NEWS AT LOURDES

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Our Lady of Lourdes will hold its Advent Reconciliation Service, including individual confessions, on **Saturday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m**. As we prepare the way for the Lord this Advent season, all are invited to join us for this time of prayer, reflection, and renewal. Parking will be available at 494 Edgewood Ave.

2026 **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING**: Teens interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation in May 2026 are invited, <u>along with their parents/guardians</u>, to attend a Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall. *Teens eligible to receive the sacrament must be at least 16 years old at the time of Confirmation in May; have received their baptism, reconciliation and first communion; and have two years of religious education in 9th and 10th grade, either at a parish or Catholic school.* For questions or more information, email Samantha Smith at <u>samantha.smith1534@gmail.com</u>.

INVITATION FOR ADVENT ROSARY AND PRAYERFUL WITHNESS: The Aquinas Center of Theology & Catholic Studies @ Emory invites you to join us as we pray the rosary, **each Friday during Advent at 9:30 am at the Atlanta ICE Field Office** in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters. For more details and to sign up, please see: https://www.signupgenius.com/qo/2oFoD4AABA822A46-60633726-advent#/

2025 **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**: If you still have a pledge balance to the 2025 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 2025 tax letter. Lourdes Goal - \$109,600. 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. If there is a shortfall, the outstanding balance will need to be made up from the church's operating budget, a situation we wish to avoid. Please consider completing your pledge online at **donate.archatl.com**, **no later than 9PM (EST) on December 31**, to ensure it is received by 11:59PM. Thank you for your generosity!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT. Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat, December 26-28, at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit. Register at <u>calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat</u>. Thank you for your support of vocations. I ask for your prayers for the retreat and for the vocations' work in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. May God bless you in your ministry.

COUPLES CELEBRATING 50TH AND 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2026

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1976 and 1966 with an invitation to a gold-en/diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. Please go to http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass to RSVP for this event and for additional information.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL, conveniently located near I-85 in northeast Atlanta, is seeking a part-time middle school classroom assistant (parapro) to begin in January 2026. Duties include student supervision, grading and assisting teachers with projects and daily classroom operations. This position works Monday through Friday, 7:45-11:45 am. Immaculate Heart of Mary School offers a competitive salary, and a faith-based, family-oriented work setting. Our school is a drug-free environment and in full compliance with federal statutes for non-discrimination in its employment practices. Interested candidates should email a resume to Laura Cichanski, principal, at lcichanski@ihmschool.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



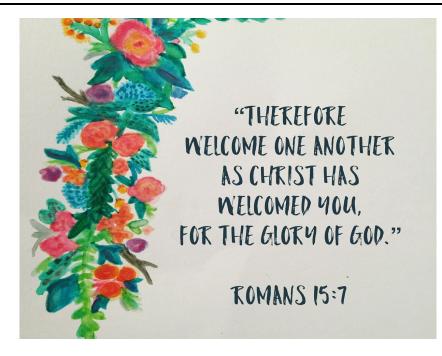
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404.522.6776 www.lourdesatlanta.org Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

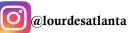
Ms. Sheena White, Teen Ministry Coordinator

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
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December 7, 2025

Celebration of the Eucharist Saturdays: 5PM

Sundays: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Livestream Mass Sundays:10:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4:30pm and By appointment call the Church Office 404-522-6776

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
(OCIA)
Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish

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

Contact: Ms. PJ Lemuel pj.lemuel@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team Contact the Church Office For Prayer/Visit Email: 404-522-6776

Meet:2nd Saturday of the month at 10:30AM {Virtual}



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.cor

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

<u>marion12lynn(a)gmail.com</u> 404-788-6166

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya

1st Mondays, 7am
Patrice Barton Smith
psbarton901@qmail.com

Finance Council

Quarterly Meetings
Philip Verre, Chairperson
ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org

Green Team

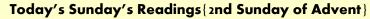
Shelli Stewart, stewartshelli@yahoo.com

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



Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9 Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings{3rd Sunday of Advent}

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10 Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Mass Intentions

Sunday 8am for the repose of the soul of †Carol Leach Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †Ursuline Adams

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (11/29/25 - 12/05/25) \$25,090

