

Lourdes Birthdays

Daryll Ward	Dec 14	Esan Ebner	Dec 16	Zara Francis	Dec 17
Jolene Edwards	Dec 14	Henry Harrell	Dec 16	Avery Berry	Dec 18
Joseph Okekpe	Dec 14	Iyesatta Massaquoi	Dec 16	Caroline Siler	Dec 18
Kara Stewart	Dec 14	Jamika Duncan	Dec 16	Katie Kissel	Dec 18
Katie Price	Dec 14	Kennedy Harlan	Dec 16	Nina Hylton	Dec 18
Monique Reed	Dec 14	Kimberly Stringer	Dec 16	Okorie Johnson	Dec 18
Robert Woolfolk, III	Dec 14	Liberty Jones	Dec 16	Scharlan Vignaud	Dec 18
Stephanie Bonnen	Dec 14	Maleehah Bowie	Dec 16	Taryn Volk	Dec 18
Timothy Coveney	Dec 14	Mary Chapman	Dec 16	Xaiver Cavalier	Dec 18
Valerie Harris	Dec 14	Michael Lacour	Dec 16	Brian Ray	Dec 19
Bernetta Jones	Dec 15	Angelea Turner	Dec 17	Jacob Amos	Dec 19
David Patton	Dec 15	Curtis Dejean	Dec 17	Jennifer Waters	Dec 19
Javod Sewell	Dec 15	Karen Allen	Dec 17	Latham Minns	Dec 19
Jerry Billingslea	Dec 15	Kristen Sullivan	Dec 17	Nikolas Wallace	Dec 19
Juanita Lang	Dec 15	Lani Gustafson	Dec 17	ToKisha Charles	Dec 19
Maureen Portee	Dec 15	Marshall Dean	Dec 17	Wendy Skeete	Dec 19
Patrick Crosby	Dec 15	Matthew Kissel	Dec 17	Brennan Baudy	De 20
Philip Musey	Dec 15	Melisia Simmons	Dec 17	Denzel Welsh	De 20
Shoirdae Henderson	Dec 15	Michelle Marshall	Dec 17	James McMullen, Jr.	Dec 20
Stephen Lee	Dec 15	Tarekegn Hope	Dec 17	Monique Sewell	Dec 20
Arietta Maney	Dec 16	Teshia Dula	Dec 17	Pedro Ramos	Dec 20
Carol Hadley	Dec 16	Theresa Brower	Dec 17	Sherlon Kauffman	Dec 20

2nd Sunday of December (12/14/14)

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

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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 14, 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@sbcbglobal.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 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Next Sunday's readings are:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Romans 16:25-27

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

Lourdes Prayer Line

lourdespct@gmail.com

Mass Intention(s): 10am ~ For the repose soul of †Mordecai Moore

2014 Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

- ❖ **Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th**
4pm Family Mass & 7pm Children's at Lourdes
- ❖ **Christmas Midnight, Wednesday, 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, Thursday, December 25th**
10am Mass
- ❖ **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph,**
Saturday, December 27th
5pm Mass
- Sunday, December 28th
Regular Services: 8am, 10am, and 12pm
- ❖ **Watchnight Service, Wednesday, December 31st**
11pm Eucharist

Office Closed we will be closed on Wednesday, December 24th thru Thursday, January 1st. The office will reopen on Friday, January 2nd at 9AM.

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.

LOURDES STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Church Budget:	\$22,495 (New Budget Total)	Total Church Budget (07/06/14– 12/07/14): \$488,717
Church Support: 12/07/14:	\$44,760	Actual Church Support (07/06/14 – 12/07/14): \$469,122

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

LOURDES SHARE	\$78,600	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (12/05/14): \$60,292
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES	\$18,308	

Lourdes Lunch: Our parish volunteers served **355** people this past Tuesday and **250** 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.

Vibrant Northeast Georgia parish seeks a full-time talented **DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC** to lead music and coordinate all liturgical ministries and events. Candidates will have familiarity with various styles of Catholic liturgical music (traditional/contemporary/Spanish), possess a degree in music, have excellent interpersonal skills, and be a practicing Catholic. Individual should have previous parish ministry experience, strong skills in: organ/piano, leading assembly in song, choir direction, arranging liturgies, organization/computer skills, and pastoral collaboration. Position includes benefits, salary commensurate with experience. For a comprehensive job description email us and send resumes to: Fr Eric J. Hill, Pastor at freric@popcatholicchurch.org.

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church seeks a part-time **ACCOUNTANT/BUSINESS MANAGER** (no more than 28 hours per week). This position will perform accounting, payroll, and human resource functions for the church as well as general business, office, and facility oversight. Qualified candidates will have a college degree in Accounting or a related field and two to three years of related work experience. Candidates must have excellent communications skills, both verbally and in writing. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Applications (including Word, Excel and Outlook) is a must. A working knowledge of computer and network system is required. If interested in working in a positive, spirit-filled environment, please email your cover letter (with salary requirements) and resume to dcarlson@stjamesapostle.com. No Phone calls please

International students from colleges and universities around the country are away from home during the holidays. Most of the students coming to Christmas International House in Atlanta this year are without another place to go at Christmas; we are so fortunate to be able to welcome them here! Can you welcome a student or two to your home during the holidays? Contact Amis at Imajoros@peachtreepres.org.

Help Connect is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans and the disadvantaged by providing basic computer skills at shelters. Volunteers teach homeless vets and other disadvantaged people basic computer and internet skills which help them reconnect with family and friends and find employment on their way back onto their feet. They also help veterans with resumes and job search. If you are interested in helping, contact Tom Chernetsky at (404)791-8534 or tomchet2@mindspring.com. Tom is a member of the St Ann's Catholic Church VFC Military Ministry team.

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, for more information, contact Sarah Erickson, Director of Lifelong Learning, at ericksons@ctsnet.edu.

Please pray for our sick & shut-in including: Joseph Allen, Audrianna Anderson, Heather Ausman, Christian Bailey, LaQueeta Banks, Edith Barham, Cailin Blount, Kevin Bowman, Aaron Brewington, John Brown, Alexander Burdette, Tamiko Burgess, Cheryl Cianfrocco, Betty Barbara Chambers, N'Dira Collier, Anna Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Yolanda Corbett, Ed Jude Costello, Leah Cox, Clara Cruz, Diane Daniels, Sallie Davenport, Gary Davila, Wilford Deese, Sofia Desantos, Sonia Diaz, Toni Douglas, Temaya Eatmon, Dierdra Edwards, Holloway Egan, Yvonne Fears, Jim Finn, Evelyn Fortin, Winston Fouche, Helen Franklin, Albert French, Karin Garcia, Alamrew Gaines, Westley Gillard, Jessica Goff, Mike & Janet Goffinet, Aldwyn Gomez, DeLeur Gordon, Peter Gosch, Miriam Gotay, Jeanne Gray, Johnny Gray, Jr., Donna Gregory, Tryphena Gregory, Dorothy and Melvin Griffin, Geton Harper, Nathan Hearn, Vicki Lynn Hogan, Thomas Holcomb, Darlene Ingram-Perkins, William Jackson, Nancy Jamison, Blanche Johnson, Gail Johnson, Hazel Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Sonia Johnson, Minnie Jones, Jessica Jordan, Patrick Josey, Jane Lawrence, Brenda Lee, Joni Lefter, Hillary Lobban.