NEWS AT LOURDES

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 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.

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. 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.

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 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



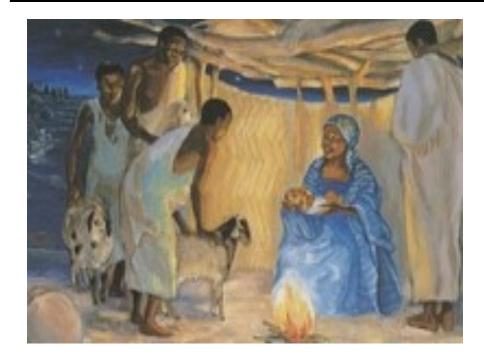
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404.522.6776 www.lourdesatlanta.org Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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

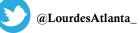
Ms. Sheena White, Teen Ministry Coordinator

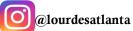
Mr. Cong Dinh, Maintenance Supervisor

Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action. We are active
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December 25 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 lourdesteens 1912@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



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 ancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com

Amaznig 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 earoberts,@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 {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
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 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, Karen Allen, Kennan Allen, Olga Atkinson, Cherry Banez, Cherylle Bartholomew, Sandy Bell, Susie Bell, Deanna Blasingame, David Brower, Edward Branch, Frederick Cannon, Sam Cooper, Muriel Cureau,	Damien Danavall, Betty Davis, Christian Doute, Clinton Elmore, Barbara Hagan, Geton Harper, Pamela Haley, Ronnie Horton, Frank Howard, Jackson Igou, Ronald Jean-Louis, James Jordan, Felix Lawrence, Janet Lawrence,	Gloria Manson, James McEwan, Melody McIntyre Maridel Moffett, Mary Moon, Peggy Neeson, Evette Oates, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Libby Ricard, Thomas Rogers, Josephine Rosario, Mildred Rucker, Grace Rutherford,	Alana Shepard, Wendy Stewart, Johnnie Strong, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Yolanda Thompson, Frank Tighe, Sandra Turner, Josette Walker, Michelle Wilkinson
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The deadline for Bulletin and Lourdes Notes (Flocknote) content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

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

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 31st (No Saturday 5PM Mass) 11:30PM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Sunday, January 1st ** 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.

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

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Ministries & Organizations

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September-June

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

Life Issues

Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator <u>lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com</u>

> 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