

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Women's Council 10A SYDP Meeting 12P	6 Zumba Class 7:15P	7 Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	8 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	9 Zumba Class 7:15P	10 YAG Meet & Greet 7P	4 Yoga by Chandira 8:30A Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lector Prep 10A AGLD 1P Choir Rehearsal 3:30P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Estate Planning Meeting 6P
12 Live Stream 10A Mass Farmer's Market RCIA Inquiry Session 9A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Open Rehearsal 2:30P	13 Zumba Class 7:15P	14 Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	16 Zumba Class 7:15P	17 YAG Meet & Greet 7P <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30P	18 T-Shirt Saturday Yoga by Chandira 8:30A Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A AGLD 1P Ice Cream Social 3P Choir Rehearsal 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets
19 T-Shirt Sunday Ice Cream Social SYDP Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	20 Zumba Class 7:15P	21 Zumba Class 6:15P	22 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	23 Zumba Class 7:15P	24	25 Yoga by Chandira 8:30A Choir Auditions TBD Choir Rehearsal 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets 6P Envisioning our Future 6P
26 Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore & Beignets Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Envisioning our Future 2P Lay Dominicans 2P OLL Alumni 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	27 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P Taize Prayer 8PM	28 Zumba Class 6:15P	29 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	30 Zumba Class 7:15P	31	

Save the Date

Saturday, August 4 ~ Estate Planning meeting ~ After the 5P Mass, in the parish hall

Sunday, August 12 ~ Farmer's Market ~ After All Sunday Masses

T-Shirt weekend ~ Saturday, August 18/Sunday, August 19

Simon's Call Ice Cream Social ~ Saturday August 18/Sunday August 19 ~ after all Masses

"Envisioning our Future" Information Session ~ Saturday August 25 after 5PM Mass & Sunday 26, August after the 12PM Mass

Life



Notes

**Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee**

August 2018

For 30 years, Mark Ji Tianxiang, a 19th century Chinese layman, was denied the sacraments. Repeatedly he had confessed his reliance on opium to his parish priest, but he could not shake his addiction. Concluding that he was not truly repentant, the priest finally told him he could no longer receive communion. Yet Tianxiang quietly maintained his Catholic faith, and when Chinese authorities ordered him to renounce it, he chose martyrdom instead, singing a litany to Mary as he was taken away.

When Tianxiang was executed in 1900, substance abuse was considered scandalous as well as sinful. A century later, when Pope John Paul canonized St. Mark Ji Tianxiang, Catholics had come to recognize addiction as a crisis of public health whose victims need compassionate care directed toward their eventual recovery.

DEADLY PAINKILLERS

The opium dens of Chinese history flourished as sick people sought relief from pain. In the United States, medically-effective opioid pain killers (like codeine, morphine, and oxycodone) have proven habit-forming for some patients long after the maladies for which they were prescribed have passed. People who become addicted may then turn to illegally-obtained pain pills, to heroin (also an opiate), or to methamphetamine or cocaine, two stimulants increasingly used in combination with opiates.

In the past year, reports *Georgia Health News*, 11 million Americans misused opioid pain relievers, and more than 2.1 million suffered from an opioid use disorder. The results can be deadly. In 2016, Georgia had at least 1,394 deaths related to drug overdoses, primarily from opioids and heroin, though meth-related deaths are also accelerating. Sadly, American life expectancy is now falling, with the poor hit the hardest.

MERCY CARE AT LOURDES

Disadvantaged Americans are especially likely to self-medicate with painkillers and other illegal drugs or, more commonly, with alcohol. Fortunately, guests at our Lourdes Lunch program who struggle with addiction can get help through weekly visits from the Community Homeless Outreach Program at Mercy Care. Resource specialists assess for critical needs and do case management for those who want it. Clients may be referred for further behavioral health needs—as well as medical, dental or vision care—to nearby Mercy Care clinics, which offer substance abuse counseling and therapy.

St. Mark Ji Tianxiang is the patron saint of drug addicts. A newly installed statue in Fall River MA, shown above, depicts the Chinese martyr extending his opium pipe in a plea for help. We are blessed that Mercy Care offers such help in our own community.

For more information on Mercy Care clinics and programs as well as opportunities to become a supporter, visit <https://www.mercyatlanta.org>.

Join our faith family!

Come be a part of our faith celebration!



YAG Resumes in AUGUST 2018

Monthly Events will include worship, scripture study, community service, and social outings!

8/03 Friday Meeting at 7pm

8/17 Friday Meeting at 7pm

8/25 Open Hand Atlanta 1pm-4pm (You must register. Email the group for the link.)

YAG Meetings

1st and 3rd Friday at 7pm in the parish hall of Lourdes.

