NEWS AT LOURDES

YOU ARE INVITED: Our Lady of Lourdes Bible Study – The Book of Exodus. "The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." - Exodus 14:14. Step into a transformative journey through the Book of Exodus, where the story of God's people unfolds in a powerful testament of **faith**, **liberation**, and **divine deliverance**. Together, we will explore chapters 1-15, diving deep into themes of oppression, hope, and freedom. When: Classes begin Tuesday, February 18, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm, via Zoom and will continue weekly through **May 6th**. (*No class during Holy Week; classes resume the following Tuesday.*) Why Join?

• Engage Your Heart: Reflect on the courage and faith of God's people as they journeyed toward freedom. • **Renew Your Spirit:** Release tension and find peace through the timeless lessons of scripture.

• Inspire Your Life: Discover how these ancient stories offer wisdom and guidance for overcoming today's struggles.

This Bible study is for anyone seeking to grow closer to God in a loving, open, and welcoming community. Whether you're a seasoned student of scripture or just beginning your journey, you'll find hope, inspiration, and the tools to liberate yourself from oppressive ideas, practices, and beliefs.

Prepare Your Heart:

Please begin reading Exodus chapters 1-15 now. Together, we will start with Chapter 1 on February 3rd. Let us come together to calm our spirits, relax our souls, and be inspired by the mighty acts of God and the enduring faith of His people. Answer the call to join this sacred exploration—this could be the higher purpose you've been waiting for. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

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 3rd Tuesday at 7pm. Parishioners can email the ministry at ollhealthpromotionmin@qmail.com to receive the meeting link.

LOURDES LIVESTREAM LINK: Lourdes homepage at https://lourdesatlanta.org/ or go directly to https:// sites.resi.io/lourdes or YouTube.

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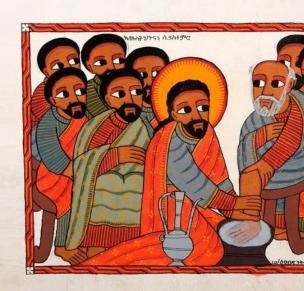
POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

MARCH MAGNIFICAT MEAL: All women are invited to the MARCH MAGNIFICAT MEAL to enjoy prayer, breakfast, and fellowship, and to hear our speaker's testimony of the love of Christ in her life, on Sat., Mar. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 3773 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta. Guest speaker will be Sandy Russman Fohs, of St. Brendan the Navigator parish. Reservations are \$25 and are required in advance. Register by Feb. 26 at https://tinyurl.com/Mealo325 or send check by Feb. 22, payable to Magnificat Joyful Visitation, to: Debbie DuPont, 315 Rose Court, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. Email joyfulvisitation@gmail.com or contact Debbie at 770-696-6216

FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES will host their yearly retreat entitled "A Home For ALL." at the Archdiocesan Chancery, 2401 Lake Park Dr., Smyrna 30080 on Sunday, March 9 from noon until 7pm. The keynote talk will be given by nationally recognized speaker, Catholic lay minister, and attorney Yunuen Trujillo, author of LGBTQ Catholics: A Guide to Inclusive Ministry. The day will also include small group sharing, spiritual reflection, Mass, and dinner. All LGBTQ persons, parents and family members, clergy, allies and those desiring a more welcoming church for all are invited to attend. Registration deadline is March 3. Go to Fortunatefaithfulfamilies.org to register.



FIFTH 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 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.

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February 9, 2025

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 ancecompanyamazinggrace@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

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke:5:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8:00am for the repose of the soul of +Fr. Bruce B. Schultz, O.P. Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Kenya Griffin

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (02/01/25 – 02/07/25)		\$34,671
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (02/01/25 – 02/07/25)	\$9,877	
Online Offertory (02/01/25 – 02/07/25)	\$24,794	
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

We are very pleased to announce that Lourdes has made and surpassed its goal for the 2024 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. By the end of the calendar year, we received a total of **\$108,146** against an assessment of **\$102,800**. **234 households** donated. The excess funds of \$5,346 will flow back into the parish's operating budget to cover ongoing expenses. This success is only possible due to your generosity and passion for Our Lady of Lourdes. We are very grateful for all you do. Thank you!

