

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Beignets & Coffee St. Vincent de Paul 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	5 Stephen Ministry 6:30P	6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P <i>(with Father Jeffrey & Julian Reid)</i>	7 Zumba Class 6:15P	1 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK)	2 Father Jeffrey's Birthday	3 Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets & Coffee
11 T-Shirt Sunday Live Stream 10A Mass KPCLA Meeting 12P KPC Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters/Dr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Open Dancers Rehearsal 2:30P	12 <i>Pastoral Council 6:30P</i>	13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Zumba Class 6:15P Bible Study 7P <i>(with Father Jeffrey & Julian Reid)</i>	14 Zumba Class 6:15P	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK)	16	17 <i>Ice Cream Social 3P</i> Rosary 4:30P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
18 Ice Cream Social Haiti Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P	19 Adult Faith Formation 6P Stephen Ministry 6:30P	20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Zumba Class 6:15P	21 Zumba Class 6:15P	22 Adult Faith Formation 6P Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK)	23	24 Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Farmer's Market
25 Farmer's Market Live Stream 10A Mass Journey of Faith (RCIA) 11:30A Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)	26 Adult Faith Formation 6P <i>Tuize Prayer 8P</i>	27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Zumba Class 6:15P Bible Study 7P <i>(with Father Jeffrey & Julian Reid)</i>	28 Zumba Class 6:15P	29 Adult Faith Formation 6P	30	31 T-Shirt Saturday Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist

Save the Date

T-Shirt weekend ~ Saturday, August 10/ August 11

Simon's Call Ice Cream Social ~ Saturday August 17/Sunday August 18 ~ after all Masses

Adult Faith Formation ~ Monday, August 19, Thursday, August 22, Monday August 26 & Thursday, August 29 ~ 6PM

Farmer's Market ~ Saturday, August 24/ Sunday, August 25 ~ After All Masses

T-Shirt weekend ~ Saturday, August 31 /Sunday, September 1

Life

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



Notes

August 2019

Protesters outside the British Houses of Parliament in June did not gather to oppose the compulsory abortion policies for which China and North Korea have become infamous. Instead, they were protesting a decision from Justice Nathalie Lieven of the Court of Protection, a British body established to handle cases of people judged incapable of making independent decisions. Lievan had ordered that a 24-year-old woman with the mental ability of a child terminate a pregnancy of 22 weeks gestation.

Not only the woman herself but her Nigerian mother, a practicing Catholic midwife, adamantly opposed the decision. A social worker assigned by Britain's National Health Service agreed. But the judge, who had previously worked for Britain's abortion lobby, dismissed their objections. "I think she would like to have a baby in the same way she would like to have a nice doll," Lievan wrote, and the doctors assigned to carry out the order actually arranged to present the woman with a toy afterwards.

A SECRETIVE AND ALL-POWERFUL LEVIATHAN

Critics of the judge's order soon pointed out its resemblance to the US Supreme Court's 1927 *Buck v. Bell* ruling upholding the compulsory sterilization of an intellectually disabled woman on the ground that "three generations of imbeciles are enough." That decision led to 70,000 forced sterilizations. Like American eugenicists a century before, the British judge insisted that her decision represented the "best interest" of a woman—and a family—she wanted to spare from "the greater trauma" of being unable to care for their child after birth.

Fortunately, as British humanitarian Lord David Alton wrote, "The family took on the secretive and all-powerful Leviathan that had determined that the death of an unborn child was required," and at the last moment, a Court of Appeals unanimously overturned Justice Lievan's order, preventing "the tyrannical suppression of the rights of a family."

"I LOVE MY LIFE"

But what about the argument that a baby would be better off not being born in such circumstances? One poignant response came from St. Louis University bioethicist Harold Braswell, who was himself born to a deaf woman classified as a "disabled adult child." "My birth was traumatic for my mother," Braswell writes, "and I was eventually removed from her custody." Yet his mother "knew the difference between a child and a doll" and the care she did offer provided him a "very enriching way to be brought up."

Though he is a secular Jew, Braswell commends Catholics, who "often care about stuff like this, when many others are indifferent or approving." Despite his early hardships, insists the professor, "I love my life."

Read Dr. Braswell's comments at <https://twitter.com/haroldbraswell/status/1142155437841768451>

“RISE UP AND SING!”

Gospel **EXTRAVAGANZA**



**Hosted by Archbishop James P. Lyke
Chapter 43**

NEW LOCATION:

**Sidney Marcus Auditorium
Georgia World Congress Center
285 Andrew Young International Blvd
Atlanta, GA 30313**

**Featuring area choirs including the
Our Lady of Lourdes Choir and the
Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers!**

*Sing to the Lord, a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

Friday, August 2, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

**Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies of Grace
in support of the “Educate the Religious” fund.**

Tickets are \$10 in Advance or at the Door

For Tickets Contact:

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Dr. Richard Gaillardetz

Inverting the Pyramid:

*Re-Imagining the Role of the Laity
in Today's Church*

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

7:30 p.m.

**Cannon Chapel
1531 Dickey Drive
Atlanta, GA 30322**

**Please Register
at aquinas.emory.edu**

Lecture Description:

In the first presentation of our “What’s Next?” series, Dr. Richard Gaillardetz will introduce us to key features of Pope Francis’s bracing, reformist vision for our church. He will then call us to consider how Pope Francis’ vision of a church that is both an “inverted pyramid” and a “field hospital” provides a wonderful opportunity for us to re-imagine a much more robust role for the laity in the church today.



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