

## Lourdes Birthdays)

Adrian Osiebu	May 4	Zuriel Iheonye	May 5	Jahannah Sistrunk	May 9
Chandler Searcy	May 4	Ada Lipscomb	May 6	Jonathan Howard	May 9
Chase Gardner	May 4	Corin St. Julien	May 6	Kari Elam	May 9
Kade Curchar	May 4	Desmond Brown	May 6	Kisha-Ann Williams	May 9
Margul Retha Woolfolk	May 4	Katherine Pheasant	May 6	Kennedie Greene	May 9
Tida Barfield	May 4	Luka Marinkovic	May 6	Marie Turner	May 9
Adrian Slaughter	May 5	Sara Pheasant	May 6	Noah Turbes	May 9
Anthony Tuggle	May 5	Andrew Wildhaber	May 7	Sandra Criddell	May 9
Ava Goode	May 5	Eugene Roberts	May 7	Topeza Tillman	May 9
Claire Brimmer	May 5	Fergal Ryan	May 7	David Coleman	May 10
Henry Joyner	May 5	Joel Maxwell	May 7	Douglas Johnson	May 10
Janie Ivory	May 5	Logan Evans	May 7	Ceton Harper	May 10
Joel Richardson	May 5	Stephen Wildhaber	May 7	Gwenaelle Sakponou	May 10
Kayci Jordan	May 5	Berlande Strasser	May 8	Ingrid Torsay	May 10
Michelle Vaughan	May 5	Carrie Thurman	May 8	Norma-Kate Singleton	May 10
Patrick Triplett	May 5	Michelle Ryans	May 8	Vada Farmer	May 10
Priscilla Metoyer	May 5	Dawn Leaner-Hall	May 9	Xori Johnson	May 10
Sarah Colley	May 5	Cana wood	May 9		

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of May (05/04/14)

### Saint Thais - Prostitute and Religious

Thais, a prostitute from Alexandria, became very wealthy because of her trade. It seems that she was quite famous throughout the Alexandrian community. Although many historians question the truth of her story, many people accept the story as fact centuries after her death. The details are a bit sketchy and there are no written texts to corroborate the events around her life, but hagiographers explain her life as one completely turned around by the Gospels. It seems that Saint Paphnitus, a disciple of Saint Anthony, eventually convinced Thais that she must return to her Christian upbringing and repent. When Paphnitus asked to privately speak with Thais, she remarked, "What do you fear? If you fear men, we are private here. If you fear God there is no place to hide from Him." This was evidence that she was aware of God's commandments and the Risen Lord.

There are conflicting accounts as to what happened after her conversion. Some accounts say that she burned all of her jewels and elements of wealth and that Paphnitus walked her up in a monastery, only releasing her on Saint Anthony's advice. Another account reports that she gave all of her wealth to the poor and stayed in a solitary cell in a monastery because she did not deem herself worthy of contact with other nuns. Whatever really happened, we know that Saint Thais had the opportunity to repent for her sins. After being held up for three years, eating only bread and drinking water, she ended her solitude and merged her life with the other religious sisters in the monastery. Unfortunately, she died fifteen days later.

**AFRICAN SAINTS - 40 HOLY MEN AND WOMEN - AFRICAN STORIES.....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 (LAMF) - 404.969.LAMF or 404.969.5267

We are active

We are committed

We are LOURDES

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# Alleluia!

# Our Savior Lives!

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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:**

Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

**Next Sunday's readings are:**

Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25

GOSPEL: John 10: 1-10

**Lourdes Prayer Line**

678-235-5469

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

Mass Intentions: 10am – For the repose soul of Kathy Deviney

**Scholarship Money Available:** The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will be conducting its annual scholarship essay contest.

Young adults who have completed their senior year of high school -OR- have completed first year of college or other institutions of higher learning / training are eligible. Students must complete an application; complete an essay on this year's topic; and **SUBMIT IT NO LATER THAN JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>**. Judging will take place in the following weeks, and scholarship awards will be presented at the KPCLA Annual Prayer Breakfast on August 9th. Please contact Joy Jordan at 404-558-1936 or [jordanjoy@bellsouth.net](mailto:jordanjoy@bellsouth.net) for more detailed information.

**Mother's Day Brunch:** Please join the Junior Knights and Junior Daughters of the Knights of Peter Claver on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for their annual Mother's Day brunch after each mass in the cafeteria.

**2014 Eucharistic Congress: The registration deadline for volunteer sign up for the Eucharistic Congress has been extended to May 30th.** We are in need of additional volunteer for the 2014 Eucharistic Congress which will be held June 20 - 21 at the Georgia International Convention Center. The Archdiocese of Atlanta is recruiting at least 15 volunteers from each parish with 2 of them in the Kid Track. Volunteers are encouraged to sign-up after mass today. You may sign up on line at <http://ecvol.archdi.com/default.aspx>. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**Amazing Grace Dancers –present– "LIFE":** Come celebrate Mother's Day with Atlanta's best and most powerful dancers, musicians, singers and spoken word artists on May 11 at 3:30 p.m., Center Stage, 1374 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Ga. Hosted by Mr. Larry Tinsley of V103 Sunday Morning Praise. Advance tickets are \$10/tickets at the door are \$15 and can be purchased at [adgance.org](http://adgance.org) and [eventbrite.com/Life](http://eventbrite.com/Life). Hope to see you there!

