

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 RCIA 9A Social Action 9:00A Sunday School 8:45A Teen Ministry 10:15A Women's Council 9:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:30A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Super Bowl Party 4:30P</p>	<p>2 Stephens Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P Liturgy Meeting 7:00PM</p>	<p>3 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P</p>	<p>4 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>AGLD</i> Rehearsal 7:30P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308</p>	<p>5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Just Faith 7:00P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p>6 YAG Meeting 7:30P</p>	<p>7 SAT Prep/Teen Ministry 9A Dance by Kenya 10A Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>8 Sunday Breakfast 7A Sunday School 8:45A RCIA 9A Parenting Ministry 9:30A Teen Ministry 10:15A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>9 Zumba Class 7:15P Pastoral Council Meeting 7P</p>	<p>10 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Zumba Class 6:30P <i>AGLD</i> Rehearsal 7:30P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308</p>	<p>12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p>13 YAG Meeting 7:30P</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day SAT Prep/Teen Ministry 9A Pastoral Care Team 10A Dance by Kenya 10A Eradicim 11A ASBS Meeting 3:00P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>15 KPC Jr Spaghetti Fundraiser RCIA 9A Sunday School 8:45A Teen Ministry 10:15A St. Vincent De Paul 11:30A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>16 President's Day Stand up for Kids 4P Stephens Ministry 6:30PM Men's Ministry Meet 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>17 Fat Tuesday Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Mardi Gras Parties Young at Heart 1P Baby Boomer's 7P Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday Zumba Class 6:30P <i>AGLD</i> Rehearsal 7:30P Ecumenical Service at Ebenezer 7:00PM</p>	<p>19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p>20 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P YAG Meeting 7:30P <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewater 7:30P</i></p>	<p>21 SAT Prep/Teen Ministry 9A Dance by Kenya 10A Life Issues 4:00PM Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore Open</p>
<p>22 Bookstore Open Adult Faith Formation 8:45A RCIA 9A Sunday School 8:45A Parenting Class 9:30A Teen Ministry 10:15A Health Ministry 11:30A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P</p>	<p>23 Zumba Class 7:15P Lenten Revival 7P <i>Tate Prayer Group 8:00PM</i></p>	<p>24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Lenten Revival 7P</p>	<p>25 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>AGLD</i> Rehearsal 7:30P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308</p>	<p>26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p>27 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P</p>	<p>28 <i>Stephen's Ministry Retreat</i> <i>Ignatius House 9A</i> SAT Prep/Teen Ministry 9A Dance by Kenya 10A Confirmation Class 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>

Save the Date ~ February 18th ~ Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service ~ 7P ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary

Friday, February 20th ~ "Lenten Fish Fry" 6P & Stations of the Cross 7P

Lenten Revival ~ Monday, February 23 & Tuesday, February 24 ~ 7P each Night

2015 Lenten Observances

1. Ash Wednesday, February 18 and Good Friday, April 3 are days of abstinence from meat and fasting.
2. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat (canon 1250 – 1253).
3. The observance of abstinence from meat applies to all Catholics 14 years of age and older (canon 1252).
4. The observance of fasting applies to all Catholics 18 years of age and older, but not yet 59 (canon 1252).
 - A Catholic tradition of fasting is one main meal per day, along with two small meals which do not equal the main meal.
5. Traditionally, Fridays of the year outside the Lenten season remain days of penance where each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other form of penance which might include acts of self-denial, temperance, acts of religion (e.g.: attending daily mass, praying the rosary), charity and/or Christian witness (canon 1250).

Those who are sick, pregnant (or nursing), or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence should not consider themselves bound by these observances.

The following are some recommendations for voluntary self-denial or personal penance:

- Daily prayer (add some additional time).
- Prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.
- Personal service to the aged or the sick.
- Fasting at least once a week as a way of identifying with the poor and starving of the world.
- Prayer for the Catechumens and Candidates who will be celebrating the Easter Sacraments this year.
- Prayer for peace in our hearts and in the world.

'AN IDEOLOGUE AND A MEDDLESOME EGOIST'

Harsh words to direct at anyone, but especially so when aimed at Pope Francis. Surprisingly, they came not from an anti-Catholic bigot but from a Catholic artist and critic, Maureen Mullarkey, in a January blog post hosted by the Catholic journal *First Things*. Though the *FT* editor called Mullarkey's attack "overdrawn and ill-tempered," he called for continued debate on the volatile issue that aroused her wrath.

That issue is climate change—sometimes called "global warming"—the subject of a forthcoming encyclical by Pope Francis. The Holy Father gave a strong hint of what to expect in his message to December's UN Intergovernmental Panel (IPCC) meeting in Lima, Peru. "The consequences of environmental changes, which are already felt in a dramatic way in many States, especially the insular ones of the Pacific," he warned, "remind us of the gravity of negligence and inaction" against pending ecological disaster.

WHAT CASE WILL HE MAKE?

Fearful that the pope's words may bolster the political clout of environmental activists, climate-change skeptics are already questioning his credentials to speak on a scientific question. In *Forbes* magazine, Steve Moore, another Catholic critic, charges that Francis is turning away from "the fundamental theological underpinning of Catholicism--the sanctity of human life" to tackle issues outside his competence. If the pope comes out in support of increased taxation and higher energy costs, Moore adds, his teachings will harm the poor. What "theological case," he asks, could possibly be made for that?

PROTECTING THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

In fact, the pope's position is based on the sanctity of life and the protection of the poor. As the latest IPCC report points out, "People who are socially, economically, culturally, politically, institutionally or otherwise marginalized are especially vulnerable to climate change." Scientists contributing to that report agree that man-made carbon emissions have made the oceans warmer and more acidic, disrupting ecosystems and leading to natural disasters. Those who live closest to nature, especially in coastal areas of countries with subsistence economies, have been hardest hit. In anticipation of his encyclical, in fact, Pope Francis just visited Tacloban City, Philippines, the epicenter of one such disaster, 2013's Super Typhoon Haiyan.

POPE FRANCIS, ST. FRANCIS

In urging Catholics to take a more activist stance on environmental issues, the pope is following in the footsteps of his immediate predecessor. "Can we remain indifferent before the problems associated with such realities as climate change," Pope Benedict asked, since they have "a profound impact on the exercise of human rights, such as the right to life, food, health, and development?" That environmental question resonated with Pope Francis even in the choice of his papal name. Francis of Assisi, he noted, is a man who stands for the poor and for peace, a man "who loves and looks after what has been created, and we do not have a very good relationship with nature, do we?"


For more background on the new encyclical, see <http://www.rappler.com/specials/pope-francis-ph/79824-pope-francis-climate-change-encyclical>

Knights of Lourdes Fellowship Breakfast

**Come Join the Knights of Peter Claver
for our Monthly Fellowship Breakfast**

Sunday February 8

After each Mass



**Menu includes:
Fish, Grits, Eggs, Sausage,
Shrimp, Biscuits, Bacon,
and Hash Browns**