

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS** for parents wishing to have their child (infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held virtually (via Zoom) on **Tuesday, September 2 at 7PM**. Visit <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/221014> to sign up. Once registered, you will receive the Zoom link information via email. 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)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION:** Online Registration for **2025–2026 Sunday School Year** at <https://lourdesatlanta.org/register/>. Please note: Registration **cannot** be completed on mobile phone.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Preparation for the Celebration of the Sacraments: (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation) is a **TWO YEAR** process. Students must be enrolled in a Catholic Religious Education program **at least 1 year prior** to enrollment in the program for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. **Requirements for Sacrament of Confirmation for Teens:**

The Sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Atlanta is available for students **starting at age 16 (10th grade)** who are committed to living out their Catholic faith. Students must have **two years of religious education (9th and 10th grade)** through a parish or by attending Catholic school. **Classes begin Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 9:00am -10:15am.** See Bulletin Flyer for more information.

**PARENTING MINISTRY** at Our Lady of Lourdes begins its 2025-2026 session on **September 21, 2025**. Classes are open to all parents, grandparents and others who care and work with children. Our parents have children of all ages, so if your child/children are older don't miss out on the wisdom and experiences of parents already part of The Parenting Ministry. Classes take place during Sunday School from 9:00am - 10:15 am. **WHILE THE KIDS ARE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, join us in Parenting Ministry. For more information, contact Ms. Pj Lemuel ([pj.lemuel@gmail.com](mailto:pj.lemuel@gmail.com)).**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING:** We will hold an in-person training for all current Extraordinary Ministers and those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 9:30am -12:30pm**. You must be a fully initiated Catholic, having celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation to serve. Sign-up at <https://form.jotform.com/252166486221153>.

**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS!** Tuesday, September 16th | 7:00–8:30 PM EST | On Zoom  
We're beginning a brand-new season - both in nature and in the Word. This fall, we'll be reading the **Gospel of John** (because it just sounds more poetic that way). Whether you're brand new to Bible study or a seasoned scripture sleuth, **all levels of Bible apprentices are welcome**. We're an open, friendly, and welcoming bunch- and if you're shy, no worries! You can always keep your camera off and simply soak in God's word. Fall is a time of change- schedules shift, weather patterns turn, and the sun takes on a new angle in the sky. Maybe you could use a little change right now, too - or at least lean into the **energy of transformation**. Come with the intention of change, and watch how God can shift your life.

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:** For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA:** Next weekend, the archdiocese will be taking up the national collection for The Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you support more than 5,000 students who serve the church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow through various scholarship and financial aid programs and help the university better serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs. For more information, visit [lifeofthechurch.com/donate](http://lifeofthechurch.com/donate).

**\*\*For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> \*\***

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



A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT  
**OUR LADY of LOURDES**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOUNDED THROUGH  
THE GENEROSITY OF  
SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL



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

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025



### Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *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

**Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**  
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)  
**Resumes: Sept. 21, 2025**

**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](mailto:lourdesteens1912@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, 7am  
Patrice Barton Smith  
[psbarton901@gmail.com](mailto:psbarton901@gmail.com)

Finance Council  
Quarterly Meetings  
Philip Verre, Chairperson  
[ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org)

Green Team  
Shellie Stewart,  
[stewartshellie@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartshellie@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

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a  
Gospel: Luke 1

Next Sunday’s Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5pm for the repose of the soul of †Evelyn Burrows  
& Raymond Burrows, Sr.

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (08/16/25 - 08/29/25) **\$21,919**  
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (08/16/25 - 08/29/25) \$7,798  
Online Offertory (08/16/25 - 08/29/25) **\$14,121**  
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 25-26): **\$27,885**

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

2025 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

“We are One Body in Christ.”

