

**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.

**MARRIAGE BANNES:** 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](mailto:jott@lourdesatlanta.org)) with the reason for the objection. No phone calls please.

**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 \$67,300. 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 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](mailto: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.

**ST PETER CLAVER REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** St. Peter Claver Catholic School believes that a Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your children. Please join us for our Open House from **1pm to 3pm on Sunday, January 29**, to see for yourself what an amazing educational opportunity exists right here and learn more about the ways SPC works to make Catholic education affordable. Visit the school website, [www.spc-school.org](http://www.spc-school.org) to RSVP or call Natasha McCants at 404.241.3063.

**\*\*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  
 Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or [Optionline.org](http://Optionline.org)



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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 25 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.*

We are active  
 We are committed  
 We are LOURDES

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



**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



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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](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 { Christmas }

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

## For Mass Intentions Requests:

Email Carol Ann Pinard at [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org)  
Include the name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered and the reason for the intention

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/17/22 - 12/23/22) **\$24,046**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/17/22 - 12/23/22) \$6,983

Online Offertory (12/17/22 - 12/23/22) \$17,063

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 (12/23/22): \$67,300

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

"For unto us is born this day a Savior!" In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You.

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

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY** From Father Jeffery, Father Bruce, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenny and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** The Church Office is closed for Christmas and New Year holidays through Monday, January 2, 2023. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 9AM.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### New Year's Eve, Watch Night Service

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

(No Saturday 5PM Mass)

11:30PM Mass

### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> \*\* Livestreamed

10:30AM Mass

**ALL holiday 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 New Year 's Mass schedule is available on our website:

[www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://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

<b>December 25</b>	Ethan Devine	Kennedy Blanchard	Lalor Cadley
Alphonsine Mfwamba	Frederick McCray	Wayne Jordan	Liana Neal
Gale Warren	Jennifer Lund		Kaia Driver
Nathaniel Papillion	Jeremy McCray	<b>December 30</b>	Mary Jane Cooper
Noelle Cloyd	John Mazzolini	Alexandra Thompson	Raven Powers
Talia Myers	Kyri Hooks	Casen Goff Benjamin	
	Remington Van Voohis	Devin Burnam	
<b>December 26</b>	<b>December 28</b>	Giles Conwill	
Barbara Miller	Benedicte Lutumba Kabedi	Harrison Butker	
Christine Wilkinson	Charles Rodney	Harrison Zegers	
Curtis Armour Jr.	Gerrard Grant	Jacquelyn Bernard	
Garrett Smith	Joseph Nduom	Paul Ferguson	
Maria Yu	Sandy Bourda	Powis Forjoe	
Nicole Symmonds	Turner Moore	Winston Eckel Jr.	
Wylma Blanding		<b>December 31</b>	
<b>December 27</b>	<b>December 29</b>	Anthony Jordan	
Beau Bernard	Doris Coleman	Beja Turner	
Craig Weber	Jaycee Sedjro	Dorian H. Miller	
Davis Smith	John Grady	Gary Carter	
	Justin Jordan	Kwame Nyaku	



## 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