

2021 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th
 4PM Family Mass at Lourdes
 7PM Children's Mass at Lourdes

Christmas Midnight Mass, Friday, December 24th
 Music program begins at **11:30PM.**

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th
 10:30AM Mass at Lourdes

Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 26th - 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 26th - 10:30AM Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year 's Mass schedule is available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

ALL Christmas Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please note parking for **ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be available in the **Edgewood Avenue Parking lot located at 494 Edgewood Ave. SE.** There will be limited parking available in our Auburn Ave and Boulevard Ave for those with physical challenges walking or using stairs.

2021 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "Our Joyful Return to the Lord." is coming to an end on **December 31, 2021.** If you still have a pledge balance, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. It is very important that your pledges are paid so that our parish will reach our parish goal of **\$122,800.** Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. Payments should be made directly to the Archdiocese of Atlanta, no later than **Friday, December 31, 2021** to ensure that you receive your contribution credit for 2021. To donate: visit <https://donate.archatl.com/> **OR** mail your check or money order (payable to "Archbishop's Annual Appeal"), directly to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal - PO Box 2396, Smyrna, GA 30081-2396. This is to ensure all donations received can be applied to the 2021 AAA Campaign. **All check payments must include 'Our Lady of Lourdes' on the Memo line. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 68-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our brothers and sisters who need it the most and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of the clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, and are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence.

Catholic Charities services are aimed at empowering people to utilize their strengths and resources to meet their individual and family needs. Please give generously where it truly counts. Please support Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families facing challenges in our community, struggling on the margins of society and living in poverty.

****For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> ****

**To report abuse by church personnel:
 888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline**



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25 Boulevard, N.E.
 Atlanta, GA 30312
 404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
 Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
 Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021



Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*
 Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*
 Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*
 Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*
 Mr. LeRell Ross, *Director of Music*
 Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrative Assistant*
 Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Assistant to the Pastor*
 Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*
 Ms. Emily Kruse - *Teen Ministry Coordinator*
 Mr. Cong Dinh, *Maintenance Supervisor*

Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action.

We are active
 We are committed
 We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.



Celebration of the Eucharist
 We have temporarily adjusted our Mass schedule:
 Saturdays: 5PM
 Sundays: 10:30AM

Livestream Mass
 Sundays: 10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 By appointment only
 Call the Church Office

Rosary
 Saturday: 4:30 PM

Journey of Faith (RCIA)
 2 Sundays per month via Zoom
 Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish
 404.247.6628/kparrish@hotmail.com

Religious Education
 Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
 Director of Religious Education
thebowens4@bellsouth.net

Sunday School Classes
 K - 7: Sunday: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Teens: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
 Contact: Ms. Emily Kruse
 Teen Ministry Coordinator
lourdesteens1912@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team
 Facilitator: Philip Verre
 Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin
 Prayer/Visit: lourdespct@gmail.com
 2nd Saturday of the month at 10AM



Flocknote

Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to 84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association
Calvin Washington, President
ollsalumni@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Dance Company
Wednesdays, 7:15PM-9:15PM;
Sundays, 1:30PM
Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday
January - October at 2:30PM
dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Youth Ministry
Saturdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm
Teresa Emmanuel
amazinggraceyouthministry@gmail.com

Bible Study
TBD
Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P.
(404) 522-6776

Book Store
Contact the Church Office
404-522-6776

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya
1st Mondays, 7PM
Lisa Berkley

Dream Green Team
Chandra Frank Fowler,
chanefrank@gmail.com; 678-591-0234

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry
3rd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Ron Apollon
404-441-3032
ronapollon@gmail.com

Health Promotions Ministry
4th Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Contact the Church Office

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)
2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight
earoberts3@outlook.com

KPC Junior Knights
Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander
knyaku@gmail.com

KPC Ladies Auxiliary
2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Joy Jordan, Grand Lady
jam.123.sykes@gmail.com



Today's Scripture Readings

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Next Sunday's Readings { Feast of the Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Mass Intentions at 10:30AM Livestream Mass:

For the repose of the souls of †Glenda Washington
& Marie Terese Cadet

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/11/21 - 12/17/21) **\$23,979**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/11/21 - 12/17/21) - \$13,367

Online Offertory (12/11/21 - 12/17/21) - \$10,612

Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 20-21): **\$24,536**

Consider setting up on-line giving today!
Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org click on the 'Give' tab or
Visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/funds>

2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal " Our Joyful Return to the Lord ."

Lourdes Share: \$122,800
Amount Paid to Date (12/17/21): \$67,464

Please visit <https://archatl.com/appeal/> for more information and
to donate on-line visit <https://donate.archatl.com/>. Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Pause today to notice how God is with you in simple, everyday moments.
What difference does this make in your life?