Lourdes Parish Goal: \$109,600  
Amount Paid (08/29/25) \$42,637  
Over/(Under Goal) **(\$66,963)**

For more information or to donate online  
visit [donate.archatl.com](https://www.donate.archatl.com). Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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

LOURDES CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **Monday, September 1**, in observance of Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on **Tuesday, September 2 at 9:30am**.

**HONORING OUR HISTORY:** We have incredible news to share - thanks to your generosity, we’ve now surpassed **\$5,000,000** in pledges toward our new spiritual home! And it gets even better: **two generous donors have offered a matching challenge**. For the next two weeks, every pledge of \$2,500 or more will be **matched dollar for dollar—up to \$125,000!** That means if you make your pledge by **September 15**, your gift will have **double the impact**. But that’s not all - every household that has made or will make a pledge of at least \$2,500 by **September 15** will also be entered into a raffle for a one-of-a-kind **handmade quilt crafted with beautiful African fabrics**. The raffle drawing will take place at Mass on **Sunday, September 21**. [Make your pledge today online](#) or bring your completed card to Mass. Questions? Contact us at [HonoringOurHistory@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:HonoringOurHistory@lourdesatlanta.org).

**YOU ARE INVITED** to Atlanta Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women 69th Annual Convention! It is with great pleasure that we extend to you an invitation to attend the 69th Annual Convention of the Atlanta Archdioce-san Council of Catholic Women. This year the Convention will be held at Saint Matthew Catholic Church 215 Kirkley Rd, Tyrone, GA 30290, on Sep-tember 26 – 28, 2025. Date and time: Fri, Sep 26, 2025 at 3:00pm - Sun, Sep 28, 2025 at 3:00pm ET. **For more information and to register :** [www.atlarchccw.org](http://www.atlarchccw.org). The registration link can be found under the Conven-tion tab to register on-line or print a registration form. **Early bird** registra-tion is due **September 9, 2025**. After the early bird registration, **the last date to register is September 19, 2025**.

**LECTOR PREP** for the month of **October** will be held on **Tuesday, Septem-ber 2, at 7pm** and **Saturday, September 6, at 10:30am** in the church. Parking will be available in the Auburn Ave and Boulevard lots only. **All lec-tors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.**

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

August 31

Alayna Hannah  
Chandra Delphin  
Denise Hayley  
Gavin Williams  
James Chambers  
Jaxson McClary  
Kyndra Johnson  
Mauricio Lopez  
Terri Alexander

September 1

Anika Fisher  
Avery Rouse  
David Alexander III  
Erinn Gardner  
Jasmine Cross  
Lindsey Burnett  
Patrice Barton-Smith  
Qiana Smith

Sally Polhamus

September 2

Andre Maudlin  
Ashton Brown  
Deborah Brown  
Lauren Cromartie  
Leo Sullivan  
Lisa Berkley  
Madison Cromartie  
Payton Frazier  
Sarah Anidi  
Stephen Webber  
Terri Alexander

September 3

Chloe Parker  
Chris Newman  
Eric Orubele  
Garry Bridgeman

Irvin Brown  
Juanesta Phillips  
Kathy Comer  
Lynn Nixon  
Wyatt Washington

September 4

Christopher Parker II  
Kayellen Umeakunne  
Kerian Adegbola  
Michael Barham  
Nazare Boyd  
Shahira Claxton

September 5

Apria Brown  
Brittany Roberts  
Lily Walker  
Micah Mallard  
Millard Rutherford

Niyonkuru Philippe  
Shanyna Simmons  
Willamina King

September 6

Alice Shepard  
Asha Brown  
Deidra Willie  
Kysa Daniels  
Meaghan Costelloe  
Michelle Cary  
Paul Deery



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  
Taninma “Ninma” Logan, Grand Lady  
[ollgrandlady@gmail.com](mailto:ollgrandlady@gmail.com)

KPC Junior Daughters  
Allison Joyner, 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  
Kiana Wright, John Schwenkler & Be-atrice 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 after 10:30am Mass  
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