

**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](mailto: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: [us02web.zoom.us/j/8798...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8798...)

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, 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)).

**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 [programdirector@pathatl.com](mailto:programdirector@pathatl.com) Start where you are. You’re so worth it. [www.healingafterabortion.org](http://www.healingafterabortion.org).

**\*\*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



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Atlanta, GA 30312  
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[www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)  
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 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.*

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We are committed  
We are LOURDES

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Flocknote

Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to 84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

**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)  
**WELCOME BACK!**

**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



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  
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  
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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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  
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

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 Goal: \$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](https://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,
Kennan Allen,	Joyce Foley,	Jeremy Moon,	Gwendolyn Thompson,
Cherry Banez,	Barbara Hagan,	Peggy Neeson,	Frank Tighe,
Sandy Bell,	Pamela Haley,	Evette Oates,	Sandra Turner,
Susie Bell,	Frank Howard,	Katie Price,	Helen Vance,
Deanna Blasingame,	Georgia Hutchinson,	Eisenhower Raines,	Josette Walker,
Gerrard 'Aviel' Boyd,	Jackson Igou,	Josephine Rosario,	Valerie West,
David Brower,	Geraldine Jackson White,	Mildred Rucker,	Michelle Wilkinson
Edward Branch,	James Jordan,	Alana Shepard,	
Frederick Cannon,	Felix Lawrence,	Barbara Smith,	
Luella Chambers,	Janet Lawrence,	Kevin Smith,	
Sam Cooper,	PJ Lemuel,	Scindy Stewart,	
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](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available  
on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

NEWS AT LOURDES

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 T-shirt! Bring your dish to share and your chairs.** We look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>September 28</b> Eileen Buckle El Serrant Evan Hill Jarus Billingslea Renee Schatteman Stephanie Hope Terri Deuel Tricia Connor	<b>September 30</b> Brian Thomas Douglas Blanchard Gabriela Lamberson Keith Brown Kendall Willis LaTonja Wright Shannon Baudy Shiloh Hickerson Trisa Thompson	<b>October 2</b> Anthony Angelety IV Beli Infantry-Johnson Dejen Amanuel Jennifer Moorman Kristen Vanglie Lindsey Smith Malcolm Laurent Jr. Mari Ewing Melinda Ellis Meghan Jones Nathalie Celestin Nina Robinson Owen McEvoy Philip Verre	James Bagby Maryann Koelbel Milan Boughton Regina Smith Sophia Schatteman Zachery Broughton
<b>September 29</b> Christian Brown Deborah Freeman Geraldine White Jada Richard Michael Redding Jr. Peyton Hamilton Sloan Reed	<b>October 1</b> Aleta Miller Brandi Thomas Collins Gerard Foley Glenn Gex Kathryn Edwards Lawrence House Sydney Whittle Trinity Turner	<b>October 3</b> Annalise Mackinnon Elliot Mackinnon Esi Dawson	<b>October 4</b> Drew Martin Jasmine McKinney Kendall Childs Maurice Batiste Patrick Journi



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 & 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 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 Moorer  
[nmoorer5154@gmail.com](mailto:nmoorer5154@gmail.com)

**Young at Heart (Seniors)**  
Contact the Church Office