# **NEWS AT LOURDES**

THANK YOU! The Lourdes Lunch Ministry would like to thank the Lourdes Community for their donations of "Gifts of Warmth" i.e socks, gloves and hats for our quests. Donated items were distributed on Thursday, December 19, at our Christmas Luncheon for our quests. Thanks to your generosity, our guests were able to enjoy a hot meal in warm surroundings and leave with a gift. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 <a href="https://sites.resi.io/lourdes">https://sites.resi.io/lourdes</a> or <a href="youTube">YouTube</a>.

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**: As we begin a new year and prepare 2024 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 17. 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).

LECTOR PREP for the month of February will be held on Saturday, January 4 at 10:30am and Tuesday, January 7, 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 7 at 7PM. Visit <a href="https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/193138">https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/193138</a> 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 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.

SAVE THE DATE: 2025 MLK JR. WEEKEND CELEBRATION: The Office of Intercultural Ministries is proud to lead the archdiocesan effort in celebrating and commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in January 2025. We invite you to save the date for the 2025 Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Celebration! Join us for our Eucharistic Celebration on Saturday, January 18, at 1 p.m., at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church (2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, 30032). Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., will serve as principal celebrant, and Deacon Royce Winters (director of African American Pastoral Ministries, Archdiocese of Cincinnati) will serve as our homilist. Also, join us for our Youth Celebration on Sunday, January 19, at 3 p.m. at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School (240 Arnold St, Hapeville, 30354).

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!

**SHADOW DAYS AT ST. PIUS X**: Please remind friends and family that 9<sup>th</sup> grade applications are due Feb. 1, 2024. 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.

> 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

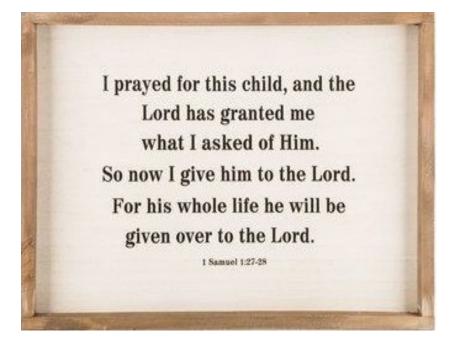




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#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



#### **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

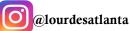
Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action.

We are active We are committed We are LOURDES Beactive, Your time, your talent, your Church





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# **December 29, 2024**

#### **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

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

#### **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

## **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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass Ron Apollon 404-441-3032 ronapollon@gmail.com

#### **Health Promotions Ministry**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass LaSheka Morris (Lead)

ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com



# Today's Sunday's Readings

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

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

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

#### **For Mass Intentions**

Sunday 8:00am for the repose of the soul of †Dorothy Ann Dobson Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Alanna French

#### **Lourdes Stewardship**

Church Support (12/21/24 - 12/27/24) \$34,911 In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/21/24 – 12/27/24) \$10,104 Online Offertory (12/21/24 – 12/27/24) \$24,807 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: Paid to Date (12/27/24): Surplus/(Shortfall)

\$102,800 \$83,737

(\$19,063)

visit donate.archatl.com. "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, Gerrard 'Aviel' Boyd, David Brower, Edward Branch, Frederick Cannon, Sam Cooper, Kysa Daniel, Betty Davis,	Christian Doute, Joyce Foley, Barbara Hagan, Carl Hagood, Pamela Haley, Frank Howard, Georgia Hutchinson, Jackson Igou, Marilyn Jenkins, James Jordan, Felix Lawrence, Janet Lawrence, Gloria Manson,	James McEwan, Melody McIntyre Peggy Neeson, Evette Oates, Carol Patterson, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Josephine Rosario, Mildred Rucker, Alana Shepard, Barbara Smith, Scindy Stewart, Wendy Stewart,	Johnnie Strong, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Gwendolyn Thompson, Frank Tighe, Sandra Turner, Helen Vance, 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.

# **NEWS AT LOURDES**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**: The Church Office is closed for the holidays through Friday, January 3, 2025. We will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 9AM.

**BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY** From Father Jeffery, Father Tom, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenney and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

#### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve, Watch Night Service \*\* Livestreamed Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:30PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes There is be no Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes on Wednesday, January Ist 2025.

Parking will be available in the **Edgewood Avenue Parking lot**. There will be limited parking available in our Auburn Ave and Boulevard Ave for those with physical challenges walking or using stairs. Visit www.lourdesatlanta.org.

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. Please consider completing your pledge online at donate.archatl.com, to ensure it is received by 11:59PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**: Sunday School, Teen Ministry and Parenting Ministry will resume **next Sunday**, **January** 5<sup>th</sup>, **2025** at 9am.

**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.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 29	December 31	Erica Couben	Darryl Buford Sr.		
Doris Coleman	Anthony Jordan	Erika Ndongmo	Euriah Bennett III		
Jaycee Sedjro	Beja Turner	Hugh Kinsel	Kurt Jones		
John Grady	Dorian H. Miller	Janice Willis	Millicent Hollins		
Justin Jordan	Gary Carter	Kamwenubusa Innocent	Owen Farrell		
Kennedy Blanchard	Kwame Nyaku	Nakia Cahill	_		
Wayne Jordan	Lalor Cadley	Zoe Toro	January 04		
, .	Liana Neal	1	Amy Butler-Coleman		
December 30	Kaia Driver	January 02	Kim Szuchan		
Alexandra Thompson	Mary Jane Cooper	Courtney Burgan	Marilavinia Jones		
Casen Goff Benjamin	Raven Powers	Evan Hylton	Rhonda Burman		
Devin Burnam		Jason Tircuit	Samantha Smith		
Giles Conwill	January 1	Latres Bell			
Harrison Butker	Bora Minirakiza	Marcus Massingale	* . * 6 *		
Harrison Zegers	Courtney Alexander	1	HAPPY		
Jacquelyn Bernard	Dwayne Benjamin	January 03	BIRTHDAY		

Edmond Franklin

Paul Ferguson

Aidan Cromartie

Ajani Claxton-Warner

# **Ministries & Organizations**

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass Joy Jordan, Grand Lady jam.123.sykes@gmail.com

# **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**

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

Young at Heart (Seniors) Contact the Church Office