

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Holiday Season have you feeling blue? Do the holidays evoke sad memories of lost loved ones? Are you experiencing job or health challenges or perhaps an impending/recent divorce? Do you yearn to share and express your feelings in a safe and confidential environment? Lourdes' Stephen Ministry and trained Stephen Ministers are here to help! Call (404) 522-6776.

**ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL:** The winter solstice on **Wednesday, December 21**, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. We hope you will join us in person for the annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial, on **Wednesday, December 21, at 5:30PM - 6:00PM** at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!**

**YOUTH LECTORS** - Lourdes members ages 8-12 are needed as lectors. Youth proclaim the Word on the 4th or 5th Sunday each month. No experience is required, and preparation is provided. Here's how it works: When the reader has been scheduled, about a week in advance the reading is provided for preview. We then hold a preparation phone call that typically lasts 20-25 minutes. Finally, lectors are asked to arrive 30 minutes early for mass for a final read-through and to learn when and how to approach the altar to read. For more information or to sign-up please contact **John Ujda, 404-825-5316** or [john@ujda.net](mailto:john@ujda.net).

**DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY!** Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. The survey will be available through **Friday, December 16** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. **Survey Link:** <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/y7tpoy>. There will also be opportunities to complete the survey after weekend Masses. You can obtain a paper copy in the church or by contacting **Mrs. Carmen Jenkins** at [cjenkins@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cjenkins@lourdesatlanta.org) or 404-522-6776. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Jeffery and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. *Thank you for helping.*

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** *For volunteer not-for-profit organizations.* We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION)** The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 65-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. In God's infinite goodness, he asked extraordinary things of Catholic Charities Atlanta (CCA) this year. We assisted almost 18,000 individuals. Our Parent Talk Program let 95% of the children stay in their homes and our Safe Passages Program put 78% of our displaced youths into safe and appropriate homes. We are also proud that 96% of our Veteran clients understand and are able to navigate community resources to better maintain stability. Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. Please give generously to the 2nd collection! You also can support Catholic Charities Atlanta (CCA) in the following ways: Become involved by serving as an Ambassador in community outreach; Volunteer your time or Attend or sponsor the annual CCA Soirée on May 6th, 2023 at the Georgia Aquarium.

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

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888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline  
Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org



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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022



### Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*  
Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor (Retired)*  
Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*  
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*  
Mr. LeRell Ross, *Director of Music*  
Mrs. Carmen Rancifer Jenkins, *Office Manager*  
Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrative Assistant*  
Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Assistant to the Pastor*  
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*  
Ms. Sheena White, *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.*

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We are committed  
We are LOURDES

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



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**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Saturdays: 5PM  
Sundays: 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
**Masks are required for ALL attendees over 2 years**

**Livestream Mass**  
Sundays: 10:30 AM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
By appointment only  
Call the Church Office  
404-522-6776

**Journey of Faith (RCIA)**  
Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish  
404.247.6628/[kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Religious Education**  
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen  
Director of Religious Education  
[thebowens4@bellsouth.net](mailto:thebowens4@bellsouth.net)

**Sunday School Classes**  
For Pre-K - 8th Grade  
Sundays: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

**Teens: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM**  
Contact: Ms. Sheena White  
Teen Ministry Coordinator  
[lourdesteens1912@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com)

**Parenting Ministry**  
Sundays: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM  
Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel  
[Pj.lemuel@gmail.com](mailto:Pj.lemuel@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin  
Prayer/Visit: [lourdespct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdespct@gmail.com)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10AM

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](mailto:ollsalumni@gmail.com)

Amazing Grace Dance Company  
Wednesdays, 7:15PM-9:15PM;  
Sundays, 1:30PM  
Open Rehearsals every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
January - October at 2:30PM  
[dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com](mailto:dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com)

Amazing Grace Youth Ministry  
Saturdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm  
Teresa Emmanuel  
[amazinggraceyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto: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  
1<sup>st</sup> Mondays, 7PM  
Patrice Barton Smith  
[psbarton901@gmail.com](mailto:psbarton901@gmail.com)

### Finance Council

Quarterly Meetings  
Philip Verre, Chairperson

### Haiti Ministry

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Ron Apollon  
404-441-3032  
[ronapollon@gmail.com](mailto:ronapollon@gmail.com)

### Health Promotions Ministry

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Contact the Church Office

### Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight  
[earoberts3@outlook.com](mailto:earoberts3@outlook.com)

### KPC Junior Knights

Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander  
[knyaku@gmail.com](mailto:knyaku@gmail.com)

### KPC Ladies Auxiliary

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Joy Jordan, Grand Lady  
[jam.123.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:jam.123.sykes@gmail.com)

### KPC Junior Daughters

Lisa Berkley, Counselor  
[jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com](mailto:jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com)



## Today's Sunday's Readings {3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent}

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10  
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

## Next Sunday's Readings {4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent}

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - For the repose of the soul of † Jannetta Gilbert  
Sunday 10:30AM - For the repose of the soul of † Fr. Wilbur Thomas

## Lourdes Stewardship

**Weekly Church Support (12/03/22 - 12/09/22) \$25,259**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/03/22 - 12/09/22) \$11,787

Online Offertory (12/03/22 - 12/09/22) \$13,472

**Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 22-23): \$25,750**

*Consider setting up on-line giving today!*

Visit: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) click on the 'Give' tab or

Visit: <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/funds>

## 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal - "Transformed in Christ"

Lourdes Share: \$119,200

Amount Paid to Date (12/09/22): \$63,037

For more information, visit <https://archatl.com/appeal/>

To donate on-line visit <https://archatl.com/appeal/make-a-gift/>

"Thank you for your generosity."