**May is National Stroke Awareness Month:** Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke making it the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. A stroke, sometimes called a brain attack, occurs when a blockage stops the flow of blood to the brain or when a blood vessel in or around the brain bursts. Although many people think of stroke as a condition that affects only older adults, strokes can and do occur in people of all ages. In fact, nearly a quarter of all strokes occur in people younger than age 65. The best way to lower your chances of having a stroke is to understand your level of risk, then take steps to decrease it. Below are several other life-saving steps you can take to stay healthy. • Know your ABCS of health; • Appropriate Aspirin therapy: Ask your doctor if taking aspirin is right for you. • Blood pressure control: Keeping your blood pressure under control reduces your risk of heart attack and stroke. More than half of the world's stroke deaths are caused by elevated blood pressure levels. • Cholesterol management: Get your cholesterol checked regularly and manage it with diet and physical activity or with medication, if needed. • Smoking cessation: Get help at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. • Exercise regularly. • Eat a healthy diet that's low in sodium. • Maintain a healthy weight. • Prevent or control diabetes. • Limit your alcohol in-take.

**Lector Prep:** Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

**Baptismal Prep:** Class will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 in the St. Augustine Room at 7 p.m.

**LOURDES STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Church Budget: **\$19,561** Total Church Budget (07/07/13 – 04/27/14): **\$801,070**  
Church Support: 04/27/14: **\$15,357** Actual Church Support (07/07/13 – 04/27/14): **\$973,279**

**ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

LOURDES SHARE **\$78,600** AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (05/02/14 –): **\$19,339**

OURSTANDING PLEDGES **\$59,261**

**Lourdes Lunch:** Our parish volunteers served **249** people this past Tuesday and **251** on Thursday. We are grateful for these women and men who share the charity of Christ with those who are hungry. All new volunteers- those who are at least 12 years of age are most welcome but will need to call the church office to be scheduled for volunteering. Volunteers are scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

**Help Wanted:** Website Intern- Are you tech savvy and an awesome writer? Lourdes website editor is interested in talking to you. You will assist in updating and editing Lourdes' website. Knowledge of Wordpress and photography is a plus. A written test is required. If interested, contact Rosemary Jean-Louis at [rjaer7@gmail.com](mailto:rjaer7@gmail.com) or (678) 561-3495.

**2014 Archbishop Lyke Conference** at the Clarence Rivers Music Institute, June 11-15, 2014, DoubleTree by Hilton at 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, La. Special booking rate deadline is May 8, 2014 and reservations can be made online with the following link: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/LykeFoundation>. Detailed information can be found at our website [www.lykeconference.org](http://www.lykeconference.org) contact Richard Cheri at 504-319-5951 for more information.

**The Atlanta Boy Choir** under the direction of Fletcher Wolfe will preview the concert honoring St. John Paul II which they will perform this June in Poland. The preview will take place at Druid Hills United Methodist church on Ponce de Leon on Friday evening May 9 at 7:30P.M. The choir will sing Mass at St. John's Cathedral in Warsaw before traveling to Krakow where they will sing in St. John Paul II's former seat, the Wawel Cathedral. The Atlanta Boy Choir, a longtime favorite of Pope John Paul II appeared many times with him in Rome at St. Peters and has been invited to perform in his honor at several events in Poland honoring his beatification. More information concerning the concert on Friday evening, which is open to the public, by calling the choir at 404-378-0064 or visiting the website at [www.atlantaboychoir.org](http://www.atlantaboychoir.org).

**Faith Day at Turner Field:** Sunday, August 3 at 5:10 p.m. (Braves vs. Marlins). Outfield Pavilion tickets with field pit pass are \$43.00; Outfield Pavilion tickets are \$23.00; and Upper Box tickets are \$14.00. Free post-game concert featuring "Newsboys" with the purchase of a game ticket. As part of the Faith Day, we will have select Braves representatives give their testimonies before the concert. Opportunities are available to watch the Newsboy up close from the infield with a Field Pit pass. Arrive early to hear One Girl Nation perform in the Main Plaza before the game. Call 404-577-9100 option 3 or visit [braves.com/faithday](http://braves.com/faithday) to secure your seat(s).

**Monastery Retreat:** Healing a Painful Past, June 6-8, we cannot go back and undo the past: the pain we have endured and the pain we might have caused. We can, however, invite God to heal our memories, helping us to forgive others, ourselves and even God. Negative memories can become windows that allow God's love to enter our hearts, replacing anger, shame or remorse with peace, love and gratitude. Contact Patti at the Monastery In Conyers for a reservation: 770-760-0959 or [retreat@trappist.net](mailto:retreat@trappist.net).

**A Cork for A Cause:** Join Operation Peace for good wines from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Sound Table, 483 Edgewood Avenue SE, Atlanta, 30312.

**Please pray for our sick & shut-in including:** Bernice Malcolm, Pierce McCarthy, Dorothy McClean, Beverly McEwan, James McMullan, Beverly Mims, Ashton Montgomery, John Moore, Elias Mustafa, Nevels Family, Chloe Miller, Gloria Oakley, Idalia O'Neal, Mazie Parker, Lucy Piquant, Lorraine Powell, Katie Price, 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, Jollette Shannon, Alana Sheppard, Belinda Skelton, Lois Smith & Renise Smith, Ernestine Smith, Malcolm Smith, Regina Smith, Terry Smith, Lori Sneed, Beatrice Snowden, John Soto, Delia Spencer, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Brian Terrell, Leonard Thomas, Jr., Lillie Thomas, Terry Thompson, Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie & Alan Vieira, Alexandra Walker, Cassandra Walker, Barbara Waller, Bobbie Ware, Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Shertran Winchester.