

NEWS AT LOURDES

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held on **Saturday, December 16 at 11am** here, at Our Lady of Lourdes. This is a communal celebration. We will be joined by the parishes of Basilica of Sacred Heart, Blessed Sacrament, St Anthony of Padua, and The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED: Lourdes is in need of more altar servers for our masses. If you are eighteen years old or older, please talk with one of our priest, deacons or call the church office about training. If you are fourth grade or higher and eleven years old to seventeen years old, please contact your Sunday School teacher or have your parents contact the church office.

ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: The winter solstice on **Wednesday, December 21**, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. We hope you will join us in person for the annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial, on **Thursday, December 21, at 5:30PM - 6:00PM** at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL! If you still have a pledge balance to the 2023 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 2023 tax letter. **Lourdes Goal - \$103,400. Amount Paid \$67,514. 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 **no later than 9PM (EST) on December 31** to ensure it is received electronically by 11:59PM. 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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (SECOND COLLECTION) - Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious second collection helps provide care, medicine and more. Please be generous. <https://donate.archatl.com/missions>.

ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH – Roswell, is seeking a part-time **BILINGUAL receptionist**. Come join our team! This person is the first point of contact for our parish and will provide administrative support across it. This includes greeting visitors, answering phone calls, handling registration and Mass intentions and keeping detailed sacramental records. This position is also instrumental to the preparation of our weekly parish bulletin. We are looking for someone who wants to work in a church environment. The right candidate is someone who is motivated, a team player with good customer service and communication skills. Computer knowledge, including Microsoft Office, is very important. Qualified candidates must have a high school diploma or GED. To apply, please email your resume to Jim Dooley at jdooley@standrewcatholic.org.

****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



25 Boulevard, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30312
404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 03, 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.

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!

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

Religious Education
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
Director of Religious Education
tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org

Sunday School Classes
For Pre-K - 8th Grade

Teens: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
Contact: Ms. Sheena White
Teen Ministry Coordinator
/Mrs. Ambra Hannah (Assistant)
lourdes-teens1912@lourdesatlanta.org

Parenting Ministry
Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel
pj.lemuel@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin
For Prayer/Visit Email:
lourdespct@lourdesatlanta.org

2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30AM

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
dancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Youth Ministry
Saturdays, 9:45am - 1:30pm
Teresa Emmanuel
amazinggraceyouthministry@gmail.com

Associates of Sisters of the Blessed
Sacrament
3rd Saturdays, 3pm (virtual)
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
404-788-6166

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya
1st Mondays, 7PM
Patrice Barton Smith
psbarton901@gmail.com

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Philip Verre, Chairperson

Green Team
Shelli Stewart,
stewartshelli@yahoo.com

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



Today's Sunday's Readings (1st Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Next Sunday's Readings (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intention:

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Amy Harrison

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (11/25/23 - 12/01/23)		\$31,783
<i>In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (11/25/23 - 12/01/23)</i>	\$10,584	
<i>Online Offertory (11/25/23 - 12/01/23)</i>	\$21,199	
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 (12/01/23):	\$67,514

*For more information or to donate online
visit www.archatl.com/appeal
"Thank you for your generosity."*

Thoughts on Stewardship

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen, Karen Allen, Kennan Allen, Cherry Banez, Sandy Bell, Susie Bell, Deanna Blasingame, David Brower, Edward Branch, Pam Buckmaster, Frederick Cannon, Sam Cooper, Muriel Cureau,	Betty Davis, Christian Doute, Clinton Elmore, Joyce Foley, Barbara Hagan, Carl Hagood, Geton Harper, Pamela Haley, Frank Howard, Jackson Igou, James Jordan, Juanita Lang, Felix Lawrence,	Janet Lawrence, Gloria Manson, James McEwan, Melody McIntyre, Maridel Moffett, Peggy Neeson, Evette Oates, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Libby Ricard, Thomas Gibson, Thomas Rogers, Josephine Rosario,	Mildred Rucker, Grace Rutherford, Alana Shepard, Wendy Stewart, Johnnie Strong, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Frank Tighe, Sandra Turner, Josette Walker, Valerie West, Michelle Wilkinson
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**The deadline for Bulletin and Lourdes Notes (Flocknote) content is
Wednesday at 12:00 noon.**

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

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GOOD NEWS: The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia has awarded Our Lady of Lourdes a **\$3,000** grant to support its *Repair and Replace* campaign to address a number of maintenance and safety issues identified by the Archdiocese's 2023 Building Inspection Report. This is the 5th consecutive year that Lourdes has been a recipient from this competitive program, providing seed money for a number of worthwhile causes. The Foundation grant will supplement gifts generated by this week's #igivecatholic fundraising campaign which generated **\$5,545**, with a total of **40** donors. Our sincere thank you to all who supported this initiative. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LOURDES LUNCH MINISTRY is requesting donations of skull caps, socks, gloves and travel size lotion so that we can share them with our guests at our December 19 Christmas Feast. Items can be dropped off in the donation bin located in the Drexel Center **until December 15**. Thank you advance for your generosity. For questions contact Beatrice Soublet at 404-629-9654.

LECTOR PREP will be held on **Tuesday, December 5, at 7PM in the Church**. All lectors are required to attend **at least one session** to remain active.

BAPTISM PREP for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7PM**. Sign up at <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/140362>. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link information. If your child's Godparents will be attending the class, please have them register as well.

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver Unit #300 invite you to join us **each Sunday through Dec. 10, 2023** to pray the Rosary for all prayerful intentions. Please join us in the Lourdes Church at **9:45 a.m. (between masses)** for this special event. All are welcome!

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 03 Courtney Brown Bjorn Crooks Dallas Hightower Dana Wood Dorothy Walker Gerrard Boyd Madison Richardson Ryan Jackson-Barry	December 06 Cedria Davis Joseph Metoyer Kayla Whitner Luca Serrant Nicole E. Johnson Stephen Fennell Jr. Yolanda Honore	December 07 Adalyn Turner Carol Elam James Patrick Jonathan Feazell Julie Johnson Kamille Bernard Kimberly Leach Renaldo Chambers Scott Culpepper	December 09 Giovanni Moon Herrera Isaac Baroi Kingston Parker Marvin Pastel Rachael Woung Rachelle Hutchinson Tania Jean-Pierre
December 05 Ahjah Woods	December 08 Aren Paige-Burnett Carla Prejean Chandler Etson Corynne Charles Ellis Pearson Evan Pearson Gabrielle Gould Maureen Mercer Michael Dural Pamela Jack	December 08 Adrianna Ambeau Anthony Smith Gabrielle Johnson Ileana Kuran John Keane	



Ministries & Organizations

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)
2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass
Clima White, Grand Knight
climajwhite@hotmail.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

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September -June
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator
(404) 375-0838

Liturgy Committee
Contact: Rev. Jeffery Ott
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
1st 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
1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM
Nathaniel Papillion, Chair
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women's Council
1st Sunday at 10AM

Millen-Z Ministry (Young Adult Group)
Nikki Moorer
nmoorer5154@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office