

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day No Sunday School	2	3 Church Office <i>Re-Opens at 9A</i> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	4 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i>	5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P	6	7 Lourdes Walking Club 10A Lector Prep 10:30A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
8 RCIA 9A Women's Council 9:30AM Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A SVPD Meeting 12P KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	9 Ultreya 7PM Stephens Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P Pastoral Meeting 7P	10 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Finance Council Meeting 6:30P	11 Zumba Class 6:30P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i>	12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	13	14 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Ericsm 11A AGLD 1P MLK Mass 1PM RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Just Matters/Social Action (Movie "13TH" 6:30P)
15 NO Sunday School KPC Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9A	16 M.L. King, Jr. Day Church Office Closed	17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Usher's Security Meeting 7P	18 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i>	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P	20 Human Trafficking Canvass Training Session 6:30P <i>Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	21 Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A Human Trafficking Canvass Assembly 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3:30P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets 6P
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Save the Date

Saturday, January 14 ~ MLK Jr. Mass ~ The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ~1:00PM

Saturday, January 14 ~ MLK Celebration Movie Night ~ 6:30P

Friday, January 20 ~ Human Trafficking Canvass Training Session ~ 6:30P



One of the many calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2016 came from a young woman named Paula. Her controlling boyfriend, Justin, had taken possession of her driver's license, phone, computer, and car. Then he used violence to force her into dating other men and engaging in commercial sex. When Paula finally broke free, she contacted the local police to report Justin, but it took a call to the national hotline to restrain her predator and get counseling and support services for Paula.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex or labor services against their will. One of the world's fastest-growing criminal industries, it is a huge issue in America, where 85% of confirmed sex trafficking victims are U.S. citizens, mostly runaway children. Like Paula, many of these vulnerable people may not escape for years because they are frightened, discouraged, or unsure how to seek help.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, and our Catholic bishops see the national effort to curtail sex and labor trafficking as a critical pro-life activity. In fact, we observe our own International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking on February 8th, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a 20th-century Sudanese woman who was imprisoned as a slave before being freed and joining a religious order.

Atlanta is a hub of commercial sexual exploitation, one of 14 American cities with the highest rate of childhood prostitution. Our Lady of Lourdes has long supported the anti-trafficking efforts of the International Children's Movement (ICM), and recently we partnered in an education and outreach program with the Stop Human Trafficking ministry at St. Anthony of Padua in the West End.

SAVE THE DATE(S)!

Training: Friday, 1/20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Canvassing: Saturday, 1/21, 9 a.m. - Noon

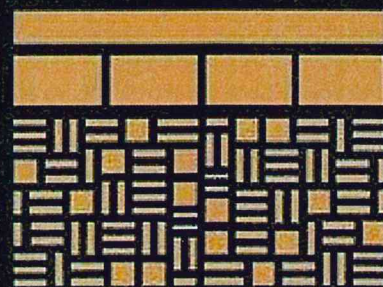
Now St. Anthony's has challenged us to move to the next level. Last January, their parishioners invited West End businesses to post flyers with the human trafficking hotline number. This month, we will repeat the effort at businesses in Old Fourth Ward. ICM will hold a training session for volunteers in our parish hall on Friday evening, January 20th. Then St. Anthony's will join us in forming teams to canvass the Auburn-Edgewood area on Saturday morning, the 21st. Mark your calendar and plan to come!

For more information on trafficking and on help available through the Human Trafficking Hotline, visit humantraffickinghotline.org.

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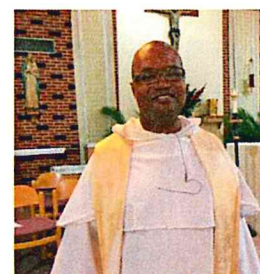
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**Guest Speaker Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P.
will join us for this Day of Reflection**

Reverend Jeffery Ott, O.P., is a friar of the Order of Preachers serving as Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, the first African American Catholic Church in Atlanta. Prior to Lourdes, Fr. Jeffery served as University Chaplain at his alma mater Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, his hometown.