Join our mailing list by scanning the QR Code



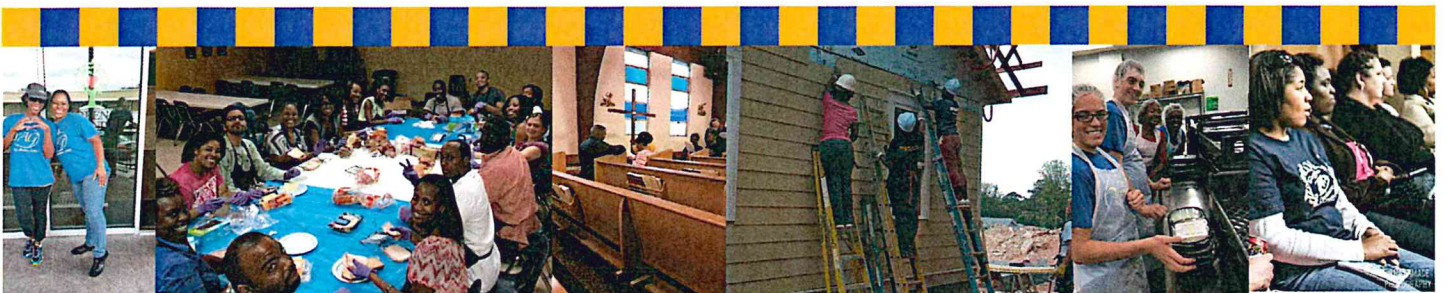
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Our Lady of Lourdes Young Adult Group



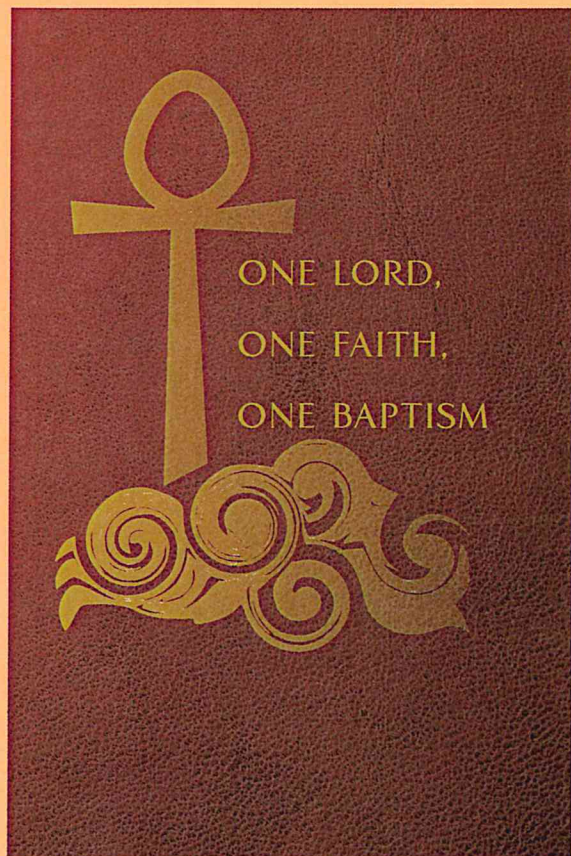
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ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

An African American Ecumenical Hymnal



IN CREATING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN ECUMENICAL HYMNAL *ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM*, IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO THE CORE COMMITTEE THAT THE HYMNAL SERVE AS A NEEDED RESOURCE FOR THE MANY DENOMINATIONS IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH. IT WAS THE COMMITTEE'S STRONG DESIRE THAT THIS HYMNAL WOULD REPRESENT AND PRESERVE THE RICH THEOLOGICAL, CULTURAL, AND MUSICAL HERITAGES OF THESE TRADITIONS AND OFFER A FULL BREADTH OF MUSIC REPRESENTING HISTORICAL AS WELL AS VIBRANT CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP, WHILE LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE. IT WAS ALSO OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THIS HYMNAL DRAW THE BODY OF CHRIST TOGETHER SO THAT IT MAY BE ENLARGED, ENRICHED, AND INSPIRED TO LIVE AND WORSHIP BASED ON WHAT UNITES US: "ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM."

THIS HYMNAL CONTAINS SELECTIONS OF DIVERSE STYLES AND GENRES, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL ECUMENICAL HYMNS, CONTEMPORARY TEXTS WRITTEN FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY CHURCH, PRAISE AND WORSHIP SELECTIONS, MUSIC FROM TAIZÉ, CHORAL RESPONSES, RESPONSORIAL PSALMODY, TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY GOSPEL MUSIC, AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS.

ONE TIME ONLY PRICING OF THE NEW HYMNAL: \$15 PER PERSON. (RETAILS FOR \$19.95)

THIS EVENT IS A HYMN FESTIVAL UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. JAMES ABBINGTON, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES AT FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF *ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM*.

ECUMENICAL CHOIRS, PASTORS, AND CONGREGATIONS FROM ALL
OVER THE ATLANTA METRO AREA WILL BE PRESENT.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
80 WALNUT ST, ATLANTA, GA 30314
7:00 PM — 8:30 PM



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