

## Lourdes Birthdays

Adriel Alexander	Dec 22	Gale Warren	Dec 25	John Mazzolini	Dec 27
Ayoka Duncan	Dec 22	Lenora Hutchinson	Dec 25	John Sewell	Dec 27
Brian Elam	Dec 22	Barbara Miller	Dec 26	Sebastain Allowitz	Dec 27
David Brower	Dec 22	Christian Johnson	Dec 26	Benedicte Lutumba-Kabe	Dec 28
Jeantou DeGrammont	Dec 22	Courtney Lynch	Dec 26	Charles Rodney	Dec 28
Kayan Rose	Dec 22	Curtis Armour, Jr.	Dec 26	Gerrard Grant	Dec 28
Seth Warren	Dec 22	Garrett Smith	Dec 26	Kareen Romelus	Dec 28
Ama Eyo	Dec 23	Geraud Prince	Dec 26	Mary Washington	Dec 28
Gillian Brown	Dec 23	Ivor Brooks	Dec 26	Stephany Heller	Dec 28
Norbert Moemeka	Dec 23	Maria Yu	Dec 26	Alexis Ayers	Dec 29
Sadie Weston	Dec 23	Rylan McLeod	Dec 26	Brad Olecki	Dec 29
Xavier Brown	Dec 23	Wylma Blanding	Dec 26	Doris Coleman	Dec 29
Lisa Robinson	Dec 24	Craig Weber	Dec 27	John Grady	Dec 29
Noelle Whitmore	Dec 24	Davis Smith	Dec 27	Kennedy Blanchard	Dec 29
Vonda Gipson	Dec 24	Fredrick McCray	Dec 27	Landyn Minns	Dec 29
Alphonsine Mfwamba	Dec 25	Jennifer Lund	Dec 27		
Carole Lecour	Dec 25	Jeremy McCray	Dec 27		

### Saints and Holy People of African Descent ~ Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildo Irwa Saintly Children

These two young men were lay catechists who voluntarily walked into martyrdom. They both belonged to the Acholi tribe and were catechized by the Comboni Missionaries in 1915. Daudi Okelo was born around 1902 in the village of Ogom-Payira to pagan parents. He received Christian instructions and was baptized around the age of fourteen and immediately wanted to be a catechist. Jildo Irwa was born around 1906 to pagan parents in the village of Bar-Kitoba. He was baptized by Father Cesare Gambaretto on June 6, 1916, at about age ten. He and Daudi were confirmed on the same day, October 15, 1916. In 1917, the local catechist died and Daudi petitioned the local priest, who was Father Cesare, for the position. The job entailed going from village to village to instruct the people about the Catholic faith. Daudi was eager to get started, so Father Cesare assigned Jildo as his assistant. Before the two young men set out for their first catechetical journey, Father Cesare spoke to them about the difficulties of their assignment. They both were committed to their mission. According to the Vatican's biography, Daudi is described as a young man of peaceful and shy character, diligent in his duties as a catechist and loved by all. He never got involved in tribal or political disputes. Father Cesare said that Jildo was of a lively and gentle nature. He was quite intelligent. Both young men were martyred on the same day. Five people entered their hut and told Daudi to stop his teaching. When he refused, they pierced him with their spears then threw his body onto a termite hill. The attackers then pierced Jildo with a spear, and then another one hit him in the head with a knife. Daudi was sixteen and Jildo was twelve at the time of their martyrdom. Pope John Paul II beatified them for their Christian witness and faithfulness to the Gospel on October 20, 2002.

African Saints-African Stories:40 Holy Men and Women - Camille Lewis Brown, PH.D

*To report abuse by church personnel:*

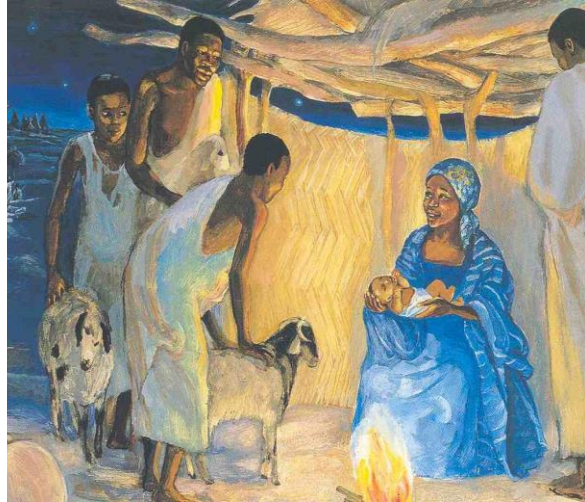
**888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline**

**Free Pregnancy Test - Advice & Aid - 404.763.4357 or [Optionline.org](http://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.



