

NEWS AT LOURDES (CONT)

TAIZE PRAYER Taize has been cancelled on Monday, Dec 28, 2015 and will resume on Monday, Jan 25, 2016 at 8PM. **Happy Holidays to All!!**

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 Gunesequera. 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. Gunesequera strings together." —Pico Iyer, *The Wall Street Journal*. For more information, please contact Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com or 770-951-3417.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED Bible Study has been cancelled from Wednesday, Dec 16, 2015 thru Wednesday, Dec 30, 2015. Study will reconvene on Wednesday, Jan 6, 2015. If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email kam1424@comcast.net.

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.

BAPTISMAL PREP for the month of January will be held on Tuesday, Jan 5th at 7PM in the St. Augustine Room, 2nd Floor of the church office building. Please call the church office to RSVP.

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.

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

THE OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL for the Archdiocese of Atlanta seeks a part-time **Receptionist (28 hours per week, M-F)** to provide efficient and professional reception for the main office of the Metropolitan Tribunal located in Smyrna. Requirements include: prior experience operating a multi-line switchboard; bilingual (English/Spanish); competent use of office computer software including Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook; and willingness and ability to learn Archdiocesan computer programs. Knowledge of the Catholic faith is highly desirable. Cover letter and resume should be forwarded to: Office of Human Resources at catholicjobs@archatl.com. No phone calls please.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL in Johns Creek, GA is seeking a full time middle school **Science Teacher** for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. Holy Redeemer serves students in grades K-8th. Applicants should possess a minimum of a bachelor's degree in education and certification in teaching science (or be eligible) at the middle school level. Experience preferred but not required. Cover letter and resumes may be submitted via email to lschell@hrcatholicsschool.org.

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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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OUR LADY of LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 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

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
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
Psbartong01@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

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; I John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Budget:	\$26,197
Church Support (12/13/15):	\$31,590
Total Church Budget (7/05/15- 12/13/15):	\$628,728
Actual Church Support (7/05/15- 12/13/15):	\$557,068

2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Lourdes Share:	\$78,600
Total Pledged & Received	\$126,181
Amount Paid to Date: (As of Dec 10)	\$70,259
Outstanding Pledges:	\$55,922

Lourdes Lunch

Tuesday, Dec 15	320
Thursday, Dec 17	331

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

Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Office will be closed on Wednesday, Dec 23 at 2pm through Jan 1, 2016. We will re-open on Jan 4, 2016 at 9AM.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All!!

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 24th

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 27th

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

Watchnight Service, Wednesday, December 31st

11PM Eucharist

LOURDES' BIRTHDAYS

December 20

Brennan Baudy
Denzel Welsh
James McMullen
Monique Sewell
Pedro Ramos
Sherlon Kauffman

December 21

Ava Godwin
Charlotte Akor
Cynthia Thacker
Danielle Salinas
Jaja Johnson
Jeantel Luscap
Joshua Cahill
Linda Elmore
Nicholas Davis
Nicole Carsten
Rebecca Alexander

December 22

Sharif Kemp
Sydney Banks
Adriel Alexander
Ashley Crawford
Ayoka Duncan
Brian Elam
David Brower
Janet Fedullo
Jeantou DeGrammont
Kayan Rose
Nia Starr
Seth Warren
Victoria Smith

December 23

Ama Eyo
Aubrey Hannah
Charlotte Johnson

December 24

Gilliam Brown
Karena Anderson
Martha Turner
Sadie Weston
Xavier Brown
Britton Proctor
Carol Harris-Benoit
Kevin Johnson
Lisa Robinson
Vonda Gipson

December 25

Alphonsine Mfwamba
Carole Lacour
Gale Warren
Lenora Hutchinson
Nicole Anglin

December 26

Barbara Miller
Christian Johnson
Courtney Lynch
Curtis Armour
Garrett Smith
Geraud Prince
Maria Yu
Omar Muhammad
Ryan McLeod
Wylma Blanding

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