

Lourdes Birthdays

Asher Anthony Padron	Dec 7	Isaac Baroi	Dec 9	Annabell Buggage	Dec 12
Cameron White	Dec 7	Johna Williams	Dec 9	Cameron Lynch	Dec 12
Carol Elam	Dec 7	Marvin Pastel	Dec 9	Deloris Ward	Dec 12
Donald Shockley	Dec 7	Isaac Baroi	Dec 9	Harold Guidry	Dec 12
Julie Johnson	Dec 7	Rachael Hart	Dec 9	Khalia Mackey	Dec 12
Kimberly Leach	Dec 7	Tancia Jean-Pierre	Dec 9	Lolem Ngong	Dec 12
Adrianna Ambeau	Dec 8	Arielle Cadet	Dec 10	Michael Williams	Dec 12
Adrianna Twine	Dec 8	Cassie Slaughter	Dec 10	Miquelle Bowers	Dec 12
Anthony Smith	Dec 8	Dillon Hines	Dec 10	Moira Bucciarelli	Dec 12
Beverly Ward	Dec 8	Luther Ewing	Dec 10	Shelia Okekpe	Dec 12
Gabrielle Johnson	Dec 8	Nancy Verre	Dec 10	Stanley Dunwell	Dec 12
Isabelle Gnoassia	Dec 8	Nia Dural	Dec 10	Veronica Mannah	Dec 12
Jill Triplett	Dec 8	Velda Roberts	Dec 10	Vidrine Nicole Jones	Dec 12
John Keane	Dec 8	Adele Etheridge	Dec 11	DeJon Alexander	Dec 13
Jonathan Robertson	Dec 8	Ava Cooper-Cadres	De 11	Emerson Gibson	Dec 13
Joshua Brewington	Dec 8	Brendan Flannery	Dec 11	James Haydel	Dec 13
Kristy Strickland	Dec 8	Christina Jamerson	Dec 11	Jennifer Halicki	Dec 13
Richard Curchar	Dec 8	Elizabeth Paul	Dec 11	Mariano Rojas	Dec 13
Aleijah Salguero	Dec 9	Ethan Waddy	Dec 11	Mark Zeigler	Dec 13
Chris Lewis	Dec 9	Myrna Cubilette	Dec 11	Sandra Clodomir	Dec 13
Christopher Rutherford	Dec 9	Solomon Greene	Dec 11	Victoria Hardy	Dec 13

1st Sunday of December (12/07/14)

Saint of Unity – Saint Cyprian of Carthage
Farther of the Church, Bishop and Martyr

Saint Cyprian, a model of unity and forgiveness in our church, began his life of service as a pagan lawyer and teacher. After his conversion to Christianity he became known for his theological teachings, church leadership and spirit of unity. He was immediately devoted to the church and readily spoke out against the heretical teaching of his day.

His devotion caused him to go into hiding during the persecutions of Emperor Decius (r. 250-251). According to the New Catholic Encyclopedia, he continued "directing and encouraging his clergy and faithful from his place of hiding and resisting the insubordination of some of the priests and of the confessors who were pandering to the lapsed." It must have taken great inner strength to offer such guidance through messages and letters only, especially when the priest under his leadership were ignoring his requests. When Cyprian returned to Carthage he insisted that penances were required for the Christians who sacrificed to pagan gods during the time of persecution.

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

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

We are active
We are committed
We are LOURDES

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A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT

OUR LADY of LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 7, 2014

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Parish Staff

Father Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor

Father Bruce Schultz, O.P., Associate Pastor

Rev. Mr. 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

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)651-5953 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 – ollc100@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

Darren Gustafson, gustafson2954@comcast.net

*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

Brad Singleton, pocomo.singleton5@gmail.com

Sean Griffith, scgriff1@hotmail.com

*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

*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 10:00 am Mass

Janine Brown, 301-651-5953

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

Joanne Breaugh, 770-402-7481

*Stephen's Ministry

Mizette Coakley, Coordinator, 404-983-0956,

*Women's Council: 1st Sunday at 10:00am

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 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

Next Sunday's readings are:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

Lourdes Prayer Line

lourdespct@gmail.com

Mass Intention(s): 8am~ For the repose soul of †Jim Ritchie

10am ~ For the repose soul of †Mamie Kimball

Pope Francis Monthly Intention: Lonely people; That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

The Ladies Auxiliary, Health Promotions Ministry and Teen Ministry are looking for professionals who are available to participate in a Career Fair to be held on February 15th, 2015. The Career fair will be geared toward High school and College students who are researching various professions to make a decision for their future career path. If you are a practicing professional and would like to present at the Career Fair please contact Paula Scotman 678-646-2736 or email oll_teens@yahoo.com.

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.

