NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES HOPE-HILL PARTNERSHIP: For many years Lourdes Parishioners and priests have volunteered at our neighborhood school. I hope that you are willing and have time to restart our Lourdes Hope-Hill Partnership. There are opportunities during and after the school day. Please contact **Beatrice Soublet** (bealady20@gmail.com) if you are interested who will send you copies of the form required for background checks and a list of the volunteer opportunities.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 | 7:00 PM EST | On Zoom. We turn to John, Chapter 3—where Jesus speaks with Nicodemus about being born again and opens the way to understanding new life in the Spirit. This is the chapter that holds one of the most beloved verses in Scripture: "For God so loved the world..."

Whether you've read the Gospel many times or are opening it for the first time, there is something here for you. Come and see what messages God has for your life in this season of change. All are welcome—new and returning friends alike! Join us for inspiration, lively discussion, and fellowship.

Bible Study Zoom Meeting link: <u>uso2web.zoom.us/j/8798.</u>

Meeting ID: 879 8148 0659 Passcode: Bible

SUNDAY SCHOOL classes resumed last Sunday, September 21, 2025 from 9:00am -10:15am. You can still register online at https://lourdesatlanta.org/register/. Please note: Registration cannot be completed on mobile phone as an app.

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.

PARENTING MINISTRY 2025-2026 began on **September 21, 2025.** Classes are open to all parents, grand-parents 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@qmail.com).

LECTOR PREP for the month of *November* will be held on Saturday, October 4 at 10:30am in the Cafeteria and Tuesday, October 7, at 7pm in the church. Parking. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER: For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

PATH RACHEL'S VINEYARD: If abortion is part of your story, you may carry anger, guilt or regret. Healing after abortion isn't about excusing what happened or forgetting. It's about finding peace. Call today to take that first step toward your healing and wholeness. Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 17-19. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557 or email pathatl.com Start where you are. You're so worth it. www.healingafterabortion.org.

**For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit https://archatl.com/offices/ <a href="https://archat

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



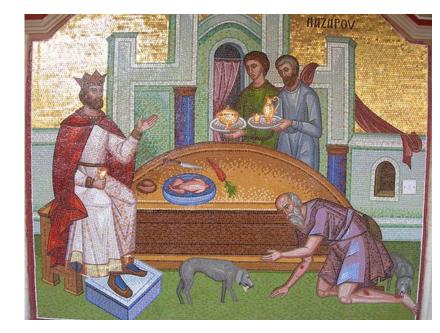




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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

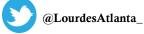
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, Director of Religious Education

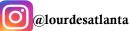
Ms. Sheena White, Teen Ministry Coordinator

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
Beactive, Your time, your Church

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September 28, 2025

Celebration of the Eucharist Saturdays: 5PM Sundays: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

> **Livestream Mass** Sundays:10:30 AM

Masks optional

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

Religious EducationContact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
Director of Religious Education

tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org WELCOME BACK!

> Sunday School Classes For Pre-K - 8th Grade

Teen Ministry: 9:00am - 10:15am Contact: Ms. Sheena White (Teen Ministry Coordinator

(Teen Ministry Coordinator Mrs. Ambra Hannah (Assistant) lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org

> Parenting Ministry 9:00am - 10:15am Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel pi.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

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 Keme Hawkins & Nyrva Cadet (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, 7am 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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Next Sunday's Readings

Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5pm for the repose of the souls of †Robert Burrows, Jr, & Joseph Burrows, Sr. Sunday 8:00am for the repose of the soul of †Thomas Occhiogrossi Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Robert Morelli

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (09/20/25 - 09/26/25) \$23,369 In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (09/20/25 - 09/26/25) \$6,863 Online Offertory (09/20/25 - 09/26/25) \$16,506 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 Goals \$109,600 Amount Paid (09/26/25) \$44,071 Over/(Under Goal) (\$65,529)

> For more information or to donate online visit donate.archatl.com. Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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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GOOD NEWS: We are pleased to share the results of our fiscal year which ended on June 30 and were reviewed by the Shared Accounting Services of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Highlights include:

-We ended the year with a robust surplus of \$200,000 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$722. This is the 7th consecutive year that Lourdes achieved a positive completion of the year. Surplus funds have allowed us to create a "rainy-day" fund to address emergencies and an allocation to the capital campaign. Additionally, funds - over \$300,000 - have covered the costs of urgent maintenance needs and improvements to the parish campus. The most recent projects include a more efficient upgrade to our heating and air conditioning system and the floor replacement and repainting of the parish hall in the St. Katharine Drexel Community Center.

- -Offertory donations exceeded \$1.5 million. We believe this is the first time in the church's history that we reached this total.
- -We met and exceeded the parish goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for the third consecutive year.

All of this could not be accomplished without the ongoing generosity of all our parishioners, whether one's contributions are large or small. Donations to the church's treasury emphatically reflect your deep spiritual passion for Lourdes, its mission and practice. Thank you so much.

If you would like to receive additional information on the fiscal year, please reach out to Philip Verre, Chair of the Finance Council, at ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org.

LOURDES PICNIC IS HERE! Join us at Grant Park, located in 840, Cherokee Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30315, from 1pm – 5pm. Look for OLL signs from both the parking deck on Boulevard and street parking on Cherokee-they will guide you directly to the pavilions 1&2. If you park in the parking deck, use the **yellow level (ground level)**. When you walk out, follow the path—it leads straight to the pavilions. Don't forget to: Wear your Lourdes Tshirt! Bring your dish to share and your chairs. We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

September 28

Eileen Buckle El Serrant Evan Hill Jarus Billingslea Renee Schatteman Stephanie Hope Terri Deuel Tricia Connor

September 292

Christian Brown Deborah Freeman Geraldine White Iada Richard Michael Redding Jr. Peyton Hamilton Sloan Reed

September 30

Brian Thomas Douglas Blanchard Gabriela Lamberson Keith Brown Kendall Willis LaTonia Wright Shannon Baudy Shiloh Hickerson Trisa Thompson

October 1

Aleta Miller

October 2

Anthony Angelety IV Beli Infantry-Johnson Dejen Amanuel Kristen Vanglie Lindsev Smith Mari Ewing Melinda Ellis Meghan Jones

Brandi Thomas Collins Gerard Foley Glenn Gex Kathryn Edwards Lawrence House Sydney Whittle Trinity Turner

Jennifer Moorman Malcolm Laurent Jr. Nathalie Celestin Nina Robinson Owen McEvoy Philip Verre

October 3

Annalise Mackinnon Elliot Mackinnon Esi Dawson

James Bagby Maryann Koelbel Milan Boughton Regina Smith Sophia Schatteman

Zachery Broughton

October 4

Drew Martin Jasmine McKinney Kendall Childs

Maurice Batiste Patrick Journi

Happy Birthday

2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass Clima White, Grand Knight climajwhite@hotmail.com

Ministries & Organizations

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)

KPC Junior Knights

Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander

KPC Ladies Auxiliary

2nd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass Taninma "Ninma" Logan, Grand Lady ollgrandlady@gmail.com

KPC Junior Daughters

Allison Joyner, 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

1st Sunday after the 10:30am Mass Kiana Wright, 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 after 10:30am Mass Nathaniel Papillion, Chair SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women's Council 1st Sunday at 10am

Millen-Z Ministry (Young Adult Group) Nikki Moorer

> nmoorer5154@gmail.com Young at Heart (Seniors)

Contact the Church Office