In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (11/29/25 - 12/05/25) \$3,823

Online Offertory (11/29/25 - 12/05/25) \$21,267

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 (12/05/25) \$53,198

Over/(Under Goal) (\$56,402)

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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, Luella Chambers, Sam Cooper, Betty Davis, | Christian Doute, Gloria Dworet, Angela Etson Joyce Foley, Barbara Hagan, Pamela Haley, Frank Howard, Georgia Hutchinson, Jackson Igou, Geraldine Jackson White, James Jordan, Felix Lawrence, Janet Lawrence, Kyle Anderson, | PJ Lemuel, Gloria Manson, James McEwan, Melody McIntyre Jeremy Moon, Peggy Neeson, Evette Oates, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Josephine Rosario, Mildred Rucker, Alana Shepard, Barbara Smith, Kevin Smith, | Scindy Stewart, Wendy Stewart, Johnnie Strong, 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 <u>cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org.</u> Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

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#iGIVE CATHOLIC: We are thrilled to report that our #iGiveCatholic campaign was an overwhelming success. Once again, the Lourdes community generously stepped up: 78 donations totaling \$5,765 against a goal of \$4,500. The project to introduce an emergency response team trained in CPR and AED administration is fully funded! Please be on the lookout for more information on this initiative. Our fullest gratitude is extended to all who supported the fundraiser. Lourdes is truly blessed.

ONE NIGHT ZOOM SEMINAR: 'Reading Mary's Magnificat as an Ode to Divine Reversal', a refreshing inspiring look at Mary's Revolutionary song - Tuesday, December 9 from 7pm - 8:30pm. Presented by Brother Minlib Dallh, O.P., a Dominican Brother at the St. Augustine House with the Dominican Friars of Atlanta. Register at https://form.jotform.com/ LourdesAtlanta/readingmarysmagnificat. For more information see the Bulletin Flyer 11/30/25.

LOURDES PRAYER CALL: All are invited to join our Lourdes Prayer Call via Zoom on Wednesday, December 10, at Noon, hosted by our Pastoral Care Team (PCT). Our call will connect us spiritually as we offer our prayers and petitions for our parish community. ALL are welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting uso2web.zoom.us/j/8230

Meeting ID: 823 0907 4451 Passcode: Prayer

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS (SECOND COLLECTION): Thousands of senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals and parishes—often for little to no pay. Many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members who are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to today's second collection. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. For more information, visit <u>lifeofthechurch.com/donate</u>.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

Adalyn Turner Giovanni Moon Herrera Carol Elam Isaac Baroi James Patrick Kingston Parker Jonathan Feazell Marvin Pastel Iulie Johnson Rachael Woung Kimberly Leach Rachelle Hutchinson Renaldo Chambers Tanicia Jean-Pierre Scott Culpepper December 10 December 8 Arielle Cadet Adrianna Ambeau Bridgette Jenkins Cassie Slaughter Anthony Smith Lanier Ewing Gabrielle Johnson Nancy Verre Ileana Kuran Nia Dural John Keane Susan Berry Ionathan Robertson Velda Roberts Joshua Brewington

December 7

Samuel Kuran

Adele Johnson Ava Cooper-Cadres Avila Nilon Brendan Flannery Christina Jamerson Elliott Weaver

Myrna Cubilette

Nicholas Havnes

Arielle Cadet Anabell Buggage Bridgette Jenkins Cassie Slaughter Lanier Ewing Nancy Verre Nia Dural Susan Berry Velda Roberts Wanda Paige Anabell Buggage Charles Johnson Chuks Odikpo Deloris Ward Estela Niyonyshu Harold Guidry Khalia McCray Lamme Savane Miquelle Bowers

December 09

Phillip Boykin Jr.

December 13

Dejon Alexander Emerson Gibson James Haydel Jennifer Halicki Mariano Rojas Mark Zeigler Mary Pitra Nanci Pearson Owen MacLaverty Raynell Evans Sandra Jean Victoria Hardy Willie Harris

Happy Buthday

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 <u>ollgrandlady@gmail.com</u>

KPC Junior Daughters

Allison Joyner, Counselor <u>irdaughterscourt300@gmail.com</u>

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

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office

nmoorer5154@gmail.com