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Lisa Alexander,	Betty Davis,	Mary Ellen Macke	Grace Rutherford,
Joseph Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Gloria Manson,	Alana Shepard,
Karen Allen,	Gloria Dworet,	Jean McDonnell,	Regina Smith,
Kennan Allen,	Clinton Elmore,	James McEwan,	Janet Stewart,
Cherry Banez,	Barbara Hagan,	Melody McIntyre	Wendy Stewart,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Geton Harper,	James McMullen,	Johnnie Strong,
Sandy Bell,	Pamela Haley,	Maridel Moffett,	Eugene Sturgis,
Susie Bell,	Frank Howard,	Peggy Neeson,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Deanna Blasingame,	Jackson Igou,	Katie Price,	Frank Tighe,
David Brower,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Eisenhower Raines,	Sandra Turner,
Frederick Cannon,	James Jordan,	Libby Ricard,	Michelle Wilkinson
Luella Chambers,	Marilyn Kapaun,	Thomas Rogers,	
Sam Cooper,	Felix Lawrence,	Josephine Rosario,	
Muriel Cureau,	Janet Lawrence,	Mildred Rucker,	

The deadline for Bulletin and Lourdes Notes (Flocknote) content is
Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available
on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays from 1PM on Thursday, December 23, 2021 thru Friday, January 1, 2022. We will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 9AM.

2021 ARCHDIOCESE AUDIT REVIEW: This September the Archdiocese of Atlanta completed its audit of the church's finances for the past fiscal year (July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021). We are pleased to report a number of accomplishments. One notable achievement included ending the fiscal year in the black thanks to generous offertory support during the pandemic; income from the Federal Government PPP loan forgiveness program; exceeding the Lourdes commitment to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal; and careful expense management. This marks the third consecutive year that the church has operated with a surplus, no small feat, especially in 2020, given that we launched our capital campaign in April and have generated over \$2.3 million thus far in gifts and pledges (all of which fall outside support for the operating expenses), as well as limitations placed on the church's activities due to the COVID virus. As part of the audit process, Lourdes also strengthened certain procedures that pertain to its financial operations and record keeping. Overall, we received glowing reviews from the Archdiocese audit review panel. Thank you to the entire Lourdes community for your ongoing charitable support of the church, enabling it to fulfill its mission and maintaining a balanced budget especially as we continue to raise donations to build a new sanctuary. Special thanks is extended to the church staff and Finance Council members, under the leadership of Dawn Leaner-Hall as chair for the past 5 years, for their thoughtful and professional oversight of the church's finances. If you have any questions regarding the 2021 audit, please contact Philip Verre, current Council Chair, at philipverre@gmail.com.

YOUTH LECTORS: Parishioners in grades 3 - 8, your talent is needed in our mass celebration!! Our Youth Lectors proclaim the *Liturgy of the Word on 4th and 5th Sundays of the month*. Participation involves a telephone preparation session in the week before you read. We will teach you to proclaim! We will meet on the altar before mass for a final practice. Email Mr. John Ujda (Youth Lector Coordinator) at john@ujda.net or 404-825-5316 to get started.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 19 Aria Burton Brian Ray Jacob Amos Jennifer Waters Kortni Ennis-Tucker Lucas Anderson Marie Vincent Wendy Skeete	Charlotte Akor Danielle Salinas Jaja Johnson Jeantel Luscap Joshua Cahill Linda Elmore Nicholas Davis Rebecca Alexander Ricardo Ware Sharif Kemp Sterling Fleury Sydney Banks	Nia Starr December 23 Ama Mfone Aubrey Hannah Charlotte Johnson Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu Gillian Brown Karena Anderson Martha Turner Monica Mendoza Sadie Weston Xavier Brown	Lisa Robinson Vonda Gipson December 25 Alphonsine Mfwamba Gale Warren Nathaniel Papillion Noelle Cloyd Talia Myers
December 20 James McMullen Karen Russian Pedro Ramos Victoria Sanon	December 22 Brian Elam David Brower Jeantou DeGrammont Kayan Rose	December 24 Emmanuel Boyd Erica Henry Ethan Devine	
December 21 Ava Godwin			

Ministries & Organizations

KPC Junior Daughters
Lisa Berkley, Counselor
jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September-June
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator
(404) 375-0838

Life Issues
Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM
Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator
lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com

Liturgy Committee
1st Monday at 7PM
Contact: Rev. Jeffery Ott
jot@lourdesatlanta.org

Lourdes Athletic Ministry
Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator
(404) 704-7327

Men's Ministry
Deacon Kenneth Bell, Facilitator
Contact the Church Office
404-522-6776

Mentoring Ministry
Louis Hubbard, Coordinator
lhubbardatl@yahoo.com

Parenting Ministry
Sunday at 9:30AM
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator
(770) 981-7226

Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)
Quarterly on 1st Sunday at 12PM
Janis Griffin

Social Action Committee
1st Sunday after the 10:30AM
Douglas Collins, (404) 317-4057
doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders
Lennison Alexander, (404) 644-7554;
Fr. Jeffery Ott, (404) 997-3867

St. Vincent de Paul Society
1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM
Nathaniel Papillion, Chair
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women's Council
1st Sunday at 10AM
Denise Hood, President
(404) 752-9620

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office