

## Lourdes Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Adriel Alexander   | Dec 22 | Alphonsine Mfwamba | Dec 25 | Davis Smith            | Dec 27 |
| Ayoka Duncan       | Dec 22 | Carole Lecour      | Dec 25 | Fredrick McCray        | Dec 27 |
| Brian Elam         | Dec 22 | Gale Warren        | Dec 25 | Jennifer Lund          | Dec 27 |
| David Brower       | Dec 22 | Lenora Hutchinson  | Dec 25 | Jeremy McCray          | Dec 27 |
| Jeantou DeGrammont | Dec 22 | Barbara Miller     | Dec 26 | John Mazzolini         | Dec 27 |
| Kayan Rose         | Dec 22 | Christian Johnson  | Dec 26 | John Sewell            | Dec 27 |
| Seth Warren        | Dec 22 | Courtney Lynch     | Dec 26 | Sebastain Allowitz     | Dec 27 |
| Ama Eyo            | Dec 23 | Curtis Armour, Jr. | Dec 26 | Benedicte Lutumba-Kabe | Dec 28 |
| Gillian Brown      | Dec 23 | Garrett Smith      | Dec 26 | Charles Rodney         | Dec 28 |
| Norbert Moemeka    | Dec 23 | Geraud Prince      | Dec 26 | Gerrard Grant          | Dec 28 |
| Sadie Weston       | Dec 23 | Ivor Brooks        | Dec 26 | Kareen Romelus         | Dec 28 |
| Xavier Brown       | Dec 23 | Maria Yu           | Dec 26 | Mary Washington        | Dec 28 |
| Lisa Robinson      | Dec 24 | Rylan McLeod       | Dec 26 | Stephany Heller        | Dec 28 |
| Noelle Whitmore    | Dec 24 | Wylma Blanding     | Dec 26 |                        |        |
| Vonda Gipson       | Dec 24 | Craig Weber        | Dec 27 |                        |        |

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of December (12/22/13)

Thanks to the **Health Ministry** (5:00 PM), **Social Action** (8:00 AM), **AIDS Ministry** (10:00 AM), for providing the bread for our guests at this weekend's Masses. As a reminder, the **RCIA** (5:00 PM), **KPC** (8:00 AM), **AGLD** (10:00 AM) will provided this service next week.

#### Blessed Daudi Okelo and Jildo Irwa Catechists and Martyrs

*The story of the precious lives of these young Ugandan martyrs is not well-known. These lay catechists were so young Ugandan martyrs is not well-known. These lay catechists were so young that we could correctly regard them as children, except for the fact that both children voluntarily walked into martyrdom. Both young men belonged to the Acholi tribe and were catechized by the Comboni Missionaries in 1915.*

*Daudi Okelo was born around 1902 to pagan parents in the village of Ogom-Payira. He received Christian instruction and baptism around age fourteen an immediately wanted to be a catechist. He could not wait to tell others about his new faith. In 917 the local catechist died and Daudi petitioned the local priest, Father Cesare Gambaretto, for the position. He was ready to get started so Father Cesare assigned the young Jildo Irwa as his assistant.*

*Jildo Irwa was born around 1902 to pagan parents (his father would embrace the Catholic faith later) in the village of Bar-Kitoba. He was baptized by Father Cesae June 6, 1916, at about the age of ten. He and Daudi were confirmed on the same day, October 15, 1916.*

*African Saints~ 40 Holy Men and Women ~ African Saints.....Camille Lewis Brown, PH.D*

To report abuse by church personnel:

888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline

Free Pregnancy Test - Advice & Aid - 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org

Lourdes Advocates - Ministry for Pregnancy (LAMP) - 404.969-LAMP or 404.969.5267

**About the Centennial Logo:** The centennial logo was designed by Robert Evans (parishioner), Principal, Times<sup>3</sup> Graphic Design. The logo uses Our Lady of Lourdes blue and gold colors, traditionally associated with the Virgin Mary. The dates of the founding year and centennial year are overlaid on the squares.



A CENTURY OF WITNESS - A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT  
**OUR LADY of LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



**December 22, 2013**

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Atlanta, GA 30312

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#### Parish Staff

Father Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor

Father Bruce Schultz, O.P., Associate Pastor

Chester Griffin, Deacon

Ms. Lisa Berkley, Business Manager/Bookkeeper

Ms. Carolyn Bell, Secretary

Dr. Kevin Johnson, Music Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Bowen, Director Religious Education

Ms. Paula Scotman, Teen Ministry

Mr. Cong Dinh, Maintenance Supervisor

Ms. Heather Beckett, Youth/ Young Adult Minister

#### 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

#### RCIA - Inquiry Classes

Every Sunday after the 8:00AM Mass

KDCC - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

#### Rosary

Saturday: 4:30 PM

#### Organizations/Meeting Dates/Contacts

\**(OLLS) Alumni Association*

Benjamin Gibson, Calvin Washington

\**Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers, Kenya Griffin, Director*

Wednesday 7p-9p; Sunday 1:30; OPEN REHEARSALS every 2nd Sunday thru April @ 2:30p.