Thoughts on Stewardship

True joy, happiness and inner peace come from giving of ourselves to others. A happy life is a life for others. – Henry Nouwen

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen, Betty Davis, Karen Allen, Christian Doute, Kennan Allen, Joyce Foley, Cherry Banez, Barbara Hagan, Sandy Bell, Carl Hagood, Pamela Haley, Susie Bell, Deanna Blasingame, Frank Howard, Gerrard 'Aviel' Boyd, Georgia Hutchinson, David Brower, Jackson Igou, Edward Branch, Marilyn Jenkins, Frederick Cannon, James Jordan, Sam Cooper, Felix Lawrence, Kysa Daniel, Janet Lawrence,

Gloria Manson, Scindy Stewart, James McEwan, Wendy Stewart, Melody McIntyre Johnnie Strong, Peggy Neeson, Eugene Sturgis, Evette Oates, Jean-Luc Tahou, Gwendolyn Thompson, Carol Patterson, Frank Tighe, Richard Pinard, Sandra Turner, Katie Price, Helen Vance, Eisenhower Raines, Josette Walker, Josephine Rosario, Valerie West, Mildred Rucker, Michelle Wilkinson Alana Shepard, Barbara Smith,

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.

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THANK YOU! The Social Action Committee would like to thank the Lourdes Parishioners who helped with the Interfaith Children's Movement Have a Heart for Children card writing event. Forty cards were brought to the ICM office. They will be included in the gift bags that will be delivered to Georgia state legislators. Your support made this a very successful event.

YOUNG AT HEART: Greetings to all of our 'seasoned' parishioners, 75+, also known as the Young at Heart. We will gather this month on Wednesday, February 19th for an informative fun-filled afternoon. **PLEASE** complete the sign-up form at https://form.jotform.com/250364890309157 so we can have an accurate count for lunch no later than February 15th. See you then!

2024 YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS are available for you to download. You will need to login to our *ParishSoft My Own Church* website at https:// atlantaaim.parishsoftfamilysuite.com/ with your username and password to access your statement. If accessing the portal from your phone you may receive the error message "No Organization license" because you are accessing the App **NOT** the Website. Those who donated to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will receive a separate tax letter in the mail from the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Lourdes Conference/ St Vincent de Paul has mailed separate tax letters to their donors. If you would like your statement mailed, please complete the JotForm at https://form.jotform.com/250295141536050. Questions? Email Carol Ann Pinard (cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org).

SAVE THE DATE: We hope many of you can participate in a Lourdes Day for Gun Safety at the Capitol on Tuesday February 18. The Social Action Committee is leading this event. More details will be provided.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE: Lourdes will host a Girl Scout Cookie Sale next weekend February 15th and 16th, before the Saturday 5pm Mass and on Sunday after the 8am and 10:30am Masses. If you are a Lourdes member who is the parent/guardian of a Girl Scout and would like to join the Lourdes Community sale, please email Katie Kissel at <u>be.the.katie@gmail.com</u>. This will be the only opportunity to sell cookies.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

Craig Ashby

Kairaluchi Ogene

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February 12

Darija Pichanick

Geoffrey Williams

Maureen Alexander

Michael H. Brown

Bryan James

Leena Burton

Najja Johnson

Robert French

February 9

Gabrielle Rodney Lauren James Luciana Flannery Naima Turbes Nolenda Stafford

February 10

Christopher Hayes Christina Hagan David Stevens Dionne Louis Emily Nduom Kai Johnson Keaden Thomas Taylor Bryant

February 11

Asha Broderick-Folev

Stephanie Diaz Taylor Wood

February 13

Amber Rodriguez Darrell Braswell Journee Richardson-White Julia Floyd Myles Jones Zora Infantry-Johnson

February 14

Austin Simmons Bryce Rivers Chadrick Driver David Walker Ethan-Anthony Iluyomade Joel Lemuel Jourdan Harper Junior Gaspard

Laura Martin London Davis Nelson Silverio Stacy Stewart Sydney Collier Yasmin Jean-Pierre



Kristie Poellnitz

Monique Joseph

Nina Chukwura

Pamela Tolliver

February 15

Beatrice Soublet

Jonah Paquette-Jones

Elise Isakov

Kimora Street

Paula Heard

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 Taninma "Ninma" Logan, Grand Lady ollgrandlady@gmail.com

KPC Junior Daughters Allison Joyner, 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 Moorer nmoorer5154@qmail.com

> Young at Heart (Seniors) Contact the Church Office