

MARRIAGE BANNS: Mr. Ransford Koduah and Ms. Samlara Baah are scheduled to be married at St. James Catholic Church in Osu-Accra in the Catholic Archdiocese of Accra. If anyone has a valid objection to this marriage, kindly email Father Jeffery Ott (jott@lourdesatlanta.org) with the reason for the objection. No phone calls please.

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!**

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 \$66,975. This is a shortfall.** Please consider completing your pledge online at 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 before midnight. 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.

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.

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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Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022



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

Religious Education
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
Director of Religious Education
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

Parenting Ministry
Sundays: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel
Pj.lemuel@gmail.com

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

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.

We are active
We are committed
We are LOURDES

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



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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
Patrice Barton Smith
psbarton901@gmail.com

Finance Council

Quarterly Meetings
Philip Verre, 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

KPC Junior Daughters

Lisa Berkley, Counselor
jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com



Today's Sunday's Readings {3rd Sunday of Advent}

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

Next Sunday's Readings {Christmas Day}

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1: 1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - For the repose of the soul of †Stephen Boss
Sunday 10:30AM - For the repose of the soul of †David Hyland

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/04/22 - 12/16/22) **\$25,422**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/04/22 - 12/16/22) \$12,975

Online Offertory (12/04/22 - 12/16/22) \$12,447

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

Consider setting up on-line giving today!

Visit: 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 (12/16/22): \$66,975

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

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans ... God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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

2022 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4PM Family Mass
7PM Children's Mass

Christmas Midnight Mass, Saturday, December 24th ** Livestreamed

Music program begins at **11:30PM** followed by **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th ** Livestreamed

10:30AM Mass

New Year's Eve, Watch Night Service

Saturday, December 31st

(No Saturday 5PM Mass)

11:30PM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1st ** Livestreamed

10:30AM Mass

ALL Christmas Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes. Masks are required. Please note parking for ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES will be available in the Edgewood Avenue Parking lot located at 494 - 502 Edgewood Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA 30312 There will be limited parking available in our Auburn Ave and Boulevard Ave for those with physical challenges walking or using stairs.

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

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.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 18	Monique Sewell	December 22	Emmanuel Boyd
Etienne Pascal	Victoria Sanon	David Brower	Erica Henry
Katrina Kissel		Jeantou DeGrammont	Ethan Devine
Nina Hylton	December 21	Kayan Rose	Lisa Robinson
Okorie Johnson	Ava Godwin	Nia Starr	Shana-Gay Jones
	Charlotte Akor		
December 19	Danielle Salinas	December 23	
Aria Burton	Jaja Johnson	Ama Mfone	
Brian Ray	Jeantel Luscap	Aubrey Hannah	
Jacob Amos	Joshua Cahill	Charlotte Johnson	
Jennifer Waters	Linda Elmore	Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu	
Kortni Ennis-Tucker	Nicholas Davis	Gillian Brown	
Lucas Anderson	Rebecca Alexander	Karena Anderson	
Marie Vincent	Ricardo Ware	Martha Turner	
Wendy Skeete	Sharif Kemp	Xavier Brown	
	Sterling Fleury		
December 20	Sydney Banks	December 24	
Karen Russian		Adewale Bakare	



Ministries & Organizations

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
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 1st Sunday at 12PM
Janis Griffin

Social Action Committee

1st 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

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