

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Hunger Walk Dancer's Sell Praise Tickets RCIA 9A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Women's Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A Simon's Call Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	6 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM LENTEN REVIVAL 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	7 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P LENTEN REVIVAL 7P	8 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308	9 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	10 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(Simon's Call)</i>	11 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A ASBS Meeting Retreat 9A KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A Pastoral Care Team 10A Eracism 11A AGLD 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
12 Daylight Savings Time Begin RCIA 9A Live Stream 10A Mass Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P SVDP Meeting 12N Jr. Daupher Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P <i>Dancer's Afternoon of Praise 3P</i>	13 Pastoral Council 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	14 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P	15 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308	16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	17 St. Patrick's Day "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P Lourdes Silent Retreat Weekend <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	18 <i>Lourdes Silent Retreat Weekend</i> Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P Set-up for Puppet Show 1P ASBS Meeting 3:30P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
19 Girl Scout Cookies Distribution Lourdes Silent Retreat Weekend RCIA 9A Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Parenting Ministry Puppet Show 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Meeting 12P SVDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	20 Spring Begins Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	22 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308	23 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	24 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(KPCLA)</i>	25 Men's Day of Reflection 9A KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eracism 11A AGLD 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Belgians & Bookstore 6:30P
26 Bookstore & Belgians 8A Live Stream 10A Mass Nursery Opens - 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P Lourdes Alumni 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	27 Zumba Class 7:15P Tatze Prayer Group 8:00PM	28 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	29 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308	30 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	31 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(Women's Council)</i>	

Save the Date

Wednesday, March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday Eucharistical Service ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 7PM
Sunday, March 5th ~ Lourdes Walking Club 1st Saturday Walk moved to Sunday ~ 2017 Hunger Walk ~ 2PM
Monday, March 6th and Tuesday March 7th ~ Lenten Revival ~ 7PM



"Childfree adults are not selfish," insists Carolina Miranda, a middle-aged California journalist writing for *Time* magazine. "My reproductive organs are in good working order. Yet, I don't have children — nor do I want them," she explains, because neither she nor her husband "was ever keen on the kid thing." They work erratic hours, travel outside the country, and prefer to keep their weekends free. Both she and her husband, Miranda points out, have taken time from their busy schedules to attend to the medical needs of their aging parents. But as for parenting themselves, Miranda recalls seeing her husband hold an infant left in their care "in the same awkward way that one holds a clutch of deadly mold spores."

A TRENDY LIFESTYLE CHOICE

Miranda and her husband are among a growing number of affluent couples in Western countries who cherish their freedom from parental obligations. In developed nations, one in 10 women remains childless and in at least two European countries, the rate approaches one in four. Pew Research reports that the USA now ranks near the top of all nations for women choosing to remain childless, while today's American millennials ("twentysomethings") have a lower birthrate than any previous generation.

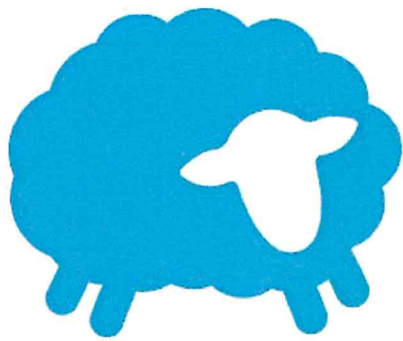
Although these demographic trends portend disaster for societies where taxes paid by younger workers fund public services for the elderly, pop-psych websites claim that remaining childless enhances not only personal freedom but also career success and even marital happiness. No wonder, then, that the trendiest young couples today are reportedly forgoing baby showers and hosting vasectomy parties instead.

"CHILDREN ARE A GIFT"

Catholics have long recognized that childless people can and do undertake other important Christian responsibilities, as witnessed by the heroic service of so many celibate priests and religious. For that reason, Catholic singles and married couples unable to bear children are encouraged to reach out to the marginalized, especially youngsters without stable families of their own.

Still, Pope Francis warns us not to see children as "a problem of reproductive biology, or one of many ways to realize oneself in life." Rather, he insists, "children are a gift," and a society rejects that gift at its peril: "A society with a greedy generation, that doesn't want to surround itself with children, that considers them above all worrisome, a weight, a risk, is a depressed society. The choice to not have children is selfish. Life rejuvenates and acquires energy when it multiplies: It is enriched, not impoverished."

The pope's reflection is online at https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150211_udienza-generale.html



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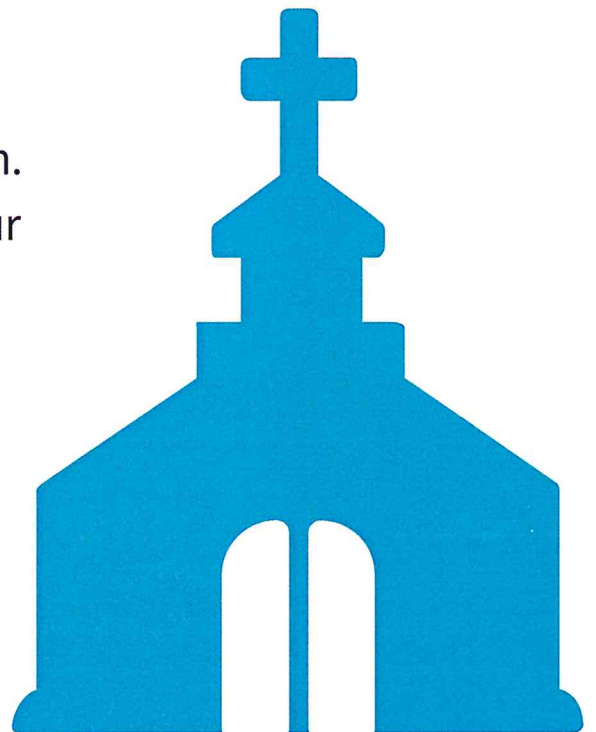
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**Our Lady of Lourdes
"40 Days to a Better You"
Lenten Initiative Proposal**

Partnerships in Fitness, LLC proposes to introduce *"40 Days to a Better You"* health, wellness, fitness, and nutrition series at Our Lady of Lourdes, Catholic Church.

Purpose:

The *"40 Days to a Better You"* health, wellness, fitness, and nutrition series is designed to encourage parishioners to build community through empowering each other by sharing their fitness, health & wellness, and nutrition tips via social media, in addition to onsite activities here at Lourdes.

Partnerships in Fitness, LLC will offer a weekly fitness workshop, nutrition demonstration, or a health & wellness topic presentation March 7, 2017 – April 16, 2017.

A social media networking application (TBA) will be used to connect all parishioners that are interested in sharing healthy lifestyle tips, interests, and/or recommendations using photos, videos, testimonials, etc. The network will be monitored by Partnerships in Fitness, LLC to maintain quality assurance.

Partnerships in Fitness, LLC

"Building Strong Bodies and Minds... One Community at a Time..."

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

25 Boulevard NE  Atlanta, GA 30312



Knights of Lourdes

LENTEN fish

FRIDAYS 6-9PM

CHURCH CAFETERIA

Come for the Stations of the Cross and Stay for a
Great Meal and Fellowship

2017 Lenten Observances

1. Ash Wednesday, March 1 and Good Friday, April 14 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.