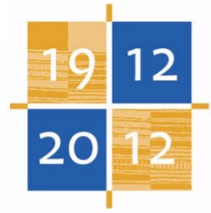




A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT  
**OUR LADY of LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE GENEROSITY OF  
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL



Dear Lourdes Family:

I pray and trust that this communication finds you well. The past several weeks and months have been challenging for us all. I am extremely proud and grateful for the compassion, tenacity, and resiliency you have shown as we navigate this new reality.

As you may be aware, Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer announced a schedule and conditions for resuming in-parish worship in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Parishes may reopen May 30 – 31. Each parish may decide to continue virtual services until it is prudent to return safely.

Over the past several weeks, I have been contemplating what Mass will look like at Lourdes. My primary concern is for the safety and well-being of each of you. After reviewing CDC guidelines, consulting with other pastors, and seeking the expertise of public health professionals, I have determined it is in our best interest to take our time and resume Mass once we feel we can do it with minimal risk and maximum protection.

No specific timeline for re-opening has been determined. I hope we will be able to celebrate together sometime in late summer. I am convening a task force to assist me with plans for re-opening Lourdes. Together, we will determine the conditions and logistics that ensure us gathering without compromising anybody's safety or wellness.

We will continue to stay connected to each other through livestream mass, virtual gatherings, and prayer. We will continue to explore new and creative ways to live our faith together.

My heart is full of joy thinking about the day when we come back. Until then, be blessed and stay safe!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeffery