee

### December 16

Arietta Maney  
Carol Hadley  
Esan Ebner  
Henry Harrell  
Iyesatta Massaquoi  
Jamika Duncan  
Kimberly Stringer

### December 17

Liberty Jones  
Maleehah Bowie  
Mary Chapman  
Michael Lacour  
Angelea Turner  
Curtis Dejean  
E. Adrien Saintil  
Karen Allen  
Kristen Sullivan  
Kennedy Wheeler  
Lani Gustafson  
Marshall Dean  
Matthew Kissel  
Melisia Simmons  
Tarekegn Hope  
Teshia Dula  
Theresa Brower

### December 18

Avery Berry  
Carmaneta Nowden  
Caroline Siler  
Katie Kissel  
Nina Hylton  
Okorie Johnson  
Scharlan Vignaud  
Taryn Volk  
Xaiver Cavalier

### December 19

Aiden Duncan  
Aria Burton  
Brian Ray  
Jacob Amos  
Jennifer Waters  
Latham Minns  
Nikolas Wallace  
ToKisha Charles  
Wendy Skeete

## 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](http://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