\**Baby Boomers*

For info, call Janine Brown (301)651-5956 or

Email: [jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com)

\**Bible Study: Every Wednesday 7:00 pm*

Ishola Gaba, Facilitator - 404.456.3365

\**Book Store: 4th weekend after each Mass*

Quita Barton, Coord. [qbarton@aol.com](mailto:qbarton@aol.com) or call the church office

\**(OLL) Centennial Committee - [ollc100@gmail.com](mailto:ollc100@gmail.com)*

Patrice Barton Smith, Co-Chair - [Psbarton901@gmail.com](mailto:Psbarton901@gmail.com)

Louis Hubbard, Co-Chair - [dipdab80@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dipdab80@sbcglobal.net)

\**Cursillo Movement / Ultreya: 3rd Sat. 7:30 pm*

Kwame Nyaku, Coordinator - 404.543.0068

\**Finance Council: Quarterly Meetings*

Mary Ellen Macke, Chairperson

\**Haiti Ministry- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10am Mass*

Mary Jane Cooper 404-375-1686

Jackie Wales 770-378-2705

\**Health Ministry*

Ellie Daniels, [elvandaniels@bellsouth.net](mailto:elvandaniels@bellsouth.net) 404-290-2398

\**History Committee: 3rd Sat. 10:30am, TBA*

\**Knights of Peter Claver (KPC): 2nd Sun. 1:30 pm*

Eric Francis, Grand Knight - 404-272-6822

Junior Knights: Quentin Hutchins, 404.438.1249

\**KPC Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Sun. 1:30 pm*

Carmen Jenkins, Grand Lady - 404. 229.9263

Junior Daughters: Brandi Collins, 404.936.0544

\**Lourdes Lunch: Tues. & Thurs, Sept - June*

Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator - 404.375-0838

\**LAPS (Life After Pink Slips): 1st Monday only at 7:00 pm*

Charles Bowen, Coordinator - 770.981.3663

\**Life Issues: 3rd Saturday 4:00 pm*

Ron Chandonia, Coordinator - 770.631.0060

\**Liturgy Committee: 1st Mon. 7:00 pm*

For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776

\**Lourdes Athletic Ministry*

Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator - 404.704.7327

Kwame Nyaku, Co-Coordinator - 404.543.0068

\**Lourdes Book Club*

Carole Lacour, Coordinator - 404.629.0878

\**Men's Ministry*

Patrick Turner, Facilitator - 770.469.4624

\**Parenting Ministry: Every Sunday 10:30 am*

P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator - 770.981.7226

\**RCIA (Interested in becoming Catholic)*

Kim Parrish Coordinator 404 981-5977

\**Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry): 4th Sun. 12 noon*

For info, call the Church office - 404.522.6776

\**Social Action Committee: 1st Sun After 8:00 am*

Beatrice Soublet, Coordinator - 404.629.9654

\**St. Vincent de Paul Society: 1st & 3rd Sun. 11:30 am*

Joel Maxwell, Coordinator 678-892-6163

\**Women's Council: 1st Sunday after the 10:00 Mass*

Theresa Wilson, President - 404-659-6433

\**Young Adult Group: Fridays 7:30pm [ollyagatl@gmail.com](mailto:ollyagatl@gmail.com)*

Christopher Hanna, Coordinator; 404-903-6113

\**Young at Heart (seniors)*

For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776



[WWW.LOURDESATLANTA.ORG](http://WWW.LOURDESATLANTA.ORG)

Bulletin is always available on the Lourdes website

\*Deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesdays at 12pm

EMAIL: [cbell@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cbell@lourdesatlanta.org)

Today's Scripture readings are:

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

Next Sunday's readings are:

Sirach 3:2-6; 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Lourdes Prayer Line

678.235.5469

[lourdespct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdespct@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions ~ **10am** ~ For the repose soul of †Wally Lucas

**12pm** ~ For the repose soul of †Fred Robinson, Sr.

Church Office Closed on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The office will re-open on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

**\*\*Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th**

4pm Family Mass & 7pm Children's at Lourdes

**\*\*Christmas Midnight, Tuesday, 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, Wednesday, December 25th**

10am Mass

**\*\*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph,**

Saturday, December 28th

5pm Mass

**\*\*Sunday, December 29th**

Regular Services: 8am, 10am, and 12pm

**\*\*Watchnight Service, Tuesday, December 31st**

11pm Eucharist

Caroling Please join us on Monday, December 23rd to sing carols for members of our parish that are shut in. We will meet at the church at 12:30pm. If you are interested or for more information, call Beatrice Soubllet at 404-629-9654.

Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey December 14, 2013 -- March 9, 2014. Rich in symbolism and allegorical content, Bearden's Odyssey series created an artistic bridge between classical mythology and African American culture. This exhibition is available for the very first time outside New York City, expanding our view of the Bearden canon and his influence as an artist, while reinforcing Homer's continuing relevance as a poet. Contact the Michael C. Carlos Museum on the campus of Emory University, 404-727-4282 or visit the website at <http://carlos.emory.edu/content/romare-bearden-black-odyssey>.

Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School On the weekend of January 11/12, Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School will be delivering the homily and answering questions after all masses. If you not familiar with Cristo Rey you might want to look at a short segment 60 Minutes did on the first Cristo Rey School in 2004 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ev8kmPnzaY>. Please also visit the website [www.cristoreyatlanta.org](http://www.cristoreyatlanta.org).

Taizé Prayer Come out on Monday, Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and support our very own Taizé Prayer, held every 4th Monday of the month at 8:00pm in the lower meeting room of the Drexel Center. Come experience a Spirit-filled prayer for peace and justice.

Weekly Church Budget: **\$19,561**

Church Support: 12/15/13: **\$21,157**

Total Church Budget (07/07/13 – 12/15/13): **\$448,792**

Actual Church Support (07/07/13 – 12/15/13): **\$526,131**

LOURDES SHARE **\$70,049**

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$34,341**

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (02/15/13 – 12/19/13): **\$60,710**

(382 LOURDES HOUSEHOLD)

Lourdes Lunch Our parish volunteers served **216** people this Tuesday and **275** on Thursday. We are grateful for these women and men who share the charity of Christ with those who are hungry. **All new volunteers 12 years old (8<sup>th</sup> graders) or older are most welcome but will need to call the church office to be scheduled for volunteering.** Volunteers are scheduled from 9:30am and until 1:00pm.

Join the Lourdes Book Club for a book discussion on Saturday, February 1 2014 at 7 PM. We will meet at Panera Bread at Emory Village located at 1545 N. Decatur Rd. Our book for this discussion is The Hundred Secret Sense by Amy Tan. Tan unfolds a series of family secrets that questions the connection between fate, beliefs, and hopes, memory and imagination, and the natural gifts of our hundred secret senses. She has conjured the tortuous lives of an older generation of women whose fate brought them from China to this country, as well as the frustration and fascination of their American-born daughters. "The Hundred Secret Senses doesn't simply return to a world but burrows more deeply into it, following new trails to fresh revelations." --Newsweek For more information, please contact Carole Lacour at [Lared111@aol.com](mailto:Lared111@aol.com) or (404) 629-078.

Please take 95 seconds to help United Way and Atlanta Falcons Jonathan Babineaux cut our nation's dropout rate in half by joining Team Babineaux at [www.unitedway.org/babineaux](http://www.unitedway.org/babineaux). No cost at all, just your time." Thanks, #95

December is Safe Toys and Gifts Month Prevent Blindness America suggests:

- 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.
- Inspect all toys before purchasing. Monitor toys that your child has received as gifts to make sure they are appropriate for your child's age and developmental level.
- For younger children, avoid play sets with small magnets and make sure batteries are secured within the toy. If magnets or batteries are ingested, serious injuries and/or death can occur.
- Gifts of sports equipment should always be accompanied by protective gear (such as a basketball along with eye goggles or a face guard with a new batting helmet for baseball or softball).
- Any toy that is labeled "supervision required" must always be used in the presence of an adult. Keep toys meant for older children away from younger ones.
- Always save the warranties and directions for every toy. If possible, include a gift receipt. Repair or throw away damaged toys.
- Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off.
- Inspect toys for sturdiness. Your child's toys should be durable, with no sharp edges or points. The toys should also withstand impact. Dispose of plastic wrapping material immediately on toys as they may have sharp edges.
- Don't give toys with small parts to young children. Young kids tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking. If the part of a toy can fit in a toilet paper roll, the toy is not appropriate for children under the age of 3.

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School in Decatur is seeking a para-professional to assist in elementary classrooms. The elementary para-professional will work on days when students are present; normally 40 hours per week. Teacher certification is preferred. Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Susanne Greenwood, Principal, St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, 2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, GA 30032 or fax information to 404-241-4382.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in including: Joseph Allen, Audrianna Anderson, Heather Ausman, Addie Bailey, LaQueeta Banks, Edith Barham, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Brewington, John Brown, Heidi, Bruntijen, Alexander Burdette, Tamiko Burgess, Betty Barbara Chambers, Jay Coleman, N'Dira Collier, Ed Jude Costello, Leah Cox, Fred Crimi, Clara Cruz, Diane Daniels, Gary Davila, Wilford Deese, Eugene Desanges, Sofia Desantos, Sonia Diaz, Inez Doutè, Temaya Eatmon, Dierdra Edwards, Holloway Egan, Tim Egan, Mattie Ellison, Yvonne Fears, Jim Finn, Evelyn Fortin, Winston Fouche, Helen Franklin, Suzanne French, Karin Garcia, Alamrew Gaines, Jessica Goff, Mike & Janet Goffinet, Aldwyn Gomez, DeLeur Gordon, Peter Gosch, Miriam Gotay, Jeanne Gray, Johnny Gray, Jr., Donna Gregory, Dorothy and Melvin Griffin, Geton Harper, Nathan Hearn, Vicki Lynn Hogan, Thomas Holcomb, William Jackson, Nancy Jamison, Blanche Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Sonia Johnson, Minnie Jones, Jessica Jordan, Felix & Jane Lawrence, Brenda Lee, Joni Lefter, Kevin Linder, Hillary Lobban,.