

NEWS AT LOURDES

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 box located at the side entrance to the in the Drexel Center **until December 15**. Thank you advance for your generosity. For questions contact Beatrice Soubllet at 404-629-9654.

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 \$67,714. 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) - Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to today's second collection. <https://donate.archatl.com/missions>.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL, a K-eight regional school located in Johns Creek, seeks a **principal** beginning July 1, 2024. A twice-recognized U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, Holy Redeemer Catholic School enrolls 460 students with a dedicated and professional staff of 40 teachers and 20 ancillary staff members. The school is fully accredited through Cognia District-Wide Accreditation. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church who exhibits the ability to continue the tradition of high academic achievement while maintaining the school's strong Catholic identity. Additional requirements include: hold a minimum of a master's degree in educational leadership, a minimum of three to five years of Catholic school lead administrator experience, superior communication skills, a collaborative leadership style to lead others in the mission of Catholic education, be knowledgeable in current areas of professional development and exhibit excellent instructional leadership. The schools in the Archdiocese of Atlanta offer drug-free environments and are in full compliance with federal statues for non-discrimination in employment. Send resume and letter of interest by January 31, 2024 to Debbie Wheeler (dwheeler@archatl.com), Office of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Atlanta. **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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Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 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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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

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

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 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

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

Next Sunday's Readings (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intention:

Sunday 8am for the repose of the souls of †Cláudio R. Barbosa Madruga
& Gilmar Cardoso Rodrigues

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †David Waters

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/02/23 - 12/08/23) **\$28,122**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/02/23 - 12/08/23) **\$7,357**

Online Offertory (12/02/23 - 12/08/23) **\$20,765**

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 (12/08/23): **\$67,714**

For more information or to donate online

visit www.archatl.com/appeal

"Thank you for your generosity."

Thoughts on Stewardship

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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

RAFFLE DRAWING: The Parenting Ministry wants to sincerely thank our Lourdes Family for all the support we received for our raffle event held November 11th and 12th. The drawing took place on Saturday, December 9. Results will be posted in the Flocknote on Friday, December 15 for everyone to match their winning ticket. Winners will need to claim their prizes **by 5pm Tuesday, December 19, 2023**.

PETITION SIGNING: The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a petition signing event after all masses this weekend. The petition asks Georgia Governor Brian P. Kemp to sign, and encourage other governors to sign, legislation banning AR15 rifles, other assault-type weapons, and high-capacity magazines. Please stop by and support our petition.

LOURDES CHOIR CALENDARS are here just in time for Christmas!!! The Calendars will be distributed in the Parish Hall, this weekend, Saturday, December 9 and Sunday December 10, following all the Masses. If you did not order calendars but still wish to have one, we will have a few available for purchase.

LOURDES PRAYER CALL: All are invited to our Lourdes Prayer Call via ZOOM this Wednesday, December 13, 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. Join Zoom meeting link: us02web.zoom.us/j/8230... Meeting ID: 823 0907 4451 Passcode: prayer.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 11am here, 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.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 10

Arielle Cadet
Bridgette Jenkins
Cassie Slaughter
Lanier Ewing
Nancy Verre
Nia Dural
Susan Berry
Velda Roberts
Wanda Paige

December 11

Adele Johnson
Ava Cooper-Cadres
Avila Nilon
Brendan Flannery
Christina Jamerson
Elliott Weaver
Myrna Cubilette

December 12

Anabell Buggage
Charles Johnson
Chuks Odikpo
Deloris Ward
Estela Niyonyshu
Harold Guidry
Khalia McCray
Lamme Savane
Miquelle Bowers
Nicholas Haynes
Phillip Boykin Jr.

December 13

Dejon Alexander
Emerson Gibson
James Haydel
Jennifer Halicki
Mariano Rojas
Mark Zeigler
Mary Pitra

Nanci Pearson
Owen MacLaverty
Raynell Evans
Sandra Jean
Victoria Hardy
Willie Harris

December 14

Alanna Anderson
Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson
Jolene Edwards
Kara Stewart
Katie Price
Raechel Bimmerle
Timothy Coveney

December 15

Bernetta Jones
David Miller Patton V
Gavin Brooks
Jerry Billingslea

Jo Ward
Juanita Lang
Macey Pouncey
Patrick Crosby
Philip Musey
Zadieparker Idani

December 16

Carol Hadley
David Baldwin
Esan Ebner
Kimberly Stringer
Liberty Jones
Luther Brewster
Madison Street
Mary Chapman



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 Mooror
nmoorers154@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office