

**2025 GREEK PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION:** Get all of your questions answered on **Thursday, December 19 from 7:00pm - 7:45 via Zoom.** We will discuss: Travel Accommodations (Air & Ground); Expected climate conditions; Hotel Accommodations; de-scription of the sites to be visited; Site Terrain & Walking conditions, Shopping and Greek Cuisine.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83643078092?pwd=ASdbpuEBceFNSl9eLA6rbFTsPE8WCi.1>

**JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)** is in need of sponsors for Candidates seeking full membership into the Catholic Church at the 2025 Easter Vigil. RCIA would also like to extend an invitation for parishioners to join our sessions to speak on their Catholic experiences, as well as any ministry leaders or participants to share their community service with our newest members. Sessions are held on **Sundays from 9:00am -10:15am Parish Hall.** Contact Kim Parrish, RCIA Director ([kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com) or 404-247-6628)

**LOURDES HEALTH PROMOTIONS MINISTRY (HPM)** has created an OLL Health Corner at <https://mailchi.mp/64abfa765d3f/our-lady-of-lourdes-health-corner>, to serve as a one stop shop for the ministry to communicate helpful health focused information to the church. Health Promotions Ministry will meet virtually every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7pm.** Parishioners can email the ministry at [ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com](mailto:ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com) to receive the meeting link. We also want to hear from you! Take this quick survey to let us know what you would like to see from the Health Promotions Ministry (HPM).

**ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL:** The winter solstice 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. Please join Mercy Care for the **annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial, on Thursday, December 19, 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!**

**2024 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** If you still have a pledge balance to the 2024 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 2024 tax letter. **Lourdes Goal - \$102,800.** It is very important that your pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. If there is a shortfall, the outstanding balance will need to be made up from the church's operating budget, a situation we wish to avoid. Please consider completing your pledge online at [donate.archatl.com](https://donate.archatl.com), **no later than 9PM (EST) on December 31,** to ensure it is received by 11:59PM. Thank you for your generosity!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** For Pilgrims of Hope. Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**IMMACUALTE HEART OF MARY (IHM) SCHOOL** invites you to attend the upcoming Open House on **January 14, 2025 at 6:30pm.** The evening will begin with a few presentations followed by student led tours and classroom visits. Kindly RSVP to Meaghan Schroeder: [admissions@ihmschool.org](mailto:admissions@ihmschool.org) or visit [ihmschool.org](http://ihmschool.org). Looking forward to seeing you!

**COUPLES CELEBRATING 50TH AND 60TH MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY IN 2025**  
The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1975 and 1965 with an invitation to a golden/diamond Marriage Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at noon, at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A reception, for the anniversary couples and their families, will follow the Mass. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024



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 Administrator*
- Mr. Cameron Chaney, *Pastoral Assistant*
- Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Parish Secretary*
- 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

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

**Parenting Ministry**  
**9:00AM - 10:15AM**  
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



Flocknote

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  
LaSheka Morris (Lead)  
[ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com](mailto:ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com)



## Today's Sunday's Readings

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

## Next Sunday's Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

## For Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00pm for the repose of the soul of †Sr. Patty Caraher, O.P.  
Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Beatriz Montañes de Perilla

## Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (11/30/24—12/06/24)	\$32,897
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (11/30/24 – 12/06/24)	\$5,893
Online Offertory (11/30/24 – 12/06/24)	\$27,004
<b>Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 24-25):</b>	<b>\$26,712</b>

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... all things are made new."*

Lourdes Parish Goal:	\$102,800
Paid to Date (12/06/24):	\$83,558
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$19,242)

visit [donate.archatl.com](http://donate.archatl.com).

"Thank you for your generosity."

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Some people say, "Give till it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver! - Brian Kluth, pastor, speaker and author.

*Please pray for our sick and shut in members:*

Joseph Allen,	Christian Doute,	James McEwan,	Johnnie Strong,
Karen Allen,	Joyce Foley,	Melody McIntyre	Eugene Sturgis,
Kennan Allen,	Barbara Hagan,	Peggy Neeson,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Cherry Banez,	Carl Hagood,	Evette Oates,	Gwendolyn Thompson,
Sandy Bell,	Pamela Haley,	Carol Patterson,	Frank Tighe,
Susie Bell,	Frank Howard,	Katie Price,	Sandra Turner,
Deanna Blasingame,	Georgia Hutchinson,	Eisenhower Raines,	Helen Vance,
Gerrard 'Aviel' Boyd,	Jackson Igou,	Josephine Rosario,	Josette Walker,
David Brower,	Marilyn Jenkins,	Mildred Rucker,	Valerie West,
Edward Branch,	James Jordan,	Alana Shepard,	Michelle Wilkinson
Frederick Cannon,	Felix Lawrence,	Barbara Smith,	
Sam Cooper,	Janet Lawrence,	Scindy Stewart,	
Kysa Daniel,	Gloria Manson,	Wendy Stewart,	
Betty Davis,			

*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

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on **Saturday, December 14 from 11am - 12pm** here, at Our Lady of Lourdes. This is a communal celebration with the parish of Basilica of Sacred Hear. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## SECOND COLLECTION - RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS:

Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes—often for little to no pay. Many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members who are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to today's second collection. Donations can be made online at <https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/retirement-for-religious>.

**LOURDES PRAYER CALL:** All are invited to join our Lourdes Prayer Call via Zoom on **Wednesday, December 11, at Noon**, hosted by our **Pastoral Care Team (PCT)**. Our call will connect us spiritually as we offer our prayers and petitions for our parish community. **ALL are welcome.**

Join Zoom Meeting [us02web.zoom.us/j/82309074451](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82309074451)  
Meeting ID: 823 0907 4451 Passcode: Prayer

**BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS** for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on **Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm**. Visit <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/183460> 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](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org))

**LOURDES LIVESTREAM HAS MOVED:** We have a new livestreaming platform to view Lourdes Liturgy at Home. Our Livestream can be viewed from the link on the Lourdes homepage at <https://lourdesatlanta.org/> or go directly to <https://sites.resi.io/lourdes> or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>December 08</b> Adrianna Ambeau Anthony Smith Gabrielle Johnson Ileana Kuran John Keane Jonathan Robertson Joshua Brewington Samuel Kuran	<b>December 10</b> Arielle Cadet Bridgette Jenkins Cassie Slaughter Lanier Ewing Nancy Verre Nia Dural Susan Berry Velda Roberts Wanda Paige	<b>December 12</b> Anabell Buggage Charles Johnson Chuks Odikpo Deloris Ward Estela Niyonyshu Harold Guidry Khalia McCray Lamme Savane Miquelle Bowers Nicholas Haynes Phillip Boykin Jr.	Mark Zeigler Mary Pitra Nanci Pearson Owen MacLavery Raynell Evans Sandra Jean Victoria Hardy Willie Harris
<b>December 09</b> Giovanni Moon Herrera Isaac Baroi Kingston Parker Marvin Pastel Rachael Woung Rachelle Hutchinson Tanicia Jean-Pierre	<b>December 11</b> Adele Johnson Ava Cooper-Cadres Avila Nilon Brendan Flannery Christina Jamerson Elliott Weaver Myrna Cubilette	<b>December 13</b> Dejon Alexander Emerson Gibson James Haydel Jennifer Halicki Mariano Rojas	<b>December 14</b> Alanna Anderson Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson Jolene Edwards Kara Stewart Katie Price Raechel Bimmerle Timothy Coveney



## 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 Moorer  
[nmoorer5154@gmail.com](mailto:nmoorer5154@gmail.com)

Young at Heart (Seniors)  
Contact the Church Office