

NEWS AT LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION) The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 65-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith.

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 our guests. Donated items will be distributed this Tuesday, December 19 at the Christmas Lunch. at our Christmas Luncheon last Tuesday, December 19. Thanks to your generosity, our guests were able to enjoy a hot meal in warm surroundings and leave with a gift. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

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) or Ms. Bowen (tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org) for more information.

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.

2023 ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL! If you still have a pledge balance to Archbishop's Annual Appeal or make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. For IRS purposes, **gifts must be postmarked by December 31**, in order to be included in your 2023 tax contributions. **Lourdes Goal - \$103,400. Amount Paid \$69,793. This is a shortfall.** Please consider completing your pledge online at <https://www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp6537f4f323692/user/guest>. If you are completing your donation online, please make your contribution **by 9PM (EST) on December 31** to ensure it is received electronically before midnight. 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.

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 404-763-4357 ext.# 103 or charrison@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
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 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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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 and Mrs. Ambra Hannah (Assistant)
lourdesteens1912@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 (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
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 (4th Sunday of Advent)

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

Next Sunday's Readings (Holy Family)

Genesis 16:1-6; 21:1-3; Colossians 3: 12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

For Mass Intentions

Email: Carol Ann Pinard at cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org, include the name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered and the intention.
Donation: <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/mass-intentions>

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/16/23 - 12/22/23) **\$31,070**
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/16/23 - 12/22/23) \$10,659
Online Offertory (12/16/23 - 12/22/23) \$20,411
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"

Ends December 31st, 2023

Lourdes Share: \$103,400
Amount Paid to Date (12/22/23): \$69,793

For more information or to donate online

visit www.archatl.com/appeal

"Thank you for your generosity."

Thoughts on Stewardship

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

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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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY From Father Jeffery, Father Tom, Father Bruce (Retired), Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenny and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office is closed for Christmas and New Year's through Monday, January 1, 2024. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9AM.

2023 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent,

Saturday, December 23 at 5PM

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

No 8AM Mass

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

6PM Family and Children's Mass

Christmas Midnight Mass, Sunday, December 24 **** Livestreamed**

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

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 **** Livestreamed**

10:30AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family,

Saturday, December 30 at 5PM

Sunday, December 31 at 8AM

Sunday, December 31 at 10:30AM **** Livestreamed**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God,

Watchnight, Sunday, December 24 at 11PM

New Year's Day, Monday, December 31

No Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

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

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 24 Adewale Bakare Emmanuel Boyd Erica Henry Ethan Devine Lisa Robinson	December 25 Alphonsine Mfwamba Gale Warren Nathaniel Papillion Noelle Cloyd Talia Myers	December 26 Barbara Miller	December 27 Beau Bernard Craig Weber Davis Smith Ethan Devine Frederick McCray Jennifer Lund Jeremy McCray John Mazzolini	December 28 Christine Wilkinson Curtis Armour Jr. Garrett Smith Maria Yu Nicole Symmonds Wylma Blanding	December 29 Doris Coleman Jaycee Sedjro John Grady Justin Jordan Kennedy Blanchard	December 30 Wayne Jordan Alexandra Thompson Casen Goff Benjamin Devin Burnam Giles Conwill Harrison Butker Harrison Zegers Jacquelyn Bernard Paul Ferguson Powis Forjoe	December 31 Kyri Hooks Remington Van Voohis
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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