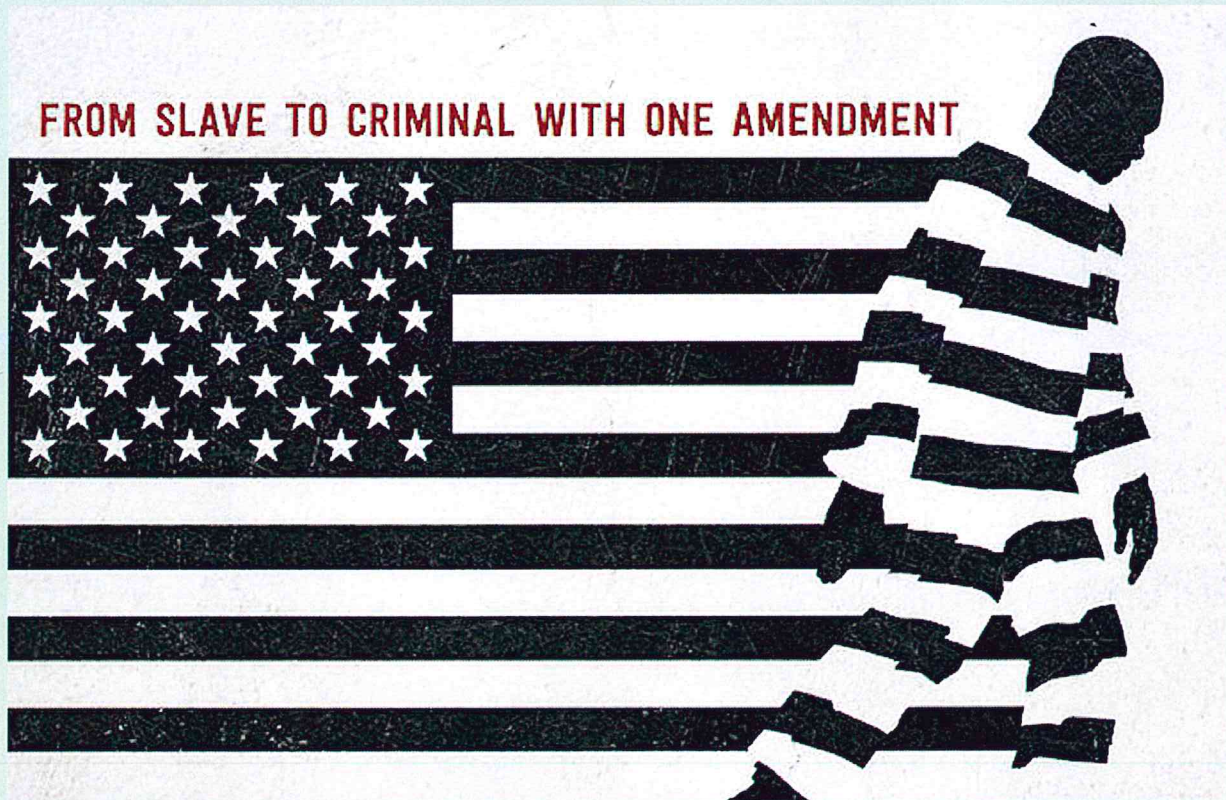
Before joining the Dominicans, Father Jeffery, worked as Director for Community Collaboration at the Columbia Business School, New York City. He loves music, singing, speaks Spanish fluently, and passionately preaches with a song in his heart if not on his lips.



MLK Day Monday January 16th, 2017 9am – 3pm

The US prison population in 1970 was ~300,000. Today it is 2.3 million. It is estimated 1 out of 4 African-American males will serve prison time at some point in their lives.

MLK Jr. movie and discussion “13th” an in-depth look at racism and mass incarceration



Sponsored by JustMatters and Social Action Committee

Join us Saturday January 14th
6:30 pm - 8:45pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Parish Hall

Food and refreshments will be provided!

*“Powerful, infuriating and at times overwhelming, Ava DuVernay’s documentary 13TH will get your blood boiling and tear ducts leaking.”
- The New York Times*