

Lourdes Birthdays

Ava Godwin	Dec 21	Victoria Smith	Dec 22	Christian Johnson	Dec 26
Charlotte Akor	Dec 12	Ama Eyo	Dec 23	Courtney Lynch	Dec 26
Cynthia Thacker	Dec 21	Charlotte Johnson	Dec 23	Curtis Armour	Dec 26
Jaja Johnson	Dec 21	Gillian Brown	Dec 23	Garrett Smith	Dec 26
Jeantel Luscap	Dec 21	Martha Turner	Dec 23	Geraud Prince	Dec 26
Joshua Cahill	Dec 21	Norbert Moemeka	Dec 23	Ivor Brooks	Dec 26
Linda Elmore	Dec 21	Sadie Weston	Dec 23	Maria Yu	Dec 26
Cicholas Davis	Dec 21	Xavier Brown	Dec 23	Omar Muhammad	Dec 26
Nicole Carsten	Dec 21	Britton Proctor	Dec 24	Rylan McLeod	Dec 26
Rebecca Alexander	Dec 21	Kevin Johnson	Dec 24	Wylma Blanding	Dec 26
Sharif Kemp	Dec 21	Lisa Robinson	Dec 24	Craig Weber	Dec 27
Sydney Banks	Dec 21	Noelle Whitmore	Dec 24	Davis Smith	Dec 27
Adriel Alexander	Dec 22	Vonda Gipson	Dec 24	Fredrick McCray	Dec 27
Ayoka Duncan	Dec 22	Alphonsine Mfwamba	Dec 25	Jennifer Lund	Dec 27
Brian Elam	Dec 22	Carole Lacour	Dec 25	Jeremy McCray	Dec 27
David Brower	Dec 22	Gale Warren	Dec 25	John Mazzolini	Dec 27
Jeantou DeGrammont	Dec 22	Lenora Hutchinson	Dec 25	John Sewell	Dec 27
Kayan Rose	Dec 22	Nicole Anglin	Dec 25	Sebastian Allowitz	Dec 27
Seth Warren	Dec 22	Barabar Miller	Dec 26		

3rd Sunday of December (12/21/14)

Saints and Holy People of African Descent ~ Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildo Irwa

Saintly Children

These two young men were lay catechists who voluntarily walked into martyrdom. They both belonged to the Acholi tribe and were catechized by the Comboni Missionaries in 1915. Daudi Okelo was born around 1902 in the village of Ogom-Payira to pagan parents. He received Christian instructions and was baptism around the age of fourteen and immediately wanted to be a catechist. Jildo Irwa was born around 1906 to pagan parents in the village of Bar-Kitoba. He was baptized by Father Cesare Gambaretto on June 6, 1916, at about age ten. He and Daudi were confirmed on the same day, October 15, 1916. In 1917, the local catechist died and Daudi petitioned the local priest, who was Father Cesare, for the position. The job entailed going from village to village to instruct the people about the Catholic faith. Daudi was eager to get started, so Father Cesare assigned Jildo as his assistant. Before the two young men set out for their first catechetical journey, Father Cesare spoke to them about the difficulties of their assignment. They both were committed to their mission. According to the Vatican's biography, Daudi is described as a young man of peaceful and shy character, diligent in his duties as a catechist and loved by all. He never got involved in tribal or political disputes. Father Cesare said that Jildo was of a lively and gentle nature. He was quite intelligent. Both young men were martyred on the same day. Five people entered their hut and told Daudi to stop his teaching. When he refused, they pierced him with their spears then threw his body onto a termite hill. The attackers then pierced Jildo with a spear, and then another one hit him in the head with a knife. Daudi was sixteen and Jildo was twelve at the time of their martyrdom. Pope John Paul II beatified them for their Christian witness and faithfulness to the Gospel on October 20, 2002.

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

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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 21, 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



WWW.LOURDESATLANTA.ORG

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:

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

Next Sunday's readings are:

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Lourdes Prayer Line

lourdespct@gmail.com

Mass Intention(s): 10am ~ For the repose soul of †Frank Thomas

12pm ~ For the repose soul of †Joy Churchwell

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

Caroling for Lourdes Home Bound join us on Saturday, December 27th, to sing carols for our Lourdes parishioners who are sick and shut in. We will meet at the church at 1pm. For more information contact Beatrice Soublet at 404-629-9654 or 504-919-9654.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Second Collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta. Catholic Charities Atlanta has a 60 year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters - a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of their clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis and are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff helps identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to self-sufficiency.

The Catholic Center at Georgia Tech invites all Catholics in the area to the New Year's Candlelight Mass. Join Father Josh Allen to welcome 2015 with prayer and praise! Mass will take place on Wednesday, December 31st at 11:55 p.m. in the sanctuary located at 172 Fourth Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313. Light reception will follow. Parking is available at Peters Parking Deck across the street. Questions? Please call Chris Martineck at 404-892-6759 or email cmartineck@gtcatholic.org.

LOURDES STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Church Budget: **\$22,495 (New Budget Total)**

Church Support: 12/14/14: **\$19,081**

Total Church Budget (07/06/14- 12/14/14): **\$511,212**

Actual Church Support (07/06/14 - 12/14/14): **\$488,203**

ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

LOURDES SHARE **\$78,600**

OUTSTANDING PLEDGES **\$17,038**

AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (12/05/14): **\$61,562**

Lourdes Lunch: Our parish volunteers served **318** people this past Tuesday and **302** 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2014 "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" – Leviticus 19:18. If you still have a pledge balance to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, [pastor], and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia, as well as around the world. Every gift is important and appreciated.

St. Thomas More Catholic School in Decatur, Georgia, is seeking a qualified, long-term 5th Grade **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER** to take over a classroom starting in March 2015. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a minimum of a Bachelor's degree in education. Qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to jraymond@stmga.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

Sacred Heart Cathedral School (www.shcschool.org) is seeking a **PRINCIPAL**. SHC is a SACS accredited Catholic school, grades K-8, with 580 students and a pre-school with 120 students. It is a ministry of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a diverse parish of over 1400 families located in Knoxville, TN, near the Smoky Mountains, an area with a growing Catholic population. The start date for the position is June 1, 2015. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic with at least an MA in Educational Administration, 3-5 years of classroom teaching experience and 3 years of administrative experience. Interested candidates should email a current resume, cover letter and three references, including a pastor reference, to searchcommittee@shcknox.org. The closing date for applications is March 1, 2015.

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: 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, Jollette 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, Andrew Vassil, Denny Vavro, Marjorie & Alan Vieira, Courtney & Josie Vissman, Barbara Waller, Sophia L. White, Dawn Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Sherran Winchester, Juliana Yang.