

Lourdes Birthdays

Ashley Miller	Dec 28	John Eckel	Dec 30	Mike Rivera	Jan 1
Benedicte Lutumba Kabe	Dec 28	Linda Jordan	Dec 30	Nakia Cahill	Jan 1
Charles Rodney	Dec 28	Paul Ferguson	Dec 30	Courtney Holt	Jan 2
Gerrard Grant	Dec 28	Paul Mize	Dec 30	Evan Hylton	Jan 2
Kareen Romelus	Dec 28	Thomas Bigelow	Dec 30	Jason Tircuit	Jan 2
Mary Washington	Dec 28	Tynisha Williams	Dec 30	Latres Bell	Jan 2
Turner Moore	Dec 28	Anthony Jordan	Dec 31	Marcus Massingale	Jan 2
Alexis Ayers	Dec 29	Beja Turner	Dec 31	Michael Weber	Jan 2
Brad Olecki	Dec 29	Caelin Reynolds	Dec 31	Nathalie Hibbert	Jan 2
Doris Coleman	Dec 29	Don Curley	Dec 31	Vivian Sevensen	Jan 2
John Grady	Dec 29	Gary Carter	Dec 31	William Bragg	Jan 2
Kennedy Blanchard	Dec 29	Kwame Nyaku	Dec 31	Aidan Cromartie	Jan 3
Landyn Minns	Dec 29	Leona Terry	Dec 31	Ajani Claxton-Warner	Jan 3
Marlana Dejean	Dec 29	Mary Cooper	Dec 31	Darryl Bufford	Jan 3
Alexandra Thompson	Dec 30	Andrea Cobb-McMullen	Jan 1	Euriah Bennett	Jan 3
Dante Daza	Dec 30	Dwayne Benjamin	Jan 1	Johannes Kleiner	Jan 3
Devin Burnam	Dec 30	Erica Couben	Jan 1	Mike Cocca	Jan 3
Harrison Butker	Dec 30	Ericka Ndongmo	Jan 1	Rebecca Cowan	Jan 3
Harrison Zegers	Dec 30	Hugh Kinsel	Jan 1	Ryan Moloney	Jan 3
Jacquelyn Wales	Dec 30	Janice Willis	Jan 1		

4th Sunday of December (12/28/14)

Saints & Holy People of African Descent ~ Venerable Pierre Toussaint ~ 1766-1853
Hairdresser and Universal Philanthropist

Pierre Toussaint's life really is a remarkable one that leaves you saying "That's incredible". It is hard to believe that a man would remain enslaved just because his widowed owner needed him. It is also a stretch to understand how one man could endure racial indignities, even in his own church, yet continue to nurture his Catholic spirit of philanthropy and good will. Toussaint was born into slavery in Haiti around 1766. He was reared by his mother and grandmother, both Catholic women who passed the faith on to Pierre and his sister, Rosalie. In addition to religious matters, Pierre also knew how to read, write and play the violin. His master insisted that Pierre received a good education, as he planned that Pierre would be a tutor for his own children. When a revolution broke out in Haiti, Pierre's owner, Jean Berard, moved his family and slaves to New York City. While in New York Pierre learned the hairdressing trade and mastered every technique, which ultimately placed him in high demand by most wealthy and influential women. Later these clients would join Pierre in his charity efforts. As a hairdresser to the wealthy, Pierre though still a slave, was able to support his mistress and begin his philanthropic work. For forty years he supported Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton with her orphanage. He sent aid to the Oblate Sister of Providence to maintain their work among the black community in Baltimore. He opened a school in New York City to educate black children, the first in the city. He assisted other Haitian refugees, helping provide them with food, clothing and shelter. He tended the victims of a yellow fever epidemic. In 1853 this servant of God died. He was buried in Old St. Patrick's Cemetery in New York City. In 1968 his process for canonization was begun by Cardinal John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York. As his cause was under way, Toussaint's remains were moved in 1990 to a crypt under the main altar at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He is the only layperson buried at the prestigious cathedral. In 1996 Pope John Paul II declared him venerable. A miracle is still needed for his beatification and another for his canonization.

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

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A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT

OUR LADY of LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH



December 28, 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, scgriffi@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:

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

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

Next Sunday's readings are:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

GOSPEL: Matthews 2:1-12

Lourdes Prayer Line

lourdespct@gmail.com

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

12pm ~ For the repose soul of †Freddie Robinson

From all of us at Lourdes, we wish you and your loved ones a most blessed and a joy-filled New Year, and traveling mercies to and fro.

Church Office Closed on Wednesday, December 24, 2014 -Thursday, January 1, 2015. The office will re-open on Friday, January 2nd at 9am.

New Year's Mass Schedule

****Watchnight Service, Wednesday, December 31st**

11pm Eucharist

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.

Lector Prep for the month of February is Saturday, January 3rd at 10:30am and Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

Baptismal Prep class will be held on Tuesday, January 6th at 7pm in the St. Augustine Room.

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.

OLL Grief Support Group Anyone who is with grief or loss of any kind is welcome to join us on January 13, 2015 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Katharine Drexel Center.

OLL SAT Prep Workshop Is your high school student ready for the SAT Test? Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary and Teen Ministry are sponsoring OLL SAT Prep Workshop, in support of higher education of our parish youth. The training will be led by renowned Kaplan Institute trainer and high school teachers, and will cover i) Math, ii) Verbal, and iii) Composition Writing on January 17 thru March 7, 2015 from 9:00am – 1:00pm each Saturday in the Katharine Drexel Center at a cost of \$80 per student. The fee covers cost of pre- and post- tests, Kaplan training materials, trainers' fees, and snacks. The Workshop is open to OLL high school students.

Registration will be on 1/4 and 1/11 after the 8am and 10am Masses.

Weekly Church Budget:	\$22,495 (New Budget Total)	Total Church Budget (07/06/14– 12/21/14): \$533,707
Church Support: 12/23/14:	\$2,191 (additional offertory)	Actual Church Support (07/06/14 – 12/21/14): \$518,189

LOURDES SHARE	\$78,600	AMOUNT PAID TO DATE (12/23/14): \$61,600
OUTSTANDING PLEDGES	\$17,000	

Lourdes Lunch: Closed for the Christmas holiday and will return on January 6, 2015. 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.

DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR Pregnancy Aid Clinic in Hapeville GA seeks a full-time Development Coordinator. Candidates must have an undergraduate degree, 2-4 years non-profit marketing and/or fundraising experience, public speaking, funds processing, website and Facebook updates, and be a practicing Catholic. For a comprehensive job description log onto About Us/Job Opportunities at www.pregnancyaidclinic.org.

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