



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

FOUNDED THROUGH
THE GENEROSITY OF
SAINT KATHARINE DREEL



Good Things Can Happen in the Midst of Chaos

Dear Lourdes Family:

If I were to pick a theme for the past several months, it would be that good things can happen in the midst of chaos. I wanted to highlight a few of these “good things” for you.

Capital Improvements – We have funds reserved for capital improvements and we have repaved the Auburn and Boulevard parking lots. We were also able to put a new roof on the church!

Kitchen Renovations – With the generosity of iGiveCatholic in 2019 and a grant from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia we will soon have an upgraded kitchen in the cafeteria.



Payroll Protection Program (PPP) – With the assistance of the Archdiocese, we applied and received PPP funds which helps cover the cost of payroll for 2 months.

A New Church – Building a new church takes trust, faith, and courage. BUILD Group has been meeting virtually the past few months to work through COVID-related challenges and identify opportunities. We will continue to update timelines and steps in the months ahead. Please continue to check www.lourdesatlanta.org/ourfuture for updates.

Parking Structure – As part of our plan for expansion and renovation, a developer is building a parking structure that is a part of a mixed-used development. The developer plans to start building the development, Waldo’s, in November. They will be moving forward once a gas line and fiber lines are relocated.

Capital Campaign – Initial steps for the Capital Campaign were in progress right when COVID broke out. After prayer, discernment, and consultation, we will be

postponing our Capital Campaign until 2021. A special thank you to the parishioners who are serving on the various capital campaign teams. You have been instrumental to navigating the uncertainty the past few months!

My heart is full when I think about the creativity and resiliency we have as a parish. I am grateful for you and look forward to the time when we can all be together again.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jeffery



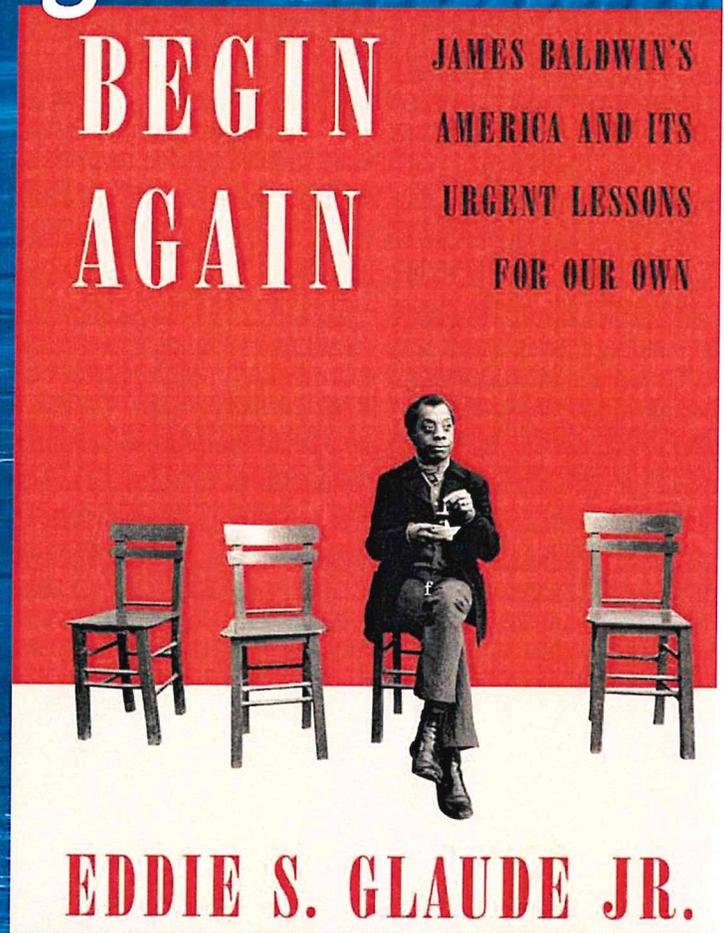
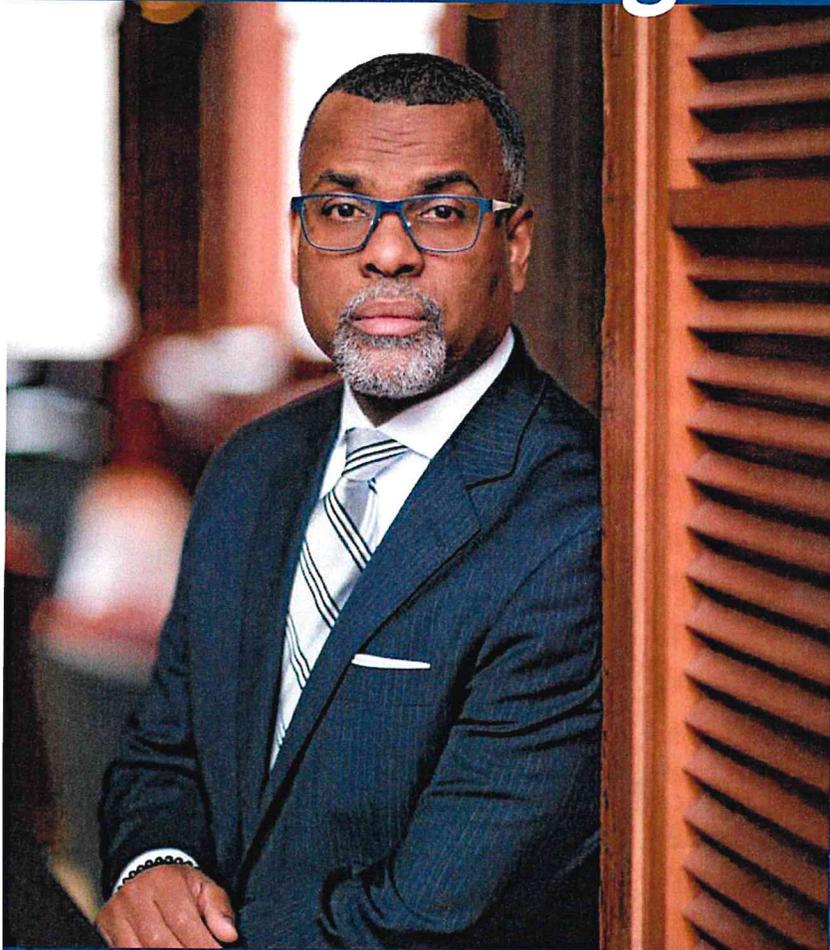
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Virtual Book Discussion With Author Eddie S. Glaude Jr. Begin Again



