

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF ESTHER:** We welcome all to participate in the upcoming class that will discuss the Book of Esther, starting Tuesday evening, **February 21, 7 – 8:30pm**. On this occasion, we are very fortunate once again to have Biblical scholar Dr. Kathleen O'Connor provide a contextual overview of this Old Testament story and share its key themes.

If you wish to prepare for the class, now is the time to start reading the Book's 10 chapters. We will be referencing the New Revised Standard Version in class, but feel comfortable to use whatever version you may have. Also recommended is watching a 9-minute video on the Book of Esther by going to bibleproject.com.

Join Zoom Meeting - The Book of Esther

[us02web.zoom.us/j/8798...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8798...)

Meeting ID: 879 8148 0659

Passcode: Bible

Classes run from February 21 through May 9 (there will be no class on Easter Tuesday, April 11). All are welcome, and we look forward to lively and meaningful dialogue.

**A DECADE OF DIALOGUE AND LEADERSHIP:** A 10th Anniversary Celebration and Public Dialogue at Georgetown on The Francis Factor at Ten Years on Tuesday, February 28 from 5:30PM - 7PM EST - Dahlgren Chapel of the Sacred Heart Georgetown University, Washington, DC. The Initiative's inaugural Public Dialogue in 2013 was on "*The Francis Factor*," examining how Pope Francis' new leadership of the Catholic Church might shape our Church and nation. Now, a decade later, this landmark dialogue will focus on the mission, message, and impact of Pope Francis after 10 years and into the future. **RSVP to attend online or in person** at <https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/events/the-francis-factor-at-ten-years#rsvp>.

**TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** 2022 Tax Contribution Statements are available for download from *My Own Church* at <https://atlantaaim.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>. Check weekly Flocknote for instructions.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:** For parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**COUPLES CELEBRATING 50TH AND 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2023:** The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1973 and 1963 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Saturday April 1, at noon**, at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A light reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

**FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES RETREAT,** "Journey Home: A Pilgrimage," will be held at the Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive, Smyrna, Ga. 30080, on Sunday, March 5 from noon until 7pm. There will be talks by priests and theologians, small group sharing, spiritual reflection, Mass, and dinner. LGBTQ persons, their parents and families, clergy, allies, and anyone desiring a Catholic Church that is a welcoming home for all are invited to attend. For registration details, go to [fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org](https://fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org) Registration deadline is February 27.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL JOB FAIR** The Office of Catholic Schools is hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, March 4, at the Chancery in Smyrna from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Teaching positions in grades PK (4) – 12 may be available for the upcoming school year. Principals from our 16 archdiocesan Catholic schools will be present. New, returning and recently retired teachers welcome! Qualified candidates should bring multiple copies of resumes to share with schools to which they are interested in applying. For directions to the Chancery, please visit <https://archatl.com/places/directions/>.

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

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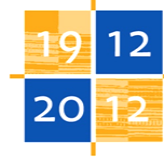
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline

Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org



A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT  
**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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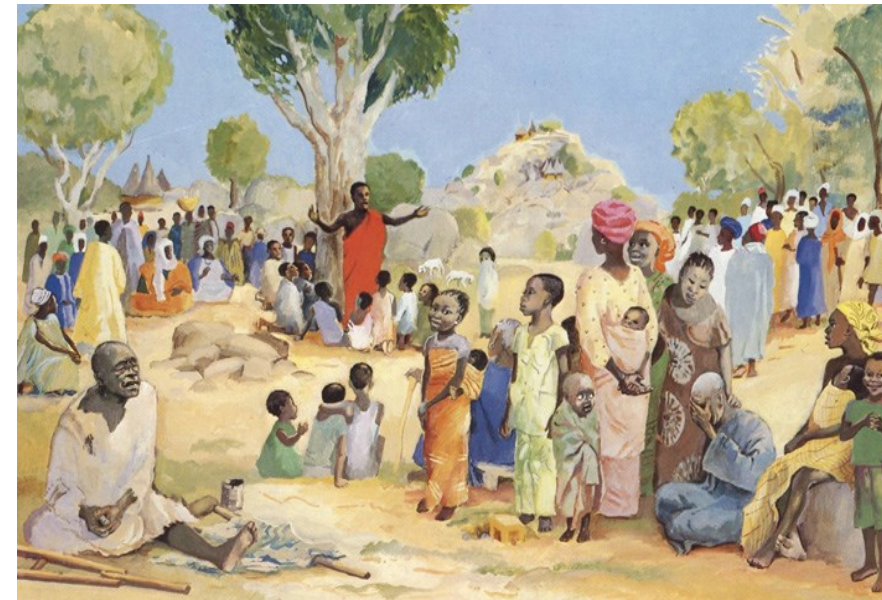
[www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)

Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM

Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 12, 2023



**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

### Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*

Rev. Thomas Jackson, 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*

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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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](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  
Clima White, Grand Knight  
[climajwhite@hotmail.com](mailto:climajwhite@hotmail.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)



## Today's Sunday's Readings

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

## Next Sunday's Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

## Mass Intentions:

8AM Mass for the repose of the soul †Olga Atkinson  
10:30AM for the repose of the soul †Melania Peña, Dima González  
& Bernice Theresa Wallace

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (02/04/23 - 02/10/23) **\$32,268**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (02/04/23 - 02/10/23) **\$13,351**

Online Offertory (02/04/23 - 02/10/23) **\$18,917**

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

Consider setting up on-line giving today!

