

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:** The full schedule of Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas & New Year's Masses can be found on our website homepage [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

**CHURCH OFFICE:** The Church Office will be closed for the holidays from **Thursday, December 20, 2018 thru Wednesday, January 2, 2019**. We will re-open on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 9AM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be no Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Parenting Ministry and Nursery next Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30 for the Christmas Break.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Office is seeking volunteers to periodically assist with Mail outs, answer phones, filing and other tasks. If you have free time and are looking for a way to give back, this is an opportunity to share your time and talent. Please call the Church office (404-522-6776) if you are available.

**AMAZING GRACE LITURGICAL DANCERS (AGLD)** will be collecting toiletries, gently worn coats, scarfs and gloves (men, women and children's sizes as part of their Advent Giving. This year AGLD will be donating these items to the Lourdes Lunch program. Thank you for your generosity.

**ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL:** As winter sets in, Mercy Care is mindful of persons threatened by cold nights spent outdoors. Many persons die needlessly each year. The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial will take place on Thursday, December 20, at 5:30PM at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!** For more info call 678-843-8500.

**SAVE THE DATE!** - Confirmation Information Meeting for **parents and teens** will be **Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 9:15 AM** in the Teen Room on the 3rd floor of the KDCC Building.

**DAVE RAMSEY FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE:** Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen - there's a better way! Join my *Financial Peace University* group, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future . . . together! Interested? Please join us at Our Lady of Lourdes starting Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 6:30PM - 8PM. Sign up at <http://www.fpu.com/1080340> or on church bulletin board.

**DECEMBER IS SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS AWARENESS MONTH:** Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to make conscientious purchasing decisions based on what is best for each individual child. 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. For more information on safe toys and gifts for children as well as general children's eye health topics, please contact Prevent Blindness America by calling (800) 331-2020 or visit [preventblindness.org](http://preventblindness.org). - *From The Health Promotions Ministry*

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** *In Service of the Transmission of Faith* - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES (2018 CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION)** The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 65-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of the clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence. Catholic Charities services are aimed at empowering people to utilize their strengths and resources to meet their individual and family needs. Please give generously where it truly counts. Please support Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families facing challenges in our community, struggling on the margins of society, and living in poverty.

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)

# 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)  
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018



### Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*  
Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*  
Mr. Kenneth Louis, *Director of Liturgy and Music*  
Ms. Lisa Berkley, *Business Manager/Bookkeeper*  
Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrative Assistant*  
Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Assistant to the Pastor*  
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Samantha Smith, *Teen Ministry*  
Mr. Cong Dinh, *Maintenance Supervisor*

We are active  
We are committed  
We are LOURDES

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



**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

**Journey of Faith (RCIA)**  
1st & 3rd Sundays 11:30AM-1:30PM  
In RCIA Room - 3rd Floor  
Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish  
404.247.6628/ [kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Nursery Hours**  
9:45AM - 11:45AM  
Ages: 3 Months - 4 Years old

**Sunday School Classes**  
K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Contact : Mrs. Theresa Bowen  
[thebowens4@bellsouth.net](mailto:thebowens4@bellsouth.net)

**Teens:** 10:30AM - 11:45 AM  
Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith  
[lourdesteens1912@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin  
Lourdes Prayer Line: 678.235.5469  
[lourdespct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdespct@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10AM



Flocknote

Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to #84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

## Ministries & Organizations

**(OLLS) Alumni Association**  
Janis Griffin, Coordinator  
ollsalumni@gmail.com

**Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers**  
Kenya Griffin, Director  
Wednesdays, 7:15PM-9:15PM;  
Sundays, 1:30PM  
Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday  
January - October at 2:30PM  
amazinggracedancecompany@gmail.com

**Baby Boomers**  
Janine Brown: (301) 651-5953  
jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com

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

**Book Store**  
4th weekend after each Mass  
(Closed until further notice)

**Cursillo Movement/Ultreya**  
1st Mondays, 7:00PM  
Lisa Berkley,  
bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org

**Finance Council**  
Quarterly Meetings  
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

**Haiti Ministry**  
3rd Sunday after the 10AM Mass  
Reginald Grand-Pierre  
(404) 309-7670

**Health Promotions Ministry**  
4th Sunday after the 10AM Mass (offsite)  
Pamela Tolliver, Co-chair  
pdtoll714@gmail.com; (678) 662-6427  
Helen Tritschler, Co-chair  
helen.tritschler@gmail.com

**Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)**  
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM  
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight  
(404) 427-1039

**KPC Junior Knights**  
Matthew Amos, Junior Commander  
(404) 697-2421

**KPC Ladies Auxiliary**  
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM  
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady  
(678) 371-2677

**KPC Junior Daughters**  
Lisa Taylor, Counselor  
(678) 362-6952



## Today's Scripture Readings

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

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

**Mass Intention:** 5PM For the repose of the soul of †Caden & Cylie McCullum  
10AM For the repose of the soul of †Dr. Brenda Rogers Jones

## Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/09/18): \$19,113  
Weekly Church Budget (New Fiscal Yr. 18 – 19): \$28,400

Consider setting up on-line giving today! Visit: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) to give  
or Text 'LOURDES' to 44321

## 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "Go therefore and make disciples."

Lourdes Share: \$124,900  
Total Pledged & Received: \$127,695  
Amount Paid to Date: \$90,145  
Outstanding Pledges: \$37,550

