

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 SYDP Meeting 9A Dance by Kenya 10:00A Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home Fundraiser
2 Further Jeffrey's Birthday Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home Fundraiser RCIA 8:30A Women's Council 9:30A Social Action 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	3 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	4 Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P	5 <i>Zumba 6:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>Starbucks</i> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	6 Zumba Class 6:30P	7 YAG Meeting 7:30P	8 St. Dominic's Day Prayer Breakfast 9A Dance by Kenya 10:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
9 Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 8:30A KPC/KPCLA Meet 1:30P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	10 Zumba Class 7:15P	11 Zumba Class 6:00P	12 <i>Zumba 6:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>Starbucks</i> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	13 Zumba Class 6:30P	14 Men's Ministry Paints the Church 12N - 9P	15 SYDP Meeting 9A Habitat Build Date 8A Usher Meeting 9A Liturgy Meeting 1P ASBS Meeting 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
16 RCIA 8:30A Haiti Committee Meet 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	17 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	18 Zumba Class 6:00P	19 <i>Zumba 6:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>Starbucks</i> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	20 Zumba Class 6:30P	21 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30P	22 Habitat Build Date 8A Dance by Kenya 10:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Simon's Call Ice Cream Social
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Save the Date

August 8/9 & 22/23 ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekends
 September 20 ~ Lourdes Picnic ~ Grant Park ~ 1P
 September 27 ~ Sunday School Starts

Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures

So reads the medieval poem "Canticle of the Creatures" composed by St. Francis of Assisi, which inspired the new environmental encyclical from Pope Francis, titled in Italian "*Laudato Si'*" - On care for our common home."

Never one to mince words, the pope declares that the earth "is beginning to look like an immense pile of filth," and he places the blame on the "confrontational" relationship with nature adopted by those who profit from the consumerist mindset rampant in the world's most developed countries. With a "use and throw away" logic, he argues, we allow "the invisible forces of the market to regulate the economy, and consider their impact on society and nature as collateral damage"

NO SPECIAL VALUE IN HUMAN BEINGS?

The impact of environmental devastation on human welfare is the pope's major theme. "Everything is connected," he insists, so that "a technocracy which sees no intrinsic value in lesser beings coexists with the other extreme, which sees no special value in human beings." Affluent professionals in developed nations still debate whether our reliance on fossil fuels causes global warming, while the rural poor, lacking "resources which can enable them to adapt to climate change or to face natural disasters," are uprooted from their livelihoods and even their homelands. The poor who are hurt, he reminds us, "are the majority of the planet's population, billions of people."

GREEN RHETORIC

Unfortunately, says Pope Francis, "human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen." As a result, what he calls a "green rhetoric" has largely failed to find its way into public policy. Such popular proposals as buying and selling carbon credits, he argues, are just a "ploy which permits maintaining the excessive consumption of some countries and sectors." Raised in a "milieu of extreme consumerism and affluence," he notes, even ecologically-minded young people find it hard to develop "new habits" of solidarity with nature and with other people.

A CALL FOR CONVERSION

Policy-makers will address the environmental crisis vigorously, the pope recognizes, only if they see evidence of widespread support for a "non-consumerist model of life, recreation and community." For Christians, an "ecological conversion" is needed "whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them." And not just individual "self-improvement" but "community conversion" is necessary if we are to form the networks needed to bring about change. But change to a simpler lifestyle will not be easy. As an example of harmful consumer habits, Pope Francis cites "the increasing use and power of air-conditioning." How many of us would do with less of it in a sweltering Georgia summer?

Read it all at http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html



50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Nonviolence 365

**Voter Registration,
Education & Responsibility Drive**

Thursday, August 6, 10am-4pm

**Free screening of the movie 'Freedom Riders'
12 noon and 2 p.m.**

**The King Center
449 Auburn Ave NE
Atlanta, Ga 30312**

The Coalition People Agenda
American Voters League

Voters Empowerment Collaborative

Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
DeKalb NAACP



July 21, 2015

On behalf of AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), the world's largest AIDS organization, and the AHF Black AIDS Crisis Taskforce (ABACT), we would like to invite the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church family to join us **Thursday, August 6th, 2015 at 7PM** at the historic **Fox Theatre** for a **free concert and rally** to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and draw attention to health disparities that continue to impact communities of color.

Featuring headlining music performances by legendary singer/actress **Patti LaBelle**, rapper/actor **Common**, a keynote address by **Rev. Al Sharpton** and appearances by other special guests, "Vote 2 End HIV: #BlackVotesMatter!" will issue a grassroots call-to-action for voters to play an active role in the 2016 elections and call for increased resources directed towards the prevention, care and treatment for HIV/AIDS in black and Latino communities—the ethnic groups statistics show are the most affected by HIV.

This special night at the Fox Theatre is **absolutely free** to the community and builds upon the successful "AIDS Is A Civil Rights Issue" national public awareness campaign created by AHF in 2014 in partnership with Rev. Al Sharpton, the National Action Network, local churches, and community groups to honor the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The nine-city tour promoted dialogue on solutions to end HIV and stigma within black families and encouraged community-wide testing and treatment. For more information on the "AIDS Is A Civil Rights Issue" campaign and AHF's overall work with the faith-based community, please view our visual overview at: <http://www.aidshealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/AHF-Faith.pptx>

Given that Atlanta currently ranks #3 in the nation for cities with the highest rates of new syphilis and HIV infections and the state of Georgia ranks #5 in the United States for new HIV infections, the time for action and leadership on this issue is **NOW**.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request to join us at this historic event. We look forward to following up and speaking with you soon!

With deepest regards,

James Hughey
Chief Executive Officer, AID Atlanta