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

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes

## 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal - "Do this in Memory of me"

Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is **\$103,400**. A percentage of the money collected above our goal will be returned to the parish! To learn more about the impact of our support to the appeal and to donate online, visit [www.archatl.com/appeal](http://www.archatl.com/appeal).

Thank you for your generosity."

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Christian stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

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

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| Joseph Allen,         | Damien Danavall,   | Gloria Manson,     | Alana Shepard,     |
| Karen Allen,          | Betty Davis,       | James McEwan,      | Wendy Stewart,     |
| Kennan Allen,         | Christian Doute,   | Melody McIntyre    | Johnnie Strong,    |
| Cherry Banez,         | Clinton Elmore,    | Maridel Moffett,   | Eugene Sturgis,    |
| Cherylle Bartholomew, | Barbara Hagan,     | Mary Moon,         | Jean-Luc Tahou,    |
| Sandy Bell,           | Geton Harper,      | Peggy Neeson,      | Yolanda Thompson,  |
| Susie Bell,           | Pamela Haley,      | Evette Oates,      | Frank Tighe,       |
| Deanna Blasingame,    | Ronnie Horton,     | Katie Price,       | Sandra Turner,     |
| David Brower,         | Frank Howard,      | Eisenhower Raines, | Josette Walker,    |
| Edward Branch,        | Jackson Igou,      | Libby Ricard,      | Michelle Wilkinson |
| Pam Buckmaster,       | 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).

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH - Our Lady of Lourdes... We Are Black History.** We all know that Lourdes is the mother church of African American Catholicism in Atlanta, we proudly repeat that often when speaking about our beloved Lourdes. Now we can add another point of pride to our history. For the first time, we have TWO African American priests leading our congregation. Our Pastor, Fr. Jeffery M. Ott, O.P., who is the first African American pastor we've had at Lourdes, and Fr. Tom Jackson, O.P. our Associate Pastor. We are blessed!

**LOURDES BOOK DISCUSSION:** In celebration of Black History Month and for your continuing education, everyone in the parish is encouraged to read a stimulating book – **In the Shadow of Ebenezer: A Black Catholic Parish in the Age of Civil Rights and Vatican II** by Leah Mickens. Mickens, an archivist at the University of Pittsburgh, has written an enlightening history of Lourdes. This important book records our remarkable history, and it will serve as a catalyst to our vibrant future! There are plans in the works for a parish-wide discussion of the book perhaps in March, so stay tuned. The book is available for purchase at your favorite retailers.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be Sunday School today, **Sunday February 12. There will be NO Sunday School next Sunday, February 19 (Winter Break).** Classes resume on Sunday, February 26.

**PRE-LENT RETREAT** on **Saturday, February 18 from 10:00AM - 11:30AM.** Julian Davis Reid will lead us into Lent with contemplation, thoughtful questions, and music. Join us as we prepare for our Lenten Journey together.

**LOURDES PRAYER CALL:** All are invited to our **Lourdes Prayer Call via ZOOM on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 12PM - 12:45PM.** Hosted by the **Pastoral Care Team (PCT)**, the call will connect us spiritually and offer prayer and comfort to those in need.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### February 12

Bryan James  
Crystal Dishman  
Darija Pichanick  
Geoffrey Williams  
Leena Burton  
Maureen Alexander  
Michael H. Brown  
Najja Johnson  
Robert French  
Stephanie Diaz  
Taylor Wood

### February 13

Amber Rodriguez  
Cleon Roberts Jr.  
Darrell Braswell  
Fatimah Dennany  
Journee Richardson-White  
Julia Floyd

Myles Jones  
Zora Infantry-Johnson

### February 14

Austin Simmons  
Bryce Rivers  
Chadrick Driver  
David Walker  
Ethan-Anthony Iluyomade  
Joel Lemuel  
Jourdan Harper  
Junior Gaspard  
Kristie Poellnitz  
Monique Joseph  
Nina Chukwura  
Pamela Tolliver

### February 15

Ann Lynch  
Beatrice Soublet  
Elise Isakov

Jonah Paquette-Jones  
Kimora Street  
Nyasha Mhere  
Paula Heard

### February 16

Bridget Zokovitch  
Calvin Wilkinson  
Carol Joyner  
Ellyce Charles  
Gabrielle Davis  
Kameron Owens  
Marvin Artis  
Sara Mulligan

### February 17

Charlene Brown  
Eliya Foster  
Linda Young-Ribeiro  
Noah Stephens

Ryan Haynes  
Terrence Williams  
Tiffany Laurent  
Victoria Saintil

### February 18

Brianna Wargo  
Carla Jordan  
Emily Kruse  
Jack Landers  
Kinzey Price  
Khairo McCray  
Patrick Huefner



## Ministries & Organizations

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

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

Social Action Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
John Schwenkler & Beatrice Soublet

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 Adult Group  
Nikki Moorer

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office