

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**PARENTING MINISTRY: CONGRATULATIONS** to all the families that completed the 2022-2023 Parenting Ministry Session. Special thank to those who attended, as this was our first year back face to face since the pandemic. It was a pleasure facilitating classes that focused on raising our tweens and teens. Wishing you an enjoyable and look forward to seeing you and many new faces in September, for the 2023 -2024 session.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Help us celebrate Pentecost! Do you speak a foreign language? On May 27 / May 28 as we celebrate Pentecost, we are seeking assistance to proclaim the Liturgy of the Word at our weekend Masses. If you would like to volunteer, please call the church office (404-522-6776).

**LOURDES CONFERENCE - ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVDP)(GREEN ENVELOPES):** Today our second collection will be for the Lourdes Conference - (SVDP). Our Lady of Lourdes conference of St. Vincent de Paul helps clients who live within zip code 30312, and Lourdes parishioners who are experiencing a temporary setback due to illness or unemployment. The most common needs are rent assistance, utility bill payment or emergency food provisions. Lourdes SVDP also counsels clients on budgeting, pairs clients with other resources in the community (like employer listings, health care resources, and food and clothing pantries) and provides spiritual support by praying with and for clients. Donations can be made online at <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/lourdes-conference-st-vincent-de-paul>.

**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:** Every year during the month of May, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. This year, NAMI is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the **More Than Enough campaign!** It's an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold — no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. We want every person out there to know that if all you did was wake up today, that's *more than enough*. No matter what, you are inherently worthy of *more than enough* life, love and healing. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself and the people around you is *more than enough*..

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR MAY:** *For church movements and groups.* We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charms at the service of needs in the world.

**YOUNG ADULT MASS AND HYGIENE KIT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Office of Intercultural Ministries of the Archdiocese of Atlanta invites you to join us for a special Mass and community service opportunity for young adults sponsored by our Black Catholic Affairs ministry. The evening will begin with Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Bernard Shlesinger III, followed by fellowship, food and the opportunity to construct hygiene kits. We will donate the kits filled with toiletry items to one of our local parishes serving the needs of our homeless and working poor communities in metro Atlanta. This in-person event will take place on Friday, May 19, 6 p.m. at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, located at 2401 Lake Park Drive SE, Smyrna, Georgia 30080. The event is free to attend, and guests are encouraged to bring travel-sized toiletry items to donate. Plenty of free parking will be available. Please contact Mr. Ashley Morris, director of black catholic affairs, at [amorris@archatl.com](mailto:amorris@archatl.com) or 404-920-7586 for questions.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN:** Next week, our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**\*\*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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Atlanta, GA 30312  
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[www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)  
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023



**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Saturdays: 5PM  
Sundays: 8:00AM & 10:30AM  
**Masks optional**

**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  
[tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org)

**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@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org)

**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.*

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We are committed  
We are LOURDES

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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)

Associates of Sisters of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
Saturdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm  
Brenda Manson  
(404) 735-8120

Bible Study  
Tuesdays 7:00PM- 8:30PM (Zoom)  
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)



## Today's Sunday's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

## Next Sunday's Readings

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23  
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

## Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM Mass for the repose of the soul† Jack Jenkins Jr.

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (05/06/23 - 05/12/23) **\$24,041**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (05/06/23—05/12/23) \$11,061

Online Offertory (05/06/23—05/12/23) \$12,980

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"

Lourdes Share: \$103,400

Amount Paid to Date (05/12/23): \$41,170

For more information or to donate online

visit [www.archatl.com/appeal](http://www.archatl.com/appeal)

"Thank you for your generosity."

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

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

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

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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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** We give thanks for our mothers and for all the women who have mothered us, loved us and believed in us. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother, or someone else, we are grateful. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they have showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

**KDCC IMPROVEMENTS:** Over the past year, a good amount of time and financial resources have been directed to the renovation and preventive maintenance of the Katharine Drexel Community Center, the 1912 cornerstone of Our Lady of Lourdes, and adjacent annexes. A new roof protects all; classrooms, offices and hallways have been freshly painted with new carpet laid down; age-appropriate furniture and fixtures have been installed in classrooms; new blinds cover all windows. Our cafeteria boasts new kitchen appliances and flooring. Funding for all of this important work has been made possible by grants from the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, parishioner donations to #iGiveCatholic campaigns, Lourdes reserve funds, in-kind donations, and the efforts of many Church volunteers. Special thanks go out to the Church staff who oversaw much of this work and lived through the inevitable disruptions with grace and patience. Gratitude to all. If you have questions, please contact [philipverre@gmail.com](mailto:philipverre@gmail.com).

**KPCLA 2023 SCHOLARSHIP:** The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court 300 is accepting applications for **2023 Scholarship Award**. Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are eligible and must be high school seniors entering post-secondary educational institution -or- college freshman. You must demonstrate good academics, community involvement, and complete an essay. For more details and an application, contact Lady Nicole Shockley at [Court300KPCLA@gmail.com](mailto:Court300KPCLA@gmail.com). **Deadline is Friday, May 19th at 5PM EST.**

**MARVELOUS MINISTRIES BUZZ SESSION:** Ministries are vital to our parish experience and connect us with the broader community. After several years of distance and isolation during the pandemic, we now have an opportunity to engage with ministries in new ways at Lourdes. We are excited to invite you to our Marvelous Ministry Buzz Session on **May 20th from 9:00a - 12:00p**. Whether you are currently involved in ministry, would like to be involved in a ministry, or have an idea for a new ministry, this session is for you! We will have food, fun, and faith-led discussions.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### May 14

Bernadette Graham  
Bradford Singleton  
Candace Rodriguez  
David 'DC' Coleman II  
Frederick Hamilton II  
**Deacon Kenneth Bell**  
Kira Hicks  
La Shae Freeman  
**Deacon Lennison Alexander**  
Mia Vaughan  
Rebecca Reedick  
Sara Smith  
Trentin Walker

Grayson Trent  
Kristin Boos  
Stephanie Homely-Jackson  
Tracy Joseph

### May 16

Caleb Walter  
Elisabethi Faida  
Imani Colbert-Tolbert  
Imani Lewis  
James Jordan  
Katherine Fisher  
Melanie Elam  
Michael Halicki

Janet Bennett  
Tamara Huntley  
William Ducloux  
William Haley

### May 18

Aisling Cleary  
Flavia Marin  
James Primus  
Renee Alladin  
Rosalie Jean-Enard  
Wilbert White  
Xavier Semien

Funmilayo Rachal  
Helen Iheonye  
Jeannine Harris  
Kelley Nduom  
Lulu Londergan

### May 20

Anthony Peoples  
Carla Gardner  
Joyce T. Murray  
Michael Evans  
Valencia Burwell

### May 15

Amelia Bramwell

### May 17

Chinyere Ekechi

### May 19

Akia Olds



## Ministries & Organizations

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)

## 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)

## 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