

NEWS AT LOURDES

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS: The winter semester of Bible Class will begin on Tuesday, January 9, from 7 pm – 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.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION: As we begin a new year and prepare 2023 Tax Statements, we are asking Lourdes members to update their personal information. If you have moved, made any changes to your name, email address, phone number, need to add members to your family record or perhaps correct information contained in your family record, please update your information online using our **My Own Church** web-based portal <https://atlantaaim.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/>, **no later than Friday, January 19**. If you did not previously register, you will be required to register as a new user and create a username and password even though you are already a member of Lourdes. Once registered you will receive an email acknowledgement with your username and temporary password. For questions or if you need assistance, call the church office or email Carol Ann Pinard (cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org).

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.

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.

THE WAY FOR WOMEN is a three-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program **January 23-25, 2024** at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is January 19. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

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



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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 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

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 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

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 (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 (Holy Family)

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

Next Sunday's Readings (Epiphany)

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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 (12/23/23 - 12/29/23) **\$62,268**
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/23/23 - 12/29/23) \$14,030
Online Offertory (12/23/23 - 12/29/23) \$48,238
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 (12/29/23): \$75,293

For more information or to donate online

visit www.archatl.com/appeal

"Thank you for your generosity."

Thoughts on Stewardship

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

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, 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, Felix Lawrence, Janet Lawrence, Gloria Manson,	James McEwan, Melody McIntyre Maridel Moffett, Peggy Neeson, Evette Oates, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Libby Ricard, 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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HAPPY NEW YEAR OUR LOURDES FAMILY AND FRIENDS: From Father Jeffery, Father Tom, Father Bruce (Retired), Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenney, Deacon Kenney and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office is closed through Monday, January 1, 2024. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 9AM.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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

Parking will be available in the Edgewood Avenue Parking lot.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sunday School, Teen Ministry and Parenting Ministry will resume **next Sunday, January 7th, 2024** at 9AM -10:15AM.

LECTOR PREP for the month of *February* will be held on **Saturday, January 6 at 10:30am** and **Tuesday, January 9, at 7pm in the Church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.**

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on **Tuesday, January 9 at 7PM**. Visit <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/148744> to sign up. 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. **NOTE:** Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Class at Lourdes or any Catholic church, before a Baptism is scheduled. Questions? Email Carol Ann Pinard (cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org).

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 31 Anthony Jordan Beja Turner Dorian H. Miller Gary Carter Kwame Nyaku Lalor Cadley Liana Neal Kaia Driver Mary Jane Cooper Raven Powers	Hugh Kinsel Janice Willis Kamwenubusa Innocent Nakia Cahill Zoe Toro	January 04 Amy Butler-Coleman Kim Szuchan Marilavinia Jones Rhonda Burman Samantha Smith	Stephanie Nichols Remy Saintil
January 01 Bora Minirakiza Courtney Alexander Dwayne Benjamin Edmond Franklin Erica Couben Erika Ndongmo	January 02 Courtney Burgan Evan Hylton Jason Tircuit Latres Bell Marcus Massingale	January 03 Aidan Cromartie Ajani Claxton-Warner Danielle Speight Darryl Buford Sr. Euriah Bennett III Kaelyn Tucker Kurt Jones	January 06 Alani Deloney Ava Luscap Brandy Butcher Cohen Stanberry Franklin Ford John Hulsey Julia Verre Madeleine Sweet



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