**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 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:1-25

**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)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS! from the Lourdes Staff.**

**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.

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**\*\*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

**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=6Ev8kmP>. Please visit the website [www.cristoreyatlantia.org](http://www.cristoreyatlantia.org).

**The Women Council** is accepting nominations for 2013 Outstanding Woman of the Year. Your nominee must be an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Ballot boxes will be located at both entrance of the church, please submit your ballot by January 5, 2014. One ballot per church member/ministry.

**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.

**Lector Prep** for the month of February is Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am and Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

**Baptismal Prep** class will be held on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the St. Augustine Room.

## LOURDES STEWARDSHIP

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

Church Support: 12/22/13: **\$15,071**

Total Church Budget (07/07/13 – 12/22/13): **\$468,353**

Actual Church Support (07/07/13 – 12/22/13): **\$541,202**

## ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

LOURDES SHARE **\$70,049**

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$34,341**

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

(380 LOURDES HOUSEHOLD)

**Lourdes Lunch** will be closed for the Holiday Season. Lourdes Lunch will begin serving again on Jan 2nd. **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.

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

**Mass of Healing** for anyone impacted by Addiction; Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10:00AM Mass is celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption's main church for all those struggling with any addiction, as well as anyone who is impacted by the addiction of someone else. Coffee social after Mass, all are welcome! For more information, contact [mdannenfelser@olachurch.org](mailto:mdannenfelser@olachurch.org).

**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.

**Atlanta Catholic Singles** is a group for Catholic young professionals in the Archdiocese. Join us for various social, service, sports and spiritual events. Details at [AtlantaCatholicSingles.org](http://AtlantaCatholicSingles.org). Also Twitter (@AtlCathSingles) and Facebook ([facebook.com/AtlantaCatholicSingles](https://www.facebook.com/AtlantaCatholicSingles)).

**Pregnancy Aid Clinic** is having our annual Celebration of Life Banquet on February 8th at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. We expect Bishop Talley to celebrate the Vigil Mass before the dinner. We would like to invite all parishioners around Atlanta to attend. Tickets can be purchased at [pregnancyaidclinic.org](http://pregnancyaidclinic.org) or 404-763-4432.

**Regina Caeli Academy** is currently accepting applications for the 2014-15 academic year. Please visit our website at [www.rcybrid.org](http://www.rcybrid.org) and choose the Apply link to begin your family application. RCA is hosting an Open House on Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00-4:00 pm for interested families. For additional information for the Atlanta campus, please contact, Nikki Hand at [nhand.atl@rcybrid.org](mailto:nhand.atl@rcybrid.org) or (678) 294-6321. The location is: Christ Church Episcopal Church, 400 Holcomb Bridge Road Norcross, GA 30071 For the Fayetteville campus, please contact: Kristin Saegaert at [ksaegaert.fay@rcybrid.org](mailto:ksaegaert.fay@rcybrid.org) or 404-455-6839. The location is: Episcopal Church of the Nativity 130 Antioch Road, Fayetteville, GA 30215.

**Called and Gifted Workshop** How is God Calling You? January 10-11, 2014 St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church and the Catherine of Siena Institute will be offering a Called & Gifted™ workshop on Friday, January 10 (7p.m. - 9:30p.m.) - Saturday, January 11, 2014 (9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.). The Called & Gifted™ process is designed to help Christians discern the presence of spiritual gifts in their life. The program has been used by more than 55,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world since 1993. Workshop highlights include the five steps of discerning the spiritual gifts that God has given you and how discerning your gifts can change your own life and the world. The cost is \$40 per person by December 22 (\$50 after that date) and includes course materials, meals and refreshments. For more information and to register online, log on to [www.stjudeatlanta.net/called](http://www.stjudeatlanta.net/called).

**Please pray for our sick & shut-in including:** Bernice Malcolm, Pierce McCarthy, Dorothy McClean, James McMullan, Beverly Mims, Ashton Montgomery, John Moore, Elias Mustafa, Chloe Miller, Miriam Norton, Gloria Oakley, Idalia O'Neal, Mazie Parker, Lucy Piquant, Lorraine Powell, Katie Price, Juliet Pilgrim, Eisenhower and Rosario Raines, Janet Nixon Reynolds, Rosalind Reynolds, Joi Robinson, Joe Robinson, Shayla Robinson, Christopher Rutherford, Michelle Ryans, Barbara Schenk, Karla Schmidt, Adrienne Sellers, Jolette Shannon, Alana Sheppard, Belinda Skelton, Lois Smith & Renise Smith, Ernestine Smith, Malcolm Smith, Regina Smith, Terry Smith, Lori Sneed, John Soto, Delia Spencer, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Brian Terrell, Lillie Thomas, Terry Thompson, Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie Vieire, Barbara Waller, Bobbie Ware, Wesley & Sophie Waring, Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Sherran Winchester.