Save this date: On 31 January 2015, at 7:00 P.M., in the cafeteria, Lourdes Book Club and the Social Action Committee will participate in the international reading campaign "One Book, Many Communities," which brings together many communities throughout the world, all discussing the same book. The book, Mornings in Jenin, by Palestinian-American author Susan Abulhawa, is "a historical saga set in Palestine and the US which follows the impact of the Nakba — the 1948 ethnic cleansing of Palestine — on a family who settle in the refugee camp in Jenin after being forced out of their home village." Please come as we join readers from an extensive number of book groups in Italy, France, Sweden, Germany, Great Britain, Lebanon, Canada, and the U.S. during January 2015 to hear Palestinian voices through their literature. This will be a pot luck supper event; we hope to have visitors from a few neighboring faith communities. For more information, contact Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com or 404-629-0878.

Baptismal Prep Class will be held on Tuesday, Dec 9th at 7:00pm in the St. Augustine Room, 2nd Floor of the church office building.

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.

Weekly Church Budget:	\$22,495 (New Budget Total)	Total Church Budget (07/06/14– 11/30/14): \$466,222
Church Support: 11/30/14:	\$15,630	Actual Church Support (07/06/14 – 11/30/14): \$424,362

LOURDES SHARE	\$78,600	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (12/05/14): \$59,212
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES	\$19,388	

Lourdes Lunch: Our parish volunteers served **238** people this past Tuesday and **245** 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.

Amazing Grace Dance Company invites you to their Winter Benefit 2014. We are partnering with The Believers House and it's Outreach Ministry-ReNew. Proceeds and charitable donations will provide assistance to underserved families, and the homeless of Atlanta. Please join us for an AMAZING time as we usher in the holiday season! We will be collecting hats, scarves and gloves for men, women & children. Tickets can be purchased at Eventbrite: Amazing Grace Dance Company Annual Winter Benefit 2014; <http://winterbenefit2014.eventbrite.com>. Contact AGDCo. for more information, Claudius Anderson: claudiusanderson@gmail.com or Brittany Hill: Brittany.joy.hill@gmail.com.

Immanuel in Art: Understanding Annunciation and Nativity Art Through the Ages Presented by Susan Monroe

Hearts and Minds, Sunday Mornings at the Cathedral of Christ the King invites you to join us for a special presentation by artist and parishioner, Susan Monroe on Sunday, December 14 at 10:00am in the Hyland Center Assembly Room. Susan will explain the meaning of the unusual depictions and symbolism in Annunciation and Nativity art. Join us to explore the religious meaning of these works of art. This event is FREE! Cathedral of Christ the King, 2699 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 3030. For more info, contact Helen and Brad Young at: hdraperyoung@gmail.com

Children's Holiday Book Fair hosted by Truth & Treasures Bookstore in the King Chapel at Hillside International Trust Center, 2450 Cascade Rd SW, Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. Authors of books for young people will be present and refreshments will be served.

The Choir of St. Paul's Church and members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will present St. Paul's 11th annual Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Sisters Chapel at Spelman College, 350 Spelman Lane, Atlanta. Musical selections range from sacred choral literature to African-American spirituals and contemporary gospel tunes for Advent and Christmas. St. Paul's Music Director and Conductor Trey Clegg directs with organist David Oliver. Tickets are \$20 at 404-696-3620 or online [here](#).

The Gateway Center will host a Christmas pot luck dinner to serve 300 men experiencing homelessness on Christmas afternoon from 5:30-7 p.m. If you or your family is interested in cooking a dish, providing plates, drinks, or eating with the Gateway staff and guest on Christmas Day, please email Bec Cranford-Smith at volunteers@gatewayctr.org.

Thompson Scholars 2015, Spiritual Pioneers: The Call, Risks and Blessings of Church Development deadline is extended to Friday, January 9, 2015. The seminar, April 21 – 24, on the Columbia Theological Seminary campus, is designed for individuals engaged in church planting and development work, including those who are new to the task. See the application, [here](#). For more information, contact Sarah Erickson, Director of Lifelong Learning, at ericksons@ctsnet.edu.

Mass of Healing for anyone impacted by Addiction; Every 2nd 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! Upcoming Masses: Dec. 13, 10:00AM. For more information, contact mdannenfelser@olachurch.org.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in including: Bernice Malcolm, Pierce McCarthy, Dorothy McClean, Ed R. McDonnell Sr., Beverly McEwan, James McMullan, Angelo & Axel Mejia, Beverly Mims, Ashton Montgomery, John Moore, Elias Mustafa, Nevels Family, Chloe Miller, Gloria Oakley, Idalia O'Neal, Mazie Parker, Lucy Piquant, Harvey Porter, Lorraine Powell, Charles Prejean, III, Katie Price, Eisenhower and Rosario Raines, Janet Nixon Reynolds, Rosalind Reynolds, Joi Robinson, Shayla Robinson, Christopher Rutherford, Michelle Ryans, Barbara Schenk, Karla Schmidt, Jolette Shannon, Alana Sheppard, Belinda Skelton, Lois Smith & Renise Smith, Ernestine Smith, Malcolm Smith, Regina Smith, Terry Smith, Lori Sneed, Beatrix Snowden, John Soto, Delia Spencer, Ashley Stone, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Brian Terrell, Leonard Thomas, Jr., Lillie Thomas, Terry Thompson, Carolyn Touchette, Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie & Alan Vieira, Courtney & Josie Vissman, Barbara Waller, Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Sherran Winchester, Juliana Yang.