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Dearest Lord,  
Teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to  
give and not to count the cost.  
- Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder

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

Joseph Allen,	Sallie Davenport,	James Jordan,	Barbara Schenk,
Kennan Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Linda Jordan,	Alana Shepard,
Deborah Ambeau,	Temaya Eatmon,	Ken Krautter,	Jesse Smith,
Leonor Angarita,	Mattie Ellison,	Felix Lawrence,	Regina Smith,
Saul Angarita Valencia,	Clinton Elmore,	Janet Lawrence,	Larry Soublet,
Brooke Bailey,	Rita Engelhardt,	Thomas Lewis,	Janet Stewart,
Cherry Banez,	Mary Francis,	Jim Macke,	Wendy Stewart,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Miriam Gotay,	James McEwan,	Johnnie Strong,
Sandy Bell,	Tom Grant,	James McMullen,	Eugene Sturgis,
Jerry Billingslea,	Kenya Griffin,	Peggy Neeson,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Basil Brooks,	Barbara Hagan,	Darlene Perkins,	Michael Weber,
Judy Brooks,	Geton Harper,	Lynette Porter,	Barney Wheeler
David Brower,	Rosa Holmes,	Katie Price,	
Edna Bryant,	Frank Howard,	Eisenhower Raines,	
Luella Chambers,	Frank Howard,	Josephine Rosario,	
James Chisholm,	Cheryl Ismael,	Mildred Rucker,	
Sam Cooper,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Grace Rutherford,	
	Blanche Johnson,		

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

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

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**BUILDING ON OUR PAST, SECURING OUR FUTURE.** Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, January 13 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

**JOURNEY OF FAITH ( RCIA )** is in need of Sponsors for our Candidates and Catechumens who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation at the 2019 Easter Vigil. If you are interested, please contact: Kimberly Parrish (404)247-6628 [kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**2018 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "Go therefore and make disciples."** is coming to an end on December 31, 2018. If you still have a pledge balance, 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. It is very important that your pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. Payments can also be made on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) under the 'Give' tab. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have changed your name, mailing address, email address or phone number, please email any/all updated information to Lisa Berkley ([bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org)).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### December 15

Bernetta Jones  
David Miller Patton V  
Gavin Brooks  
Jerry Billingslea  
Juanita Lang  
Macey Pouncey  
Maureen Portee  
Patrick Crosby  
Philip Musey  
Shoirdae Henderson  
Stephen Lee V  
Zadieparker Idani

### December 16

Arietta Maney  
Carol Hadley  
David Baldwin  
Esan Ebner  
Henry Harrall  
Iyesatta Emeli  
Jamika Duncan  
Kimberly Stringer  
Liberty Jones  
Malechah Bowie  
Mary Chapman  
Michael Lacour

### December 17

Angelea Turner  
Curtis Dejean  
E. Adrien Saintil  
Joseph Longosz II  
Karen Allen  
Kennedy Wheeler  
Kristen Sullivan  
Lani Gustafson  
Marshall Dean  
Matthew Kissel  
Melisia Simmons  
Paul Sanon  
Sharon Minix Glover  
Tarekegn Hope  
Teshia Dula  
Theresa Brower

### December 18

Avery Berry  
Carmaneta Nowden  
Etienne Pascal  
Katrina Kissel  
Nina Hylton  
Okorie Johnson  
Scharlan Vignaud  
Taryn Volk

### December 19

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

### December 20

Denzel Welsh  
James McMullen Fr.  
Matthew Phillips  
Monique Walker Sewell  
Pedros Ramos  
Sherlon Kauffman

### December 21

Ava Godwin  
Charlotte Akor  
Cynthia Thacker  
Danielle Salinas  
Henry Willis

Jaja Johnson  
Jeantel Luscap  
Joshua Cahill  
Linda Elmore  
Lucas Roberson  
Nicholas Davis  
Rebecca Alexander  
Ricardo Ware  
Sharif Kemp  
Sydney Banks  
Teresa Bell

### December 22

Adriel Alexander  
Ashley Crawford  
Brian Elam  
David Brower  
Janet Fedullo  
Jeantou DeGrammont  
Kayan Rose  
Minnette Penman  
Nia Starr



## Ministries & Organizations

### Lourdes Lunch

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

### Life Issues

Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM  
Ron Chandonia, Coordinator  
(770) 631-0060

### Liturgy Committee

1st Monday at 7PM  
Contact: Kenneth Louis  
klouis@lourdesatlanta.org

### 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

### Mentoring Ministry

Louis Hubbard, Coordinator  
lehubbard51@att.net

### Parenting Ministry

Sunday at 10:30AM  
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator  
(770) 981-7226

### Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)

Quarterly on 1st Sunday at 12PM  
Janis Griffin

### Social Action Committee

1st Sunday after the 10AM  
Douglas Collins, (404) 317-4057  
doug1234@me.com

### Stephen Ministry Leaders

Lenny Alexander, (404) 644-7554;  
Fr. Jeffery Ott, (404) 997-3867

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM  
Joanne Breaugh, Chair  
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

### Women's Council

1st Sunday at 10AM  
Denise Hood, President  
(404) 752-9620

### Young Adult Group

1st & 3rd Fridays at 7p  
(on Break till 2019)

### Young at Heart (Seniors)

Contact the Church Office