

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7PM**. Visit <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/24200> to sign up. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link information. If your child's Godparents will be attending the class, please have them register as well. **NOTE:** Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Class at Lourdes or any Catholic church, before a Baptism is scheduled. Questions? Email Carol Ann Pinard (cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org) or call the church office 404-522-6776.

2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "You are the light of the world." is coming to an end on **December 31, 2020**. 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 our parish goal of **\$113,300**. 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 be made directly to the Archdiocese of Atlanta at <https://donate.archatl.com/>. If you will be mailing your payment to the church office please ensure it arrives no later than **Friday, December 18, 2020** to ensure that you receive your contribution credit for 2020. Your financial support during these difficult times is especially appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

MERCY CARE'S ROBERT L. MASON JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: Save the Date!! The winter solstice on **Monday, December 21**, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. The date also falls within the Christian season of Advent, which celebrates the promise of light over darkness. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. While we can't gather together outdoors at our Decatur Street location as usual, we hope you will join us -- and invite your congregation to join us -- with an unlit candle in hand from your own front step, patio or driveway as we do our best to create the experience virtually.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR CONFIRMATION 2021: Teens and their families planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in spring 2021 are invited to attend an online Information Session on **Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 2 p.m.** Eligible candidates for Confirmation must be in at least their sophomore year of high school and have two years of Catholic education (9th and 10th grade). For more information, please contact Samantha Smith, Confirmation Teacher, at lourdesteens1912@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP: We humbly appeal to you to please keep sharing your weekly offering (online or by mail) so that we can pay our hardworking staff and meet financial obligations. You can text your donation amount to **404-649-5276**, OR you can visit the Lourdes website www.lourdesatlanta.org; click on the 'Give' tab and complete the 'Online Giving Form' select the fund 'Offertory 2020'. You may also send in your gifts via USPS, to Our Lady of Lourdes, 25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. **Your donation supports the mission of Lourdes. Thank you for your generosity.**

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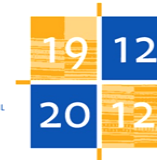
POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For a Life of Prayer. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION: "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior" – Isaiah 61:10 As we rejoice this Advent, we can plan how to share that joy with others. In addition to caring for your family, remember to include the parish endowment fund in your will or estate plans. Go to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on "Plan Your Will" for free will planning tools. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at 404-497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org to learn more.

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



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25 Boulevard, N.E.
 Atlanta, GA 30312
 404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
 Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
 Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020



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*

Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action.

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, 10:30 AM and 12:30 PM

Livestream Mass
 Sundays: 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 4:30 PM
 and by appointment

Rosary
 Saturday: 4:30 PM

Journey of Faith (RCIA)
 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:30AM-11:30PM
 In Parish Hall
 Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish
 404.247.6628/kparrish@hotmail.com

Religious Education
 Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
 Director of Religious Education
thebowens4@bellsouth.net
SUNDAYS AT 3PM (VIRTUAL)

Sunday School Classes
 K - 7: Sunday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Teens: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
 Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith
 Teen Ministry Coordinator
lourdesteens1912@gmail.com
SUNDAYS AT NOON (VIRTUAL)

Pastoral Care Team
 Facilitator: Philip Verre
 Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin
 Prayer/Visit: call: 678.235.5469
lourdespct@gmail.com

2nd 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
Calvin Washington, President
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 TBD

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P.
(404) 522-6776

Book Store

Lisa Berkley
404-522-6776

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya

1st Mondays, 7PM
Lisa Berkley,
bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org

Dream Green Team

Chandra Frank Fowler,
chanefrank@gmail.com; 678-591-0234

Finance Council

Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry

3rd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Reginald Grand-Pierre
(404) 309-7670

Health Promotions Ministry

4th Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Dana Avist, Co-chair
davisto313@att.net
Danielle Williams, Co-chair
danielle_wms@live.com

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)

2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight
earoberts3@outlook.com

KPC Junior Knights

Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander
knyaku@gmail.com

KPC Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady
(678) 371-2677



Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Next Sunday's Readings (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions at 10:30AM Livestream Mass:

For the repose of the soul of †Fr. Chester Smith, SVD
For the repose of the soul of †David Patton III

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (11/27/2020 - 12/04/20) **\$25,522**

Mailed in Offertory (11/21/20 - 11/27/20) - \$6,366

Online Offertory (11/29/20 - 12/04/20) - \$19,156

Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 20-21): **\$24,536**

Consider setting up on-line giving today!

Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org click on the 'Give' tab or

Visit: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4716>

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "You are the light of the world."