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

## Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Damien Danavall,	Janet Lawrence,	Josephine Rosario,
Karen Allen,	Betty Davis,	Jim Macke,	Mildred Rucker,
Kennan Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Mary Ellen Macke	Grace Rutherford,
Olga Atkinson,	Christian Doute,	Gloria Manson,	Alana Shepard,
Cherry Banez,	Clinton Elmore,	James McEwan,	Wendy Stewart,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Barbara Hagan,	Melody McIntyre	Johnnie Strong,
Sandy Bell,	Geton Harper,	Maridel Moffett,	Eugene Sturgis,
Susie Bell,	Pamela Haley,	Mary Moon,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Deanna Blasingame,	Ronnie Horton,	Peggy Neeson,	Yolanda Thompson,
David Brower,	Frank Howard,	Evette Oates,	Frank Tighe,
Edward Branch,	Jackson Igou,	Katie Price,	Sandra Turner,
Frederick Cannon,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Eisenhower Raines,	Josette Walker,
Sam Cooper,	James Jordan,	Libby Ricard,	Michelle Wilkinson
Muriel Cureau,	Felix Lawrence,	Thomas Rogers,	

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

Please email [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

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**LECTOR PREP** for the month of January will be held this Tuesday, December 13, at 7PM in the Church. All lectors must attend at least one session per month to remain active. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, you are also invited to attend at least one of the Lector Prep sessions. Lector Books for 2023 are available. Cost is \$14.00. Payments and be made online at <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/bookstore> and in the Notes section indicate 'Lector Book'.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on at St. Anthony of Padua in the West End next Saturday, December 17 at 11:00AM. It's a communal celebration along with the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Anthony of Padua, Basilica of Sacred Heart and The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE:** The Social Action Committee will be meeting after the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday December 18th. This will be our first in-person meeting in over 2 years, and we invite anyone interested in joining our Ministry or interested in finding out more about our Ministry to join us for this important event.

**ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL!** If you still have a pledge balance to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, **gifts must be postmarked by December 31**, in order to be included in your 2022 tax letter. **Lourdes Goal - \$119,200. Amount Paid \$63,037. This is a shortfall.** Please consider completing your pledge online at [www.archatl.com/appeal](http://www.archatl.com/appeal). If you are completing your donation online, please make your contribution **by 9PM (EST) on December 31** to ensure it is received electronically by 11:59PM. 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. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### December 11

Adele Johnson  
Ava Cooper-Cadres  
Brendan Flannery  
Elliott Weaver  
Ethan Waddy  
Myrna Cubilette

### December 12

Anabell Buggage  
Charles Johnson  
Christopher Rhodenbaugh  
Deloris Ward  
Estela Niyonyshu  
Harold Guidry  
Khalia McCray  
Lamme Savane  
Miquelle Bowers  
Nicholas Haynes  
Phillip Boykin Jr.

### December 13

Dejon Alexander

Emerson Gibson

James Haydel  
Jennifer Halicki  
Mariano Rojas  
Mark Zeigler  
Mary Pitra  
Nanci Pearson  
Owen MacLaverly  
Raynell Evans  
Sandra Jean  
Victoria Hardy  
Willie Harris

### December 14

Alanna Anderson  
Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson  
Jolene Edwards  
Kara Stewart  
Katie Price  
Raechel Bimmerle  
Timothy Coveney

### December 15

Bernetta Jones

David Miller Patton V

Gavin Brooks  
Jerry Billingslea  
Jo Ward  
Juanita Lang  
Macey Pouncey  
Patrick Crosby  
Philip Musey  
Zadieparkar Idani

### December 16

Carol Hadley  
David Baldwin  
Esan Ebner  
Kimberly Stringer  
Liberty Jones  
Luther Brewster  
Madison Street  
Mary Chapman

### December 17

Angelea Turner  
Curtis Dejean  
E. Adrien Saintil

Jasper Edwards

Joseph Longosz II  
Karen Allen  
Lani Gustafson  
Marshall Dean  
Matthew Kissel  
Mila Lang  
Paul Sanon  
Sharon Minix Glover  
Tarekegn Hope  
Teshia Dula  
Theresa Brower



## Ministries & Organizations

### Lourdes Lunch

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

### Life Issues

Conference Call 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7PM  
Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator  
[lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com)

### Liturgy Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7PM  
Contact: Rev. Jeffery Ott  
[jott@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:jott@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

### Parenting Ministry

Sunday at 9:00AM  
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator  
(770) 981-7226

### Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)

Quarterly on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12PM  
Janis Griffin

### Social Action Committee

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
TBA

### Stephen Ministry Leaders

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

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30AM  
Nathaniel Papillion, Chair  
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

### Women's Council

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10AM  
Denise Hood, President  
(404) 752-9620

### Young at Heart (Seniors)

Contact the Church Office