

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Easter Sunday 8:30A & 11:30A Masses <i>Symphony Hall</i> <i>1280 Peachtree Street</i> <i>Atlanta, GA 30309</i>	2 Easter Monday <i>Church Office Closed</i>	3 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P	4 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	6	7 Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lector Prep 10:30A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist KPCLA 30th Anniversary
8 Women's Council 10A No Sunday School (Spring Break) KPCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters Meeting 12P Jr. Knights Meeting 12P Dancers Open rehearsal 2:30P	9 Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	10 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	11 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	13	14 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Erticism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
15 KPC Sunday Breakfast Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P YAG Spring Meet & Greet 1P KPC 4th Degree Meeting 3P	16 Zumba Class 7:15P	17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	18 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Finance Council 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	20 YAG 7P <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> <i>7:30P</i>	21 Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets
22 Beignets Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Confirmation Class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	23 Easter Retreat 7P Zumba Class 7:15P Taizé Prayer Group 8P <i>(Offsite)</i>	24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Easter Retreat 7P	25 Zumba Class 6:15P Easter Retreat 7P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	27	28 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Erticism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
29 RCIA 9A Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Confirmation Class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Dancers rehearsal 1P	30 Zumba Class 7:15P					

Save the Date

Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday Masses ~ Symphony Hall/ Woodruff Arts Center ~ 8:30A & 11:30A Masses

Sunday, April 15 ~ YAG Spring Meet & Greet ~ 1P ~ 3P

April 23-25 ~ Parish Easter Retreat with Sister Patricia Bruno, OP and Father Jude Siciliano, OP,

Life



Notes

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee

April 2018

Marking her 100th birthday, centenarian Emily Milner, the oldest living alumna of Our Lady of Lourdes School, recalled her encounters with Mother Katharine Drexel, the foundress of our parish. "She was in a wheelchair then. She was a saint while she was living," said Miss Emily.

An active woman who had worked tirelessly to serve Americans on the margins of society, Katharine Drexel experienced a debilitating heart attack at age 77. She spent the next 18 years of her life in confinement, yet she never surrendered to self-pity. Instead, she called her years of suffering her "highest work." Even in pain, noted Emily Milner, "she was a beautiful lady."

WHAT VALUE COULD THERE BE IN SUFFERING?

Saint Katharine Drexel's final years may seem incomprehensible to many people today. In Western countries where suffering only occasionally interrupts otherwise comfortable lives, people who fear prolonged physical or psychological distress may even turn to medical assistance to end their lives. In the Netherlands, where assisted suicide accounts for at least 5% of all deaths, politicians have proposed allowing doctors to kill people 75 years of age or older, no matter the current state of their health, if they believe their lives are "completed."

What value could there be in lengthy suffering? As we celebrate the Easter mysteries, Christians recall St. Paul's words, "In my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ." In fact, "Christ's sacrifice is sufficient," explains Catholic commentator Mark Shea, "but since he has made us participants in that sacrifice, our acts of sacrifice *matter* too."

"From a practical and utilitarian viewpoint," Shea writes, "a bedridden victim of some disease appears to have 'nothing to offer.' But then, so did Jesus when he hung on the cross and, to utilitarian eyes, accomplished nothing useful for six hours. In fact, of course, he accomplished the redemption of the world. A suffering soul likewise can join his or her sufferings to Jesus and, in his mysterious exchange of love, do great and wonderful things for others."

OUR GOD SUFFERS WITH US

In the Eucharist, as Pope Francis recently noted, "the lives of the faithful, their suffering, their prayer, their work, are united to those of Christ and to his total offering, and in this way they take on a new value." Attending daily mass in her sickroom, St. Katharine Drexel recognized that bearing our own cross may finally mean accepting the suffering that often accompanies old age and death. Like Katharine Drexel, Catholics believe that in times of intense suffering on our own crosses, our compassionate God is intensely close to us, feeling our pain and sharing our suffering, giving us the chance to do our "highest work" as our lives on earth draw to a close.

The Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament are pleased to share details of the life and work of the saintly foundress of our parish at <http://www.katharinedrexel.org>.



Bring
your
camera
and take
a picture
with the
Easter
Bunny

Hip, Hop, Hoppity Hop, here comes Peter Cottontail hopping down Peachtree Street to take pictures with you on Easter Sunday after all the services!!!

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