NEWS AT LOURDES

GOOD NEWS! Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church is one of this year's recipients of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Parish Education/Awareness Grant! This \$2,500 grant provides funding for parishes in the Archdiocese of Atlanta to offer justice-based education/awareness programs on Catholic Social Teaching and the conditions and causes of poverty. Lourdes will be the hosting parish of 4 workshops that will provide in-depth education on the interconnectedness of poverty and nutrition. This diocesan-wide program will be led by Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner LaSheka "LB" Morris, M.S., a Faith-based Nutrition Consultant.

PARTICIPATE IN DEFINING OUR MISSION STATEMENT: With the world going through immense changes over the last few years, we would like to re-evaluate our mission statement to ensure it accurately reflects our identity and purpose in a compelling way. Please take a couple of minutes to provide your feedback. Engaging in this brief survey is an opportunity to shape our identity. Your valuable input will aid in defining our mission statement, guiding us towards embodying our values, serving our community, and fostering a nurturing environment. Together, let's craft a mission that reflects the heart of who we are —a beacon of faith, hope, and compassion for all. Please complete by February 2, 2024. https:// form.jotform.com/240046899742163.

LECTOR PREP for the month of *March* will be held on Saturday, February 3 at 10:30am and Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active. Lector books for 2024 (Year B) are available for purchase at both Lector prep sessions (cash and check only). Debit or Credit card payments can be made online at https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/ bookstore. The cost is \$14.

BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on Tuesday, February 6 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).

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: For the gift of diversity in the Church. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES RETREAT: The 2024 Fortunate and Faithful Families Retreat, "Walking in the Light of God's Love," will be held at the Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Drive, Smyrna, Ga. 30080, on Sunday, March 3, from noon until 7pm. Priests and deacons will participate, and author and speaker, Carl McColman, will give a keynote address. There will be small group sharing, spiritual reflection, Mass, and dinner included. LGBTQ persons, their parents and families, clergy, allies, and anyone desiring a Catholic Church that is a welcoming home for all are invited to attend. Registration will close on <u>February 26</u>. For registration details, go to <u>fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org</u>.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024: This year the theme of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is In His presence, all things are made new. A letter from Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer was mailed to all previous donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. He is asking for the continued support of the many important programs that help thousands in our archdiocese each year. Through your generous gifts, we can continue the work we were called to do as Christians: educate our seminarians, support our retired priests, provide catechesis to our children, and protect the rights of the unborn. Please be generous in your response. To Donate online: donate.archatl.com

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January 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 Beactive, 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

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 ancecompanyamazinggrace@gmail.cor

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 psbartongo1@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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings

Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Mass Intentions

For the repose of the soul of †Charles 'T'Chale' Prejean III

Lourdes Stewardship

 Weekly Church Support (01/20/24 - 01/26/24)
 \$25,794

 In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (01/20/24 - 01/26/24)
 \$6,579

 Online Offertory (01/20/24 - 01/26/24)
 \$19,215

 Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 23-24):
 \$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

2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal - "In His Presence"

Lourdes Parish Goal:

\$102,800

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."- 1 Corinthians 7:32. How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

The deadline for Bulletin and Lourdes Notes (Flocknote) content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

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

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024 **FORMATION CLASSES** begin today, Sunday January 28 at 8am in the Parish Hall, Ground Floor, KDCC Building. All Teens receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation must be enrolled in Teen Ministry. Teen candidates are **not** allowed to miss more than 2 formation classes. The Sacrament of Confirmation is available for students starting at **age 16** (**10th grade**). Students must have *two years of religious education* (**9th and 10th grade**) through a parish or by attending Catholic school. For more information, contact Ms. Sheena White (lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org).

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS: Our next Bible Class will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 7:00pm – 8:30pm via Zoom. In preparation, please read Genesis chapters 17 and 18. Make a note of what changes occur in chapter 17. Our discussion will focus on chapter 18 where a lot is going on: mysterious visitors to the house of Abraham, a renewed promise, a giggle by Sarah, and a judgement of doom against the wicked.

Bible Study Zoom Meeting

https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87981480659? pwd=SzllZkZFZEtSWmx3WHRteHk5SzlXZzo9

Meeting ID: 879 8148 0659 Passcode: Bible

GFADP DAY AT THE CAPITOL: On Wednesday, February 7, from 8am – 3pm, Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (GFADP), Conservatives Concerned About the Death Penalty, the Catholic Mobilizing Network along with Journey of Hope and many others will gather at the Georgia State Capitol to advocate with our legislators on the importance of passing a bill regarding the death penalty and those with intellectual disabilities. Georgia Faith Leaders will be delivering a letter opposing the executions of those with intellectual disabilities. To sign on to this letter, follow this link: GEORGIA FAITH LEADERS LETTER SIGN ON. For more information about GFADP, their work and to RSVP, please visit: https://www.gfadp.org/.

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

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

January 28 Gerilyn Metoyer Robert Cannon Casey Byse John Davies-Ryan January 31 Sabrina Rene Brandon Chiedo Suheil Walker Bridgett Dauphin January 29 Carlton Blake Alastair Warner Dione Wilkins George Robinson Leona James Michael Turbes Marie Humphrey Otis 'Tony' Cromatie Mugisha Innocent Terri Cowan Nathan Muller Ravi Luster February 1 January 30 Alvin Pearson Amanda Cardell Alfred Bartholomai

Brittney Wilkins

Garrett Ruggiero

Ayanna Brown

Betty Howard

Dawn McCullers-Johnson
Heather Brownley
Lucas Beckford
Margaret Bowers
Robert Montoya
Rosalyn Hamm-Hall
Valerie West

February 2
Dianne Sherrill

Brian Ray

Dianne Sherrill Gail Lewis Jonah Bell Logan Smith Merlin Koumtouzoua Patrick (PJ) Bell Robert Deloney

Audree Grand Pierre Bernadette Flowers Blake Brown Brian Lesso Christina Colossale Dominic Colossale Kymora Patino Ryan Alexander Taylor Roy Taylor Williams

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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 <u>jam.123.sykes@gmail.com</u>

KPC Junior Daughters

Lisa Berkley, Counselor irdaughterscourt300@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