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Today's Scripture readings are:

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

Next Sunday's readings are:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Lourdes Prayer Line

678-235-5469

lourdespct@gmail.com

Mass Intentions: 8 a.m. for the repose of the souls of Perpetua Maria Mauricio, Aunt Anna Maria, Aunt Antonia Maria, and Aunt Rosa Maria and for the continued good health of Aunt Alda Maria

Office Closed: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day holiday.

Attention: Scholarship Money Available! - The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary will be conducting the annual Scholarship Essay Contest. Young adults who have completed their senior year of high school -OR- have completed their first year of college or other institution of higher learning / training is eligible. Students must complete an application; complete an essay on this year's topic; and **SUBMIT NO LATER THAN JUNE 9TH**. 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 phone 404-558-1936 or jordanjoy@bellsouth.net for further information.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Religious Education would like to invite all to their confirmation Mass on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00pm at the Basilica of Sacred Heart, 353 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta. The Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the celebrant. All are welcome!

Catholic Communication Campaign: In a couple of weeks our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. The collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in your giving. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

Save the Date! Lourdes Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 from 9 a.m - 2 p.m. in the cafeteria. All presenting donors will receive a free gift. Contact Karen Allen at karenallen3@comcast.net.

ABLE: Join Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment (ABLE) for a Roundtable Discussion on Eliminating Barriers for the Formerly Incarcerated. Will have dialogue and ask elected officials to act. June 2, 7:00 - 8:30 PM at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 611 Medlock Rd., Decatur, 30033. Details contact Janine Brown, 301 651 5953 or jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com.

Anniversary Mass: Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory would like to honor couples married in 1964 and 1954 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 at 12 p.m. at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

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 or (678) 561-3495.

LOURDES STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Church Budget: **\$19,561** Total Church Budget (07/07/13 -05/11/14): **\$840,192**
Church Support: 05/11/14: **\$22,360** Actual Church Support (07/07/13 -05/11/14): **\$1,077,865**

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (05/16/14 -): **\$21,581**

LOURDES SHARE **\$78,600**
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$57,019**

Lourdes Lunch: Our parish volunteers served **220** people this past Tuesday and **235** 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.

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://evol.archat.com/default.aspx>. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Our Dominican Sisters Departure: You're invited to attend an Open House on June 8th after the 12pm Mass to celebrate our long-time parishioners, Dominican Sisters Nora, Patty and Emeric. They are moving home to their Dominican Mother House this summer. The sisters want to express their gratitude for over 25 years of spiritual enrichment, inspiration and love that they have received from Our Lady of Lourdes' parish family. The sisters would appreciate not receiving any personal gifts. If you wish, you can make a donation to justice ministries that the sisters have participated in: Lourdes Lunch, Simon's Call, Social Action, Stand-Up for Kids, Eracism, and legislative change efforts. These ministries characterize the spirit of Our Lady of Lourdes. Sisters Emeric Bauch, Nora Ryan, and Patty Caraher can be contacted at the following address: Sinsinawa Dominicans, 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa WI 53824.

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 to secure your seat(s).

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 contact Richard Cheri at 504-319-5951 for more information.

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, Nevells Family, Chloe Miller, Barbara Neely, Beverly Noe, 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, Beatrix Snowden, John Soto, Della Spencer, Eugene & Thyges Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Brian Terrell, Leonard Thomas, Jr., Lillie Thomas, Terry Thompson, Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie & Alan Vieira, Courtney & Josie Vissman, Alexandra Walker, Cassandra Walker, Barbara Waller, Bobbie Ware, Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Sherran Winchester, Juliana Yang.

Lourdes Birthdays

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| Flavia Marin | May 18 | Joyce Murray | May 20 | Nicholas Butler | May 23 |
| Juliette Coffi | May 18 | Kirby Harlan | May 20 | Bettie Grahma | May 24 |
| Renee Alladin | May 18 | Valencia Burwell | May 20 | Bryan Tesh | May 24 |
| Scot Spalding | May 18 | Julian Corado | May 21 | Frankie Sweet | May 24 |
| Wilbert White | May 18 | Kevin Linder | May 21 | Johnna Carlson | May 24 |
| Akia Olds | May 19 | Victor Mensa-Shebra | May 21 | Kaden Hutton | May 24 |
| Fummlayo Rachal | May 19 | Stella Clauss | May 22 | Kingston Hutton | May 24 |
| Hele Iheonye | May 19 | Tanya Blanchard | May 22 | Kennedy Steele | May 24 |
| Jeanine Harris | May 19 | Adrienne Bradford | May 23 | Kenneth Joe | May 24 |
| Kelley Coleman | May 19 | Deborah Ambeau | May 23 | Phillip Musey | May 24 |
| Lulu Londergan | May 19 | Freddie Valdez | May 23 | Shaina Clodomir | May 24 |
| Anthony Peoples | May 20 | Madison Charles | May 23 | | |

3rd Sunday of May (05/18/14)

Saints and Holy People of African Descent

St. Macarius the Younger

Macarius the Younger (d.c. 394), also known as Macarius of Alexandria, is to be distinguished from St. Macarius the Elder, also known as Macarius of Thebes. The Younger was born and raised at Alexandria, and in young adulthood, about 335, traveled to Upper Egypt, where he remained until 373 or thereafter, when he returned to Lower Egypt. This monk became famous for his prayerfulness, practice of asceticism, and performance of miracles. For seven years, he ate only raw vegetables and beans. Desiring to improve on this extraordinary fasting, for the next three years he consumed daily only four to five ounces of bread that he moistened with a few drops of olive oil. In order to learn from the experience of others, on Lent he traveled to the monastery headed by St. Pachomius. The visitor observed the practices of the other monks, even though his degree of asceticism far surpassed theirs. Each day, he prayed while he worked, weaving palm leaves into baskets and mats. The other monks became annoyed at his singular way of working and praying. On Easter Sunday morning they begged the abbot to send away the visitor lest he disturb further the existing standards of prayer and labor. Pachomius, too, having noticed the visitor's extraordinary behavior, discerned that the anonymous guest might be the famous Macarius. Pachomius and Macarius sat down together, whereupon Macarius revealed his identity. The pair discussed the morale of the monastery and expressed gratitude for the time they had shared together. Then Pachomius "embraced him (Macarius), thanked him for the edification he had given, and desired him, when he returned to his desert, to offer up his prayers for them."

Saints of Africa ~ Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M.

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

We are active

We are committed

We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.

Alleluia!

Our Savior Lives!