Lourdes Share: \$113,300

Amount Paid to Date (12/04/20): \$91,093

Please visit <https://donate.archdiocese.com/> for more information or to donate on-line.
Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Betty Davis,	Thomas Lewis,	Barbara Schenk,
Kennan Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Tometra McClendon,	Alana Shepard,
Cherry Banez,	Gloria Dworet,	Jean McDonnell,	Regina Smith,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Clinton Elmore,	James McEwan,	Larry Soublet,
Sandy Bell,	Lanier Ewing,	Melody McIntyre	Janet Stewart,
Susie Bell,	Barbara Hagan,	James McMullen,	Wendy Stewart,
Jerry Billingslea,	Geton Harper,	Maridel Moffett,	Johnnie Strong,
Deanna Blasingame,	Frank Howard,	Peggy Neeson,	Eugene Sturgis,
Amelia Bramwell,	Jackson Igou,	Evelyn Olds,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
David Brower,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Katie Price,	Fritz Thomas,
Frederick Cannon,	James Jordan,	Eisenhower Raines,	Virgie Thomas,
Luella Chambers,	Linda Jordan,	Libby Ricard,	Frank Tighe,
Mary Chapman,	Albert Judge,	Thomas Rogers,	Sandra Turner,
Sam Cooper,	Marilyn Kapaun,	Josephine Rosario,	Alva Wood
Muriel Cureau,	Felix Lawrence,	Mildred Rucker,	
Sallie Davenport,	Janet Lawrence,	Grace Rutherford,	

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

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES



#iGIVECATHOLIC
GIVING TUESDAY

SUCCESS! Thanks to the kindness of 110 donors, Our Lady of Lourdes generated over **\$13,700** on the occasion of **#iGiveCatholic Tuesday**. As announced, these funds will go toward the much needed upgrade of the church's audio/visual capabilities. Please be on the lookout for updates as we roll out this project. It is not too late to support this initiative. If you wish to make a donation, please make

checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes and write **IGIVECATHOLIC** in the memo field.

Over the past few years, the spirit of giving on this day has allowed Lourdes to move forward on a number of projects that are not fully accommodated in its annual operating budget. With your support on the **#iGiveCatholic Tuesday**, as well as additional contributions, fundraisers, and awarded grants, the church has purchased new hymnals, replaced the sanctuary roof, refurbished its kitchen and cafeteria, and now will update its A/V program.

Thank you for your ongoing and meaningful generosity to Lourdes. You continue to make an extraordinary difference in its spiritual and physical well being.

UPDATE YOUR LOURDES MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: We are asking **ALL** Lourdes members to enroll in our new web-based program 'My Own Church'. In this time when we are meeting virtually, we would like to encourage every household to register as a new user at <https://atlantaaim.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>, even if you are already a registered member of Lourdes. You will be required to create a username and password. This program allows you to update your own family record, add a family photo so we can see you, register for Sunday School and you'll be able to see your church contributions and download your own year-end tax statement. If you need help, please call the church office (404-522-6776) to guide you through the process.

YOUTH LECTORS: Parishioners in grades 3 - 8, your talent is needed in our mass celebration!! Participation involves a telephone preparation session in the week before you read. We will teach you to proclaim! At this time, lectors are video recording themselves and submitting the reading. Email Mr. John Ujda (Youth Lector Coordinator) at john@ujda.net or 404-825-5316 to get started.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 6 Carla Prejean Corynne Charles Ellis Cooper Pearson Evan Pearson Gabrielle Gould Maureen Mercer Michael Dural Pamela Jack Stacey Gray Tanya Gant Willis Thompson	December 8 Adrianna Ambeau Anthony Smith Gabrielle Johnson John Keane Jonathan Robertson Joshua Brewington Richard Curchar	December 10 Arielle Cadet Isaiah Simeon Luther Ewing Nancy Verre Nia Dural Susan Berry Velda Roberts	December 12 Anabell Buggage Charles Johnson Deloris Ward Estela Niyonyshu Harold Guidry Khalia Mackey Michael Williams Miquelle Bowers Moirra Bucciarelli Nicholas Haynes Phillip Boykin Jr. Sheila Okkepe Stanley Dunwell
December 7 Adalyn Turner Asher Padron Cameron White Carol Elam Jonathan Feazell	December 9 Alexis Padron Kingston Parker Isaac Baroi Rachael Hart Tania Jean-Pierre	December 11 Adele Johnson Ava Cooper-Cadres Brendan Flannery Christina Jamerson Elizabeth Paul Ethan Waddy Myrna Cubilette Solomon Greene	

Ministries & Organizations

KPC Junior Daughters
Lisa Berkley, Counselor
jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com
(404) 522-6776

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

Life Issues

Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM
Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator
lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com

Liturgy Committee

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

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

Men's Ministry

Deacon Kenneth Bell, Facilitator
Contact the Church Office
404-522-6776

Mentoring Ministry

Louis Hubbard, Coordinator
lhubbardatl@yahoo.com

Parenting Ministry

Sunday at 9:30AM
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 10:30AM
Douglas Collins, (404) 317-4057
doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders
Lennison 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 at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office