

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

<b>MAY 2018 ~ Happy Mother's Day</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		<b>1</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Zumba Class 6:15P  <b>Baptismal Prep 7P</b>	<b>2</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>3</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Choir Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>4</b>   YAG 7P	<b>5</b> Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A <b>First Communion 11A</b> AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>6</b> <i>Last day of Sunday School</i> <i>Dancers' Sell Mother's Day Tickets</i> Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Women's Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Open rehearsals 2:30P	<b>7</b>   <b>Ultreya 7P</b>  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>8</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Zumba Class 6:15P  <b>Lector Prep 7P</b>	<b>9</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>10</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Choir Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A <b>Lector Prep 10A</b> Eracism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>13</b> <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <b>Mother's Day</b> <i>Breakfast served after the services</i>  <i>Amazing Grace</i> <i>Mother's Day Concert</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 3:30P</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Pastoral Council 6:30PM</i>  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>15</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Zumba Class 6:15P  <b>Confirmation Mass 7P</b>	<b>16</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>17</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Choir Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>18</b>   YAG 7P  <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	<b>19</b> Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A PCT Revival 10A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>20 Pentecost Sunday</b> Farmer's Market SVDP Meeting 12P KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P Dancers rehearsal 1P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P	<b>21</b>  <i>Finance Council 6:30PM</i>  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>22</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>23</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>24</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Choir Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>25</b>	<b>26 T-Shirt Saturday</b> AG Youth Dance Class 10A Eracism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist <b>Bookstore &amp; Beignets</b>
<b>27 Trinity Sunday</b> <b>T-Shirt Sunday</b> <b>Bookstore &amp; Beignets</b> Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers rehearsal 1P Lourdes Alumni 2P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	<b>28</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	<b>29</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>30</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>31</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A  Choir Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P		

*Save the Date*

*Saturday, May 5 ~ First Communion ~ 11A*

*Sunday, May 13 ~ Mother's Day ~ Breakfast served after all the services*

*Sunday, May 13 ~ Amazing Grace's Mother's Day Concert ~ 3:30P*

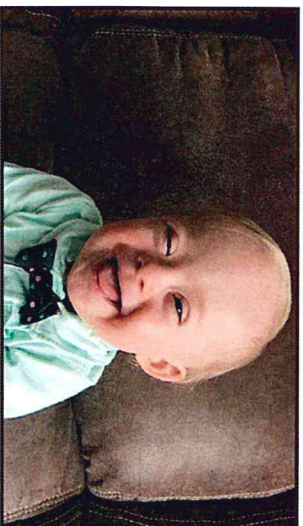
*Tuesday, May 15 ~ Confirmation Mass ~ 7P*

*T-Shirt weekend ~ May 27/28*



Life

Notes



Our Lady of Lourdes  
Life Issues Committee

May 2018

When Cortney Warren left the hospital with her newborn son Lucas, she kept in mind the advice she had received from a helpful NICU nurse. "Always treat Lucas like a typical child," the nurse said. "Always ask yourself, 'Am I sheltering him because he's a baby, or because he has Down syndrome? And if it's the second one, don't shelter him. Push him out there.'"

But she could not avoid second thoughts after she and her husband entered Lucas's photos in a contest to become the Gerber baby for 2018. "Would the judges immediately dismiss him because of his Down syndrome?" she worried. "Would the Internet say mean things? Would people welcome him?" Only after his selection as the first Gerber baby with Down syndrome led to a flurry of media attention, followed by thousands of supportive letters and emails from across the country, were her misgivings finally laid to rest.

### "THAT WAS NOT THE CHILD I WANTED"

Cortney Warren's fears were not groundless. "In Iceland," CBS News reported last August, "Down syndrome is on the verge of being eradicated." The reason? After the condition was detected through prenatal testing, every woman in recent years who received a positive diagnosis terminated her pregnancy. In Denmark, added CBS, the comparable figure is 98 percent; the figure in France is 77 percent; and in the U.S., studies show it is about 67 percent.

Still, disability-based abortion remains controversial. Just over a year ago, a French court declared that an ad featuring happy children with Down syndrome was "inappropriate" for television because it might cause anxiety among women "who had lawfully made different personal life choices." In the *Washington Post* in March, editorialist Ruth Marcus offered a widely-discussed defense of that very choice. "The new Gerber baby with Down syndrome is awfully cute," she admitted, but "I'm going to be blunt here: That was not the child I wanted." Bombarded with criticism from parents and friends of people with Down syndrome, Marcus doubled down by pronouncing herself a spokesperson for the "silenced majority."

### "HUMANITY IS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT"

Earlier this spring, the Vatican's Mission to the United Nations hosted a conference featuring another silenced group: people with Down syndrome themselves, who pointed out the positive results of their being welcomed and included in society. One accomplished speaker noted that "there are countries in the world that would like to get rid of people like me," a situation that another deplored as "'the greatest hate crime of this generation.'"

Even so, as Cortney Warren learned, "Humanity is better than I thought. People weren't just ready to accept Lucas. They were ready to embrace him." Although her son will face physical and intellectual challenges, she concluded, "I find comfort knowing the world is rooting for Lucas. Like any mother, I still have fears, but at least I know that the world is a loving place."

Read Cortney Warren's reflections at <https://www.today.com/parents/mom-gerber-baby-down-syndrome-shares-advice-t125439>