

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR'S BREAK:** There will NO Sunday School on December 24 and December 31. Classes resume on **Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9am.**

**THANK YOU!** The Lourdes Lunch Ministry would like to thank the Lourdes Community for the overwhelming response to their donation request for socks, gloves and hats for the unhoused guests. Donated items will be distributed this Tuesday, December 19 at the Christmas Lunch.

**GREEN TEAM RECYCLING UPDATE:** The Green Team is launching plastics recycling and needs your participation as we strive to reduce our environmental footprint. You will notice blue recycling bins on each floor of the Katherine Drexel Hall and in the cafeteria. We are starting our recycling program by diverting PLASTICS from going to the landfill. Please recycle your PLASTIC materials in these bins. PLASTIC containers like water, soda and tea bottles, with recycle codes #1 and 2 usually found on the bottom. *The Green Team and Our Sunday School youth are helping to lower our footprint at Lourdes one waste at a time.* Contact Shelli Stewart ([stewartshelli@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartshelli@yahoo.com)) or Ms. Bowen ([tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org)) for more information.

**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!**

**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS:** The winter semester of Bible Class will begin on Tuesday evening, January 9, 7-8:30pm via Zoom. We continue our study of the Book of Genesis, starting with the call of Abraham in chapter 12. More details to follow. We ask that you please register for the class (even if you did so for the fall semester), so we can get an accurate account of participants and plan accordingly. To register: <https://form.jotform.com/232286412498159>. Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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.

**PREGNANCY AID CLINIC (PAC)** is looking for volunteers. Can you help? Training is provided. Volunteers are needed at Forest Park, Atlanta and Roswell locations.

- Parish Liaison**- assists directly with organizing and staffing PAC drives (formerly known as baby bottle fundraisers)
  - Administrative**- greets clients, answer phones and mailings, schedule appointments (must be comfortable with technology)
  - Class Facilitator**- teach parents and other educational classes, engage students (must be comfortable with Zoom/Teams)
  - Baby Boutique**- assist shoppers, keep space organized, bundle diapers, etc. (must be comfortable using a tablet and apps)
  - Mentor**-partner with a PAC client for emotional/spiritual support
  - PATH Volunteer**- assist with administrative duties (copying/collating, organization, prayer/spiritual support).
- For additional information, please contact Christie Harrison, office admin, at 404-763-4357x103 or [charrierson@pregnancyaidclinic.org](mailto:charrierson@pregnancyaidclinic.org).

**\*\*For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> \*\***

To report abuse by church personnel:  
 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](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)  
 Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
 Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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.



**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

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

**Parenting Ministry**  
 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



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

Bible Study (via Zoom)  
Tuesdays, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
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

Green Team  
Shelli Stewart,  
[stewartshelli@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartshelli@yahoo.com)

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



## Today's Sunday's Readings (2nd Sunday of Advent)

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

## Next Sunday's Readings (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### Mass Intention:

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Margaret Smith

## Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/09/23 - 12/15/23) **\$18,976**

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/09/23 - 12/15/23) \$9,847

Online Offertory (12/09/23 - 12/15/23) \$9,129

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 (12/15/23): \$69,758

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

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 – 18. This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**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](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**LOURDES CHOIR CALENDARS** are here just in time for Christmas!!! The Calendars will be distributed in the Cafeteria, this weekend, rain or shine. If you did not order calendars but still wish to have one, we will have a few available for purchase.

**PARENTING MINISTRY RAFFLE WINNERS:** The Parenting Ministry wants to sincerely thank our Lourdes Family for all the support we received for our raffle event held November 11-12-2023. Congratulations to all the winners- Abigail Arthur, Toni Bryant, Deidre Clayton, Gretchen Eugere, Gina Evanzia, Debra Tyler, Clima White, and Mark Ziegler. Winners will need to claim their prizes by December 19, 2023.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church Office is closed for Christmas and New Years from **Thursday, December 21, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024**. We will re-open on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9AM**.

### 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent,

Saturday, December 23 at 5PM

Sunday, December 24 at 10:30AM\*\* **Livestreamed.**

**No 8AM Mass**

#### Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

6PM Family and Children's Mass

#### Christmas Midnight Mass, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> \*\* Livestreamed

Music program begins at **11:30PM** followed by **Midnight Mass**

#### Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> \*\* Livestreamed

10:30AM Mass

**ALL MASSES** will be at Lourdes with parking in the **Edgewood Avenue Parking lot**. There will be limited parking available in our Auburn Ave and Boulevard Ave for those with physical challenges walking or using stairs. Visit [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>December 11</b>	Elliott Weaver	Mariano Rojas	David Miller Patton V
Angelea Turner	Ethan Waddy	Mark Zeigler	Gavin Brooks
Curtis Dejean	Myrna Cubilette	Mary Pitra	Jerry Billingslea
E. Adrien Saintil		Nanci Pearson	Jo Ward
Jasper Edwards	<b>December 12</b>	Owen MacLaverty	Juanita Lang
Joseph Longosz II	Anabell Buggage	Raynell Evans	Macey Pouncey
Karen Allen	Charles Johnson	Sandra Jean	Patrick Crosby
Lani Gustafson	Deloris Ward	Victoria Hardy	Philip Musey
Marshall Dean	Estela Niyonyshu	Willie Harris	Zadieparker Idani
Matthew Kissel	Harold Guidry		
Mila Lang	Khalia McCray	<b>December 14</b>	<b>December 16</b>
Paul Sanon	Lamme Savane	Alanna Anderson	Carol Hadley
Sharon Minix Glover	Miquelle Bowers	Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson	David Baldwin
Tarekegn Hope	Nicholas Haynes	Jolene Edwards	Esan Ebner
Teshia Dula	Phillip Boykin Jr.	Kara Stewart	Kimberly Stringer
Theresa Brower		Katie Price	Liberty Jones
	<b>December 13</b>	Raechel Bimmerle	Luther Brewster
	Dejon Alexander	Timothy Coveney	Madison Street
	Emerson Gibson		Mary Chapman
	James Haydel	<b>December 15</b>	
	Jennifer Halicki	Bernetta Jones	

## Ministries & Organizations

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)

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

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

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

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office