

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**YOU ARE INVITED** to see Lourdes own , Cameron Smith in the production of Bachelor: A Double Date with Death. It's a parody of ABC's The Bachelor and Disney Plus's The Mandalorian. It's being performed at Petite Violette Restaurant on Clairmont Rd. up I-85 North. The show runs until April 22nd every Friday and Saturday night at 7:30pm. Cameron will be performing the weekends of March 10th, 17th, 31st, and April 14th. You can make reservations for the show at [petitevioletteresturant.com](http://petitevioletteresturant.com) or send email Cameron Smith at [cameronsmith27@comcast.net](mailto:cameronsmith27@comcast.net) to discuss complimentary tickets or if you have questions.

**GRATITUDE DINNER WITH FR. JEFFERY:** On May 21, Fr. Jeffery will be hosting a gratitude dinner for all those who have included Our Lady of Lourdes in their estate plans. You may choose to include the parish in your will or make the parish the beneficiary of an insurance policy, a retirement fund, or a checking or savings account; you might even leave your house or other assets to the parish. You may contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia at [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org) or 404-497-9440 for assistance. Whatever you choose to do, we are grateful. Please call the parish office at 404.522.6776 or send an email to [LourdesAtlantaOffice@gmail.com](mailto:LourdesAtlantaOffice@gmail.com) by May 5 to let us know if you have included the parish in your estate plans in order to receive an invitation to the gratitude dinner.

**TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:** 2022 Tax Contribution Statements are available for download from *My Own Church* at <https://atlantaaim.parihssoftfamilysuite.com/>. Check weekly Flocknote for step by step instructions. If you would like to have your statement mailed contact the Church Office .

## 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.

**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](http://fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org) **Registration deadline is February 27.**

**SPRING PREVIEW 2023:** Explore the new Archdiocesan PK4-12 Catholic school, St. Mary's Academy, at our **Spring Preview on Thursday, March 9, from 4 pm to 6 pm.** Guests will hear presentations on our academics, visit our Center for Innovation, a multi-use STEM lab, and meet teachers and coaches. Families will also learn about financial aid and other tuition assistance programs. Refreshments will be provided. Please register at [smaschool.org](http://smaschool.org). For more information, call 770-461-2202.

**THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA** seeks a **director of parish preschool programs** to assist with the operations and oversight of parish preschool programs. The position is part-time, working from early August through early June. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and hold a Degree in Early Childhood Education (master's preferred). Other qualifications include: a minimum of three to five years' experience in early childhood education and/or program administration; knowledge of child development, early childhood theory and best practices for early childhood education; versed in age-appropriate religious standards and practices; demonstrate excellent written and verbal skills; and, desire to operate in a team environment. Interested and qualified candidates are asked to submit a letter of interest, resume and three references to Diane Starkovich, Ph.D., superintendent of schools, Archdiocese of Atlanta, 2401 Lake Park Drive SE. Smyrna, GA 30080 ([dstarkovich@archatl.com](mailto:dstarkovich@archatl.com)). Position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. No phone calls, please. **\*\*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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023



### 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.*

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We are committed  
We are LOURDES

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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  
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

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19  
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

## Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

## Mass Intentions:

5:00PM for the repose of the soul †Jennifer Cole-Adams  
10:30AM for the repose of the souls †Leon & Innocentia Gaba

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (02/18/23 - 02/24/23) **\$27,156**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (02/18/23 - 02/24/23) **\$13,750**

Online Offertory (02/18/23 - 02/24/23) **\$13,406**

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

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh, Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us! See Psalm 51

## 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,
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:** On Sunday, February 26, Father Jeffery will be preaching at the Basilica of Sacred Heart for their Black History Month celebration.

**BIBLE STUDY: THE BOOK OF ESTHER:** The first class of the Lourdes Bible Study took place last Tuesday, and we welcomed over 30 participants. A great turnout and thanks to all who attended. Our next class is **Tuesday evening, February 28, 7:00pm – 8:30pm** at which time we will discuss chapter 1. 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](http://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, including those who did not attend the first class.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Please join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday night during lent, beginning **Friday, February 24 thru Friday, March 31 at 7PM in the church**. Each week the stations will be led by a Lourdes Ministry. Next Friday, March 3, to commemorate the feast of Saint Katharine Drexel, the stations will be led by Teen Ministry and Journey of Faith (RCIA).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be Sunday School this **Sunday, February 26**.

**LECTOR PREP** for the month of April will be held on **Saturday, March 4 at 10:30AM and Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00PM in the Church**. All Lectors are required to attend **at least one session per month** to stay active.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### February 26

Alvin Pearson  
Caliyah Green  
Gabriella Byse  
Imani Neeson

Keith Williams  
Mecia Neverdon  
Randy Hood

Sydney Bradford IV  
Timothy Etson Jr.

### February 27

Anthony Oliver  
Christine Lewis  
Michael Julius Idani II  
Thomas Whitley

### February 28

Bradley Walker  
Denise Warner

### Jonasina Hale

Monica Baroi  
Takisha Thomas  
William Beckham

### February 29

Leon Tomkosky

### March 01

Brittany Longosz  
Cong Dinh  
Cruz Colette

John Standridge  
Jude Albino  
Kendra Driver

Navina Vemuri  
Sarah Maxwell  
Tabitha Ingle

Taliaa Pouncey  
Tricia Savane

### March 02

Barbara French  
Jayden Richardson  
John Standridge

Jordan Robinson  
Joseph Mathes  
Joshua Fezell

Lara Catledge Reddick  
Michael Anidi III  
Michael Thompson

### March 03

B. Nalani Butler  
Chanel Diggs  
Claudette Dillard  
Clovis Nyimi Malu  
Connor McHugh  
Marie-Victor Lutumba Malu  
Martin Gatins  
Nicholas Hall  
Noelle Crawford

### Toni Bryant

### March 04

Albert Harris  
Austin Pudlo  
Barb Touchette

Devan Boutte  
Teddy Okonokhua  
Keith Fitzwater

Lisa Morgan  
Luther Davis Jr.  
Rhoda Johnson



## 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 Mooror

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office