

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

APRIL 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zumba Class 6:30P Easter Vigil Rehearsal 7P <i>At (11) Rehearsal 7P</i>	2 Holy Thursday Lourdes Lunch 11:30A <i>Holy Thursday Service 7P</i>	3 Good Friday Church Office Closed <i>Good Friday Service 7P</i>	4 Holy Saturday Dance by Kenya 10A Confirmation Class 3P Easter Vigil 8:30P
5 Easter Sunday Services are at Symphony Hall 8:30A & 11:30AM <i>Take pictures with the Easter Bunny</i>	6 Easter Monday Church Office Closed Stephens Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	7 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P Grief Support 7P	8 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>At (11) Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	9 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir 7:00P	10 <i>Men's Ministry Above Night for Elderswood 7:30P</i>	11 Lector Prep 10:30A Stephen Ministry Training 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Ereasm 11A Dance by Kenya 10:00A Confirmation Class 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
12 No Sunday School RCIA 8:30A Women's Council 10A St. Vincent de Paul 12N	13 Stand up for Kids 4P Pastoral Council 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	14 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Audio, Video Technology Meeting 7:30P	15 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>At (11) Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Expansion Steering Committee 7P JustFaith 7:00P Choir 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	17 <i>Men's Ministry Above Night for Elderswood 7:30P</i>	18 Jr. Concession Stand Dance by Kenya 10A Confirmation Class 3P Life Issues 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
19 Sunday Breakfast RCIA 8:30A Sunday School 8:45A Parenting Class 9:45A Teen Ministry 10:15A Health Ministry 11:30A KRC/PC/CLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughters Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P	20 Finance Council 6:30P Stephens Ministry 6:30PM Men's Ministry 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	22 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>At (11) Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	23 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P	24 YAG Meeting 7:30P	25 Jr. Concession Stand Ereasm 11A Dance by Kenya 10A Confirmation Class 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore Open
26 Teen Career Fair Bookstore Open RCIA 8:30A Sunday School 8:45A Parenting Class 9:45A Teen Ministry 10:15A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Lay Dominicans 2P	27 Zumba Class 7:15P Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM	28 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	29 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>At (11) Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	30 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P		

Save the Date

Easter Sunday, April 5 ~ 8:30AM & 11:30AM ~ Symphony Hall
Woodruff Arts Center. 1280 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

"LOVE YOU, POP POP"



"We all miss him. Seems like yesterday I was riding in the back seat of his Cadillac on the beltway in Washington DC. He baked one heck of an apple cake too! Whenever we talked he always said 'I love you'. That's something I'll always remember. Life is quick. Life is precious. Love you, Pop Pop."

That's how a former UGA football star, New Orleans Saints tight end Benjamin Watson, recently described his maternal grandfather, who died last year at age 94. As life expectancy has grown, nearly 2 million Americans today are over 90 years old. But because of our increased mobility, many of these elderly people, like Watson's beloved Pop Pop, live far from their children and grandchildren.

A MORTAL SIN

Reflecting on modern families early in March, Pope Francis pointed out that too many younger people deliberately stay away from the elderly. In Argentina, he recalled, he once asked an old woman when her children had last come to visit: "She said, 'Well, at Christmas.' It was August. Eight months without a visit from her children. Eight months of being abandoned. This is called a mortal sin. Understand?"

The problem, said the pope, is that our society is "programmed for efficiency," so young people "are tempted to ignore old age as if it were an illness to hold at bay." Not only does this hurt older people, but it causes the rest of us to lose out on their wisdom. "Where the elderly are not honored," he concluded, "there is no future for the young."

BLESSINGS OF AGE

To help seniors stay connected with the wider church community, our Catholic bishops have called on older parishioners to share their blessings by serving as caregivers themselves. That is a reality at Our Lady of Lourdes. In fact, most of our Lourdes ministries rely heavily on the contributions of our senior members.

Benjamin Watson notes that his four small children always relished the company of their elderly great-grandfather. Our bishops encourage connections across the generations in the parish family as well. "Ultimately," as they remind older Catholics, "your example of steadfast faith in the midst of suffering can be a lasting gift to family and friends. What younger person, having witnessed the grace-filled final days of a parent or grandparent, cannot be attracted to that same faith."

Our bishops offer their reflections on the elderly at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/blessings-of-age-english.cfm>