Monday, October 19, 2020 4:30 - 5:30p

Moderated by Dr. Diana Hayes

James Baldwin grew disillusioned by the failure of the civil rights movement to force America to confront its lies about race. In our own moment, when that confrontation feels more urgently needed than ever, what can we learn from his struggle?

Sign up today.

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Prayer for Our Nation

Let us pray together each day until Election Day, November 3, 2020, for peace and unity, justice and equality in our nation. Let us be mindful that the right to vote is a sacred trust won by the relentless struggles of those who ran the relay race before us.

Let us honor their legacy by voting our consciences and urging others to do the same.



Good and Gracious God:
We thank you for Your constant presence and love.

You are the Source of all being.
You are the wellspring of justice and peace, the foundation of mercy and compassion.

We praise you for Your Glory!

We come to You this day in need and in hope. Guide us toward the Beloved Community that Jesus called the Kingdom of God on earth.

Give us the courage, the conviction, the compassion, the determination to bring it forth in our country now. O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!

Rescue us from the ugly onslaught of white nationalism, systemic racism, and hate crimes. Protect us from the threat of the deadly Coronavirus, police violence and de-humanizing social policies.

Save us from the daily devastation caused by those in power and high offices who appeal to people's basest instincts; who try to divide us, hurt us and threaten our democracy. In every way, they deny the sanctity of all human life - the lives that You created in Your Own image and likeness.

We cannot breathe!

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!
Intercede for us, O God, in this our time of desperate need!

Grant us wisdom and courage to confront these evils with the power of love, truth and our vote.
Make us strong in our resolve and fearless in the face of adversity.
Give us hope in the midst of discouragement.
Heal our minds. Heal our bodies. Heal our hearts. Heal our nation.

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!

We ask this and all things in the Holy Name of Jesus, Amen