

**A BLESSED ADVENT TO YOU!** Pope Francis calls Catholic Charities the "salt, leaven and light that provides a beacon of hope to those in need." Every day, Catholic Charities Atlanta **Provides Help and Creates Hope** to those facing challenges in our community regardless of their background, circumstances, or religious affiliation. Catholic Charities reaches out to those most vulnerable among us, not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic. As a member of the Board of Directors and as a strong advocate for Catholic Charities Atlanta, please allow me to ask for your generosity in the second collection at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses in your parish. This collection on behalf of Catholic Charities Atlanta supports our neighbors struggling on the margins of society and those who are living in poverty. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan calls for us to Live Our Faith. Living Our Faith can mean many things, including charity and service-giving of one's self in response to the needs of others and welcoming all of God's people so that they may experience in equal measure the love and goodness of God. I encourage you to take a moment and read Catholic Charities Atlanta's recent Newsletter by clicking [HERE](#) or to view their short and inspiring Christmas video, by clicking [HERE](#). It highlights the impact they have here in metro Atlanta and north Georgia. As we celebrate the beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas, we have the perfect opportunity to allow our faith to shine through our actions. The book of James, Chapter 2, verse 26 reminds us, "for just as a body without spirit is dead, so also is faith without works is dead." I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy all the blessings of this season. In the light and love of the Lord,

The Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Atlanta

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lschell@hrcatholicsschool.org).

**ST PIUS X** is seeking a part-time **Finance Administrator**. The Primary function of this position is to serve as the staff resource in support of the Pastor. The Finance Administrator will be responsible for maintaining the financial records of the parish, which includes: preparing financial reports, accounts payable, reporting cash received, bank reconciliations, payroll processing, human resources, budget preparation and management, and other miscellaneous functions as necessary. Ensures pastoral, financial and administrative needs of the parish are sustained, and directs these efforts with technical expertise within the framework of shared ministry in Christian and Catholic values. Qualified applicants will have a bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting or a related field and 5 years related work experience; excellent written and oral skills; knowledge of accounting principles; strong computer skills; and be self-motivated. Interested candidates should forward their resume, including cover letter (with salary requirements) to [catholicjobs@archatl.com](mailto:catholicjobs@archatl.com). No phone calls please.

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

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**JANUARY 3 2016**



**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  
[lourdesteens1912@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com)

**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  
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  
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady  
(678).371.2677



**Mass Intention : 8AM** ~ For the repose soul of †Amy Joyce Howard Ohemeng

## Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Budget:	\$26,197
Church Support (12/27/15):	\$38,849
Christmas Support 12/25/15)	\$14,611
Total Church Budget (7/05/15– 12/27/15):	\$707,319
Actual Church Support (7/05/15– 12/27/15):	640,688

## 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Lourdes Share:	\$78,600
Total Pledged & Received	\$126,638
Amount Paid to Date: (As of Dec 22 )	\$72,681

## Thoughts on Stewardship

*Stewardship means understanding God is in charge.*

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

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**MANY THANKS** to all of you for your wonderful Christmas and Holiday cards and gifts! We so appreciate your loving kindness! With joy. *Lourdes Staff*

**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.

**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.

**2015 TAX CONTRIBUTION LETTERS** will be sent out on January 30, 2016. If you have made any changes in your name, mailing address or email address, phone number, please email any/all updated information to Carol Ann Pinard at [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org) prior to January 23, 2016. If you prefer to have your statement email to you, please indicate this in your email

**JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH** More than 2 million Americans age 40 and older suffer from glaucoma. Nearly half do not know they have the disease—it causes no early symptoms. If you notice any signs of potential eye problems, see an eye doctor for a complete eye exam. Even if you have no signs, regular eye exams are recommended—especially for those with some chronic health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Early detection and treatment can be the key to preventing sight loss.

**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 Guneseckera. 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. For more information, please contact Carole Lacour at [Lared111@aol.com](mailto:Lared111@aol.com) or 770-951-3417.

## LOURDES' BIRTHDAYS

### January 3

Aidan Cromartie  
Ajani Claxton-Warner  
Darryl Bufford  
Euriah Bennett  
Johannes Kleiner  
Mike Cocca  
Rebecca Cowan  
Ryan Moloney

### January 4

Amy Bultler-Coleman  
Joanna Babinslea  
Kim Szuchan  
Marilavinia Jones  
Rhonda Burnam  
Samantha Smith

### January 5

Alayna White  
Carla Desormot-Saintil  
Cecil Griffin  
Cheryl Odom  
Eva Williams  
Frazier Dworet  
Hillary Johnson  
Lydia Sawyer  
Preston Hatcher  
Randall Bowen  
Remy Saintil

### January 6

Anju Thomas  
Ava Luscap  
Brandy Butcher

### January 7

Cohen Stanberry  
Franklin Ford  
John Hulsey  
Julia Verre  
Samantha Volk  
Sarah Smith

Asa Fludd  
James Carmichael  
Joanne Cooper  
Matthew Cotton  
Norma Guppy  
Robin Henry  
Roland Blanding, IV

### January 8

Amanda Kary  
Edith Barham  
Kayla Brown  
Marie Fortilus  
Melonie Alexander

### January 9

Amber Parson  
Chantell Brown  
Heather James  
Jennifer Bergantino  
Jordan Morgan  
Kia Curley  
Penny Durio-Collier  
William Teasley

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ollyagatl@gmail.com)

**Young at Heart (Seniors)**  
Contact the Church Office