

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**YOUTH LECTORS NEEDED!** Lourdes members ages 8-18 are invited to lector. 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 last 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](mailto:John.Ujda@lourdesatlanta.org), 404-825-5316 or [john@ujda.net](mailto:john@ujda.net).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of volunteers for our Religious Education Program for the 2022-2023 school year, which begins September 25. If you are interested in working with our children and youth at Lourdes, please contact [Theresa Bowen, Director of Religious Education](mailto:T.Bowen@lourdesatlanta.org) at: [tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org) 770-981-3663/404-216-8504.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Registration for **2023-2024 Sunday School Year** is open. Please **register online only** at <https://lourdesatlanta.org/register/>. **Classes begin Sunday, September 17th** from 9:00am -10:15am. **NOTE TO PARENTS:** Celebration of the Sacraments: (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation). Preparation for the celebration of these Sacraments is a **TWO YEAR process**. Students **must** be enrolled in a Catholic Religious Education program **at least 1 year prior** to enrollment in the program for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

**PARENTING MINISTRY** at Our Lady of Lourdes begins its 2023-2024 session on **September 17, 2023**. Classes are open to all parents, grandparents and others who care and work with children. This year's programming focuses on ages 5-12. Our parents have children of all ages, so if your child/children are older don't miss out on the wisdom and experiences of parents already part of The Parenting Ministry. Classes take place during Sunday School from 9:00AM - 10:15 AM on the third floor of the Drexel Center. **WHILE THE KIDS ARE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** parents learn methods of effective parenting.

**MASS SURVEY:** We hear you! Let's discuss adding the **Sunday 12:30PM** Mass back to the weekend schedule. Answer these few questions using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P25GNWZ>, to help us plan for this possibility. Thank you in advance for your participation.

**BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE** ! Our Lady of Lourdes Back-to-School drive has kicked off. It will be virtual again this year and all items will go directly to Hope Hill Elementary. Please help a student in need! Click on the Amazon link [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1QOCD4CB85TXM?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/l/1QOCD4CB85TXM?ref=wl_share) and purchase item (s). Be sure to enter **Shipping Address: Hope Hill Elementary School, 112 Boulevard NE, Atlanta GA 30312** and enter 'from Our Lady of Lourdes' in the shipping address delivery notes. This event is being coordinated by Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you for your support.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** For **World Youth Day**. We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

**ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH** in Douglasville, is seeking a part-time (25 hours per week) **administrative assistant** for the Religious Education Department. The position requires skills in administration, communications and program planning. The qualified candidate must be a Catholic in good standing and enjoy working with children and teens. The ability to communicate in English and Spanish is desirable. The hours may have some flexibility during the week and does require to work on Sunday, some Saturdays and some evenings for Parish School of Religion classes and for special activities. If interested, please send your resume to [admin@sttheresacc.org](mailto:admin@sttheresacc.org) or present it to the parish office.

**\*\*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

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 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*

*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!

**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  
**RESUMES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
**REGISTER ONLINE**

**Teens: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM**  
Contact: Ms. Sheena White  
Teen Ministry Coordinator  
[lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org)

**Parenting Ministry**  
**RESUMES: SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**  
Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel  
[pj.lemuel@gmail.com](mailto:pj.lemuel@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin  
For Prayer/Visit Email:  
[lourdespct@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:lourdespct@lourdesatlanta.org)

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:30AM



## 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  
3rd Saturdays, 3pm  
Brenda Manson  
(404) 735-8120

Bible Study (TBD)  
Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P  
(404) 522-6776

Book Store  
Contact the Church Office  
404-522-6776

Boomers and Friends  
Lynn Nixon  
[marion12lynn@gmail.com](mailto:marion12lynn@gmail.com)  
404-788-6166

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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36  
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

## For Mass Intentions

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 (08/12/23 - 08/18/23) **\$35,758**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (08/12/23 - 08/18/23) \$19,403

Online Offertory (08/12/23 - 08/18/23) \$16,355

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 (08/18/23): \$53,819

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans — and us — that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they have been blessed. See Romans 11:36

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

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

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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**WELCOME!** We extend a hearty Lourdes welcome to Fr. Roberto Merced, OP, Provincial, and Fr. Jorge Rátiva, OP, Socius and Vicar Provincial (Assistant to the Provincial). They are the leaders of our Province of St. Martin de Porres of which we, Dominicans in Atlanta, are a part. Two times during a 4-year period, they visit all the houses and priories in the Province to talk with the friars; to see how the friars are living; and to meet people who are part of the friars' communities in a particular city.

**BIBLE STUDY** "In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...." Yes, the next topic of the Lourdes Bible Study is the Book of Genesis. Please join us as we share and discuss the first book of the Bible touching on the stories of Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, the Tower of Babel and more. Classes will be held **via Zoom on Tuesday evenings, 7pm – 8:30pm, starting September 19 and running through November 28** (with some blackout dates. We will pick up subsequent chapters of Genesis after Christmas and again after Easter). This fall, we are very fortunate to have the participation of Dr. Kathleen O'Connor and Dr. Julian Reid who will join some of the classes. If you are interested – and we hope you are – please register <https://form.jotform.com/232286412498159>. Thank you and be on the lookout for more information.

**MILLEN-Z MINISTRY (YOUNG ADULT GROUP):** For our August meetup, we'll be volunteering at **Campbellton Community Garden**, where we will help turn an empty lot into a beautiful, food-producing green space for the community. Volunteers will help with weeding, mulching, and harvesting. The event will take place on **Saturday, August 26 from 9AM - noon**. Following our service event, we'll meet at Thumbs Up Diner for a group reflection over brunch at **12:30PM**. For more details and to signup (required): <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/132302>.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### August 20

Aaron Thompson  
Ellen D'Orsi  
Etienne Gatins  
Gloria Davidson  
James Beckham  
James Faulkner  
Margaret Kester  
Paris Summers  
Thomas Williams  
Tricia Richardson

Brian Lynch  
Catherine Quinn  
Dave Hickerson  
Ilan Douglas  
Gianna Bergantino  
James Rhoads  
Lily Herold  
Michele Bagby  
Nia Van Buren  
Scandia McCrary  
Xander Cotton

Mary Ellen Macke  
Melinda Lillard  
Michai Vaughan  
Natalia Ojober  
Niya Thomas  
Royce Lino-Woodson  
Wilbert Thomas

### August 24

Anthony Smith Jr.  
Arielle Severe  
Ave Burton  
Earl Cotton Jr.  
Evelynne Burton  
Janaiya Turner  
Joseph Carpenter  
Nichole Ravenell  
Suzanne Schneider  
Tajuana Pearson  
Taylor Alpough

### August 25

Anthony Hylton  
Carmen Jenkins

Courtney Lewis  
Douglass Robinson  
Eric Francis  
Frank Okonokhua  
Imani Van Buren  
Michael DeAntonio  
Paul Cleary  
Robert Cohen

### August 26

Kieran Cook  
Leneisha Smith  
Naila Lakpa  
Theresa Bowen



## 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  
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

Millen-Z Ministry (Young Adult Group)  
Nikki Mooror  
[nmoorers154@gmail.com](mailto:nmoorers154@gmail.com)

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office