

NEWS AT LOURDES

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR'S BREAK: There will be **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.

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/).

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, **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 or visit ihmschool.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

HAPPY ADVENT FROM THE ST. PIUS X ENROLLMENT OFFICE: It's a season of preparation all around! Please remind friends and family that **9th grade applications** are due **Feb. 1, 2025.** We cannot wait to meet our newest Golden Lions! We have two Shadow Days remaining -Thursday, Jan. 23 and Thursday, Jan. 30. A **Shadow Day** is the best way for a prospective student to explore what it is like to be a Golden Lion.

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://www.optionline.org)



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www.lourdesatlanta.org
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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.



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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

Teen Ministry:
9:00AM - 10:15AM
Contact: Ms. Sheena White
(Teen Ministry Coordinator)
Mrs. Ambra Hannah (Assistant)
lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org

Parenting Ministry
9:00AM - 10:15AM
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
ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org

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
LaSheka Morris (Lead)
ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com



Today's Sunday's Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 1:20 - 22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

For Mass Intentions

Sunday 8:00am for the repose of the soul of †George Curtis Halyard II
Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Marie Stephane Domond

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/14/24 - 12/20/24) **\$33,020**
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/14/24 - 12/20/24) \$14,296
Online Offertory (12/14/24 - 12/20/24) \$18,724
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 24-25): **\$26,712**

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 (12/20/24): \$83,737
Surplus/(Shortfall) **(\$19,063)**

visit donate.archatl.com.

"Thank you for your generosity."

Thoughts on Stewardship

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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. Bulletins and Inserts are always available
on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: The Church Office is closed for Christmas and New Year's from Friday, December 20, 2024 through Friday, January 3, 2025. We will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9AM.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY From Father Jeffery, Father Tom, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenney and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

2024 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

4PM Family Mass
7PM Children's Mass **** Livestreamed**

Christmas Midnight Mass, Tuesday, December 24th **** Livestreamed**

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

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th **** Livestreamed**

10:30AM Mass

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

Tuesday, December 31st - 11:30PM Mass

ALL Masses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes. Parking is available in the Edgewood Ave lot located at 494 - 502 Edgewood Ave. SE. Limited parking for those with physical challenges available in our Auburn and Boulevard Parking Lots. *Our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org. and Flocknote e-Newsletter.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CHRISTMAS 2ND COLLECTION) The Second Collection this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta. Your gift will enable a family to finally break the cycle of poverty and become self-reliant. Last year, Catholic Charities served nearly 12,000 individuals. Please give generously so they can continue to extend love and the light of Jesus as they serve our neighbors in need Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. Please give generously to the second collection today. To donate, visit <https://catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/donate/>

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 22 David Brower Jeantou DeGrammont Kayan Rose Nia Starr	Xavier Brown December 24 Adewale Bakare Emmanuel Boyd Erica Henry Ethan Devine Lisa Robinson	December 26 Barbara Miller Christine Wilkinson Curtis Armour Jr. Garrett Smith Maria Yu Nicole Symmonds Wylma Blanding	Jeremy McCray John Mazzolini Kyri Hooks Remington Van Voohis December 28 Benedicte Lutumba Kabedi Charles Rodney Gerrard Grant Joseph Nduom Sandy Bourda Turner Moore
December 23 Ama Mfone Aubrey Hannah Charlotte Johnson Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu Gillian Brown Karena Anderson Martha Turner Monica Jacob	December 25 Alphonsine Mfwamba Gale Warren Nathaniel Papillion Noelle Cloyd Talia Myers	December 27 Beau Bernard Craig Weber Davis Smith Ethan Devine Frederick McCray Jennifer Lund	

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 Mooror
nmoorers154@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office