

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR'S BREAK:** There will **NO** Sunday School on December 22 and December 29. Classes resume on **Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 9am.**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Holiday Season have you feeling blue? Do the holidays evoke sad memories of lost loved ones? Are you experiencing job or health challenges or perhaps an impending/recent divorce? Do you yearn to share and express your feelings in a safe and confidential environment? Lourdes' Stephen Ministry and trained Stephen Ministers are here to help! Call (404) 522-6776.

**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://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83643078092?pwd=ASdbpuEBceFNSlgeLA6rbFTsPE8WCi.1>

**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.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT.** Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat December 27 through 29 at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at <https://calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat/>.

**IMMACULATE 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](https://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](https://Optionline.org)



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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 15, 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*

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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](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

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

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

## For Mass Intentions

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Michael Jones-Jackson

## Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/07/24—12/13/24)		\$27,867
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/07/24 – 12/13/24)	\$12,853	
Online Offertory (12/13/24 – 12/13/24)	\$15,014	
<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 (12/13/24):	\$83,737
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$19,063)

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

"Thank you for your generosity."

## Thoughts on Stewardship

If sacrificing our lives is the maximum sacrifice we might be called to make as a steward, it seems to put into a clear context the modest sac-rifices we make when we give some of the money, or the time or the talents we have been given to manage to help others. So, would the word sacrificial describe your life? - E. G. "Jay" Link, Who's In Charge Here?

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

### 2024 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4PM Family Mass

7PM Children's Mass **\*\* Livestreamed**

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

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

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

10:30AM Mass

New Year's Eve, Watch Night Service **\*\* Livestreamed**

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:30PM Mass

**ALL Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes** with the parking in the Edgewood Avenue Parking lot located at 494 - 502 Edgewood Ave. SE, Atlanta, GA 30312 There will be limited parking available in our Auburn Ave and Boulevard Ave for those with physical challenges walking or using stairs.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year 's Mass schedule is available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

**LOURDES LIVESTREAM:** 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/).

**CONFIRMATION PARENT & CANDIDATE MEETING:** Students seeking to receive the sacrament of confirmation and their parents are invited to an information meeting on **Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 9:15 am in the parish hall**. Candidates for confirmation must be in at least the 10th grade, attended Teen Ministry at Lourdes or Catholic school for 9th and 10th grade, and have received baptism, reconciliation, and communion sacraments. Questions? Contact Samantha Smith at [samantha.smith1534@gmail.com](mailto:samantha.smith1534@gmail.com).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>December 15</b>	<b>December 17</b>	Okorie Johnson	Jeantel Luscap
Bernetta Jones	Angelea Turner		Joshua Cahill
David Miller Patton V	Curtis Dejean	<b>December 19</b>	Linda Elmore
Gavin Brooks	E. Adrien Saintil	Aria Burton	Nicholas Davis
Jerry Billingslea	Jasper Edwards	Brian Ray	Rebecca Alexander
Jo Ward	Joseph Longosz II	Jacob Amos	Ricardo Ware
Juanita Lang	Karen Allen	Jennifer Waters	Sharif Kemp
Macey Pouncey	Lani Gustafson	Marie Vincent	Sterling Fleury
Patrick Crosby	Matthew Kissel	<b>December 20</b>	Sydney Banks
Philip Musey	Mila Lang	Alaina Belton	
Zadieparker Idani	Paul Sanon	Karen Russian	<b>December 22</b>
	Sharon Glover	Monique Sewell	David Brower
<b>December 16</b>	Tarekegn Hope	Victoria Sanon	Jeantou DeGrammont
Carol Hadley	Teshia Dula		Kayan Rose
David Baldwin	Theresa Brower	<b>December 21</b>	Nia Starr
Esan Ebner		Ava Godwin	
Kimberly Stringer	<b>December 18</b>	Charlotte Akor	
Liberty Jones	Etienne Pascal	Danielle Salinas	
Luther Brewster	Katrina Kissel	Jaja Johnson	
Madison Street	Nina Hylton		
Mary Chapman			



## 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