

Lourdes Birthdays

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| Arietta Maney | Dec 16 | Matt Kissel | Dec 17 | Wendy Skeete | Dec 19 |
| Carol Hadley | Dec 16 | Melisia Simmons | Dec 17 | Denzel Welsh | Dec 20 |
| Esan Ebner | Dec 16 | Michelle Marshall | Dec 17 | James McMullen | Dec 20 |
| Henry Harrell | Dec 16 | Theresa Brower | Dec 17 | Monique Sewell | Dec 20 |
| Iyesatta Massaquoi | Dec 16 | Zara Francis | Dec 17 | Pedro Ramos | Dec 20 |
| Jamika Duncan | Dec 16 | Caroline Siler | Dec 18 | Sherlon Kauffman | Dec 20 |
| Kennedy Harland | Dec 16 | Katie Kissel | Dec 18 | Ava Godwin | Dec 21 |
| Kimberly Stringer | Dec 16 | Nina Hylton | Dec 18 | Charlotte Akor | Dec 21 |
| Liberty Jones | Dec 16 | Okorie Johnson | Dec 18 | Cynthia Thacker | Dec 21 |
| Mary Chapman | Dec 16 | Scharlan Vignaud | Dec 18 | Jaja Johnson | Dec 21 |
| Michael Lacour | Dec 16 | Taryn Volk | Dec 18 | Jeantel Luscap | Dec 21 |
| Angelea Turner | Dec 17 | Xavier Cavalier | Dec 18 | Joshua Cahill | Dec 21 |
| Curtis Dejean | Dec 17 | Brian Richardson | Dec 19 | Nicholas Davis | Dec 21 |
| Karen Allen | Dec 17 | Jacob Amos | Dec 19 | Nicole Carsten | Dec 21 |
| Kristen Sullivan | Dec 17 | Jennifer Waters | Dec 19 | Rebecca Alexander | Dec 21 |
| Lani Gustafson | Dec 17 | Latham Minns | Dec 19 | Sharif Kemp | Dec 21 |
| Marshall Dean | Dec 17 | ToKisha Charles | Dec 19 | Sydney Banks | Dec 21 |

3rd Sunday of December (12/15/13)

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

The Desert People
c. 250 - 500

The desert has a special place in Christian spirituality. There was desert land not far from the holy city of Jerusalem and only a short distance from the Galilean countryside as well. A place to which Jesus and his followers frequently withdrew, it was also the site where John the Baptist, last in the line of great prophets, appeared to herald the Messiah’s presence, citing another desert prophet, Isaiah, who had proclaimed: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight.”’

Jesus may have spent years of preparation for his ministry in a desert monastery, and just before his tumultuous final three years of public ministry, he was tempted by Satan in the wilderness, where the Devil offered him tangible power and influence if he would abandon his messianic role, Jesus, alone in the desert, rejected the offer. “Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him” (Matt 5:6.)

African Saints- Saints, Martyrs, and Holy People from the Continent of Africa; Frederick Quinn

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, Times³ 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 15, 2013

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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 - 3rd 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
** 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 or call the church office
** (OLL) Centennial Committee – ollcc100@gmail.com*
Patrice Barton Smith, Co-Chair – Psbarton901@gmail.com
Louis Hubbard, Co-Chair – 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- 3rd Sunday after the 10am Mass*
Mary Jane Cooper 404-375-1686
Jackie Wales 770-378-2705
** Health Ministry*
Ellie Daniels, 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 Souble, 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*
Christopher Hanna, Coordinator; 404-903-6113
** Young at Heart (seniors)*
For info, call the Church Office - 404.522.6776



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Bulletin is always available on the Lourdes website

***Deadline for bulletin notices is Wednesdays at 12pm**

EMAIL: cbell@lourdesatlanta.org

Today's Scripture readings are:

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Next Sunday's readings are:

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

Lourdes Prayer Line

678.235.5469

lourdespct@gmail.com

Mass Intentions ~ **12pm** ~ For the repose soul of †Arthur Scott

Church Office Closed on Tuesday, December 24th – Wednesday, January 1, 2014. The office will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd 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 Soublet at 404-629-9654 .

Random Acts Of Kindness During Advent During the first three weeks of Advent, one way we can prepare the way for the Lord's coming is by doing Random Acts of Kindness all around the Metropolitan Area. At both exits, there'll be baskets you can dip into and select a strip of paper with a suggested act of kindness. There'll be one basket for children and another for adults & teens for you to make your random choice each weekend. Or you can cook up some kind action on your own to make our world more compassionate

Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical Gathering on December 17, 2013 at 7pm, to be held at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, 2500 Clairmont Rd, Atlanta, GA 30329. This will be a beautiful religious evening displaying the special gifts of music, liturgy, and word of both Churches. Every Catholic should attend this beautiful event that brings us closer to our Orthodox brothers and sisters. What a great way to celebrate Advent.

African-American Men Mentors Our parish school, Hope-Hill Elementary is seeking black male mentors for grades K – 5th. The mentoring program is set to kick-off in January 2014. All interested individuals will need to pass a background check and be at least 25 years or older. **Lourdes will pay for background checks for all that are interested.** Please reply by December 15th to Louis Hubbard at 512-426-7888 or Larry Soublet at 404-629-9654. Thank you in advance for your support!

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

Church Support: 12/08/13: **\$42,823**

Total Church Budget (07/07/13 – 12/08/13): **\$429,231**

Actual Church Support (07/07/13 – 12/08/13): **\$504,974**

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

LOURDES SHARE **\$70,049**

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$35,921**

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (02/15/13 – 12/06/13): **\$58,865**

(380 LOURDES HOUSEHOLD)

Lourdes Lunch Our parish volunteers served **270** people this Tuesday and **318** 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 (8th 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. 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.

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.

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, Fred Robinson, 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.