

NEWS AT LOURDES

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY: The Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (ASBS) will lead the Rosary every **Saturday at 4:30pm before the 5pm Mass.**

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Unit #300 invites you to join us on the **last Sunday of each month after the 8am Mass** as we pray the Rosary. **All are welcome!**

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/go/20FoD4AABA822A46-60633726-advent#/>

2025 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE is available on our Lourdes Website homepage <https://lourdesatlanta.org/>, in our weekly Flocknote and in our bulletin Insert https://lourdesatlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Bulletin-Insert-12_07_25.pdf

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 calledbychrist.com/events/discernment-retreat. 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.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT Do you struggle with thoughts of a past abortion? Have you ever asked yourself, "Can God really heal something this deep?" Are you longing for peace but unsure how to get there? You are not alone. No heart is too broken to be healed. Join us for PATH's next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat from January 30-February 1. For more information or to register, call or text our confidential number at 404-717-5557 or email programdirector@pathatl.com. Start where you are. You're so worth it. www.healingafterabortion.org.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL, conveniently located off I-85 in Atlanta, is seeking a certified **substitute teacher** to teach math, science and social studies to fourth grade students. This position will also cover homeroom duties. The position is needed from January through mid-March 2026. Immaculate Heart of Mary School offers a very competitive sub rate in a faith-based, family-oriented working environment. Our school is a drug-free environment and in full compliance with federal statutes for non-discrimination in its employment practices. Interested candidates should forward a resume and cover letter to Dr. Laura Cichanski, principal, at lcichanski@ihmschool.org.

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH in Marietta seeks a full-time **rectory/parish housekeeper**. This hourly and non-exempt position reports directly to the facilities manager. Responsibilities include general routine housekeeping for the parish rectory and offices, overseeing the inventory of cleaning supplies and maintaining an organized work environment. The ideal candidate will be able to work independently and manage a consistent cleaning schedule. Competitive salary and excellent benefits package offered. Please send cover letter and resume to the pastor, Msgr. John Walsh, at JWalsh@SaintJosephCC.org.

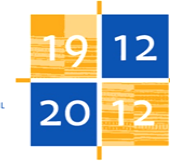
****For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> ****

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 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*

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Flocknote

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
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 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
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
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{ 3rd Sunday of Advent}
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Next Sunday’s Readings{ 4th Sunday of Advent}
Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Mass Intentions
Saturday 5pm for the repose of the souls of †Caden & Cylie McCullum
Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul of †William Douglas

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/06/25 - 12/12/25) \$27,629
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/06/25 - 12/12/25) \$10,200
Online Offertory (12/06/25 - 12/12/25) \$17,429
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 (12/12/25) \$53,198
Over/(Under Goal) (\$56,402)
For more information or to donate online
visit [donate.archatl.com](https://www.donate.archatl.com). Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Christian Doute,	PJ Lemuel,	Wendy Stewart,
Karen Allen,	Gloria Dworet,	Gloria Manson,	Johnnie Strong,
Kennan Allen,	Angela Etson	James McEwan,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Cherry Banez,	Joyce Foley,	Melody McIntyre	Gwendolyn Thompson,
Sandy Bell,	Barbara Hagan,	Jeremy Moon,	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,	Kyle Anderson,	Scindy 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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#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.

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](https://www.donate.archatl.com), **no later than 9PM (EST) on December 31**, to ensure it is received by 11:59PM. Thank you for your generosity!

2026 CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: Teens interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation in May 2026 are invited, **along with their parents/guardians**, 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 samantha.smith1534@gmail.com.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED for the holidays from **Tuesday, December 23, 2025 through Friday, January 2, 2026**. We will reopen on **Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:30am**. *Merry Christmas to you and your family from Fr. Jeffery, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenney and the Lourdes Staff.*

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 14 Alanna Anderson <small>Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson</small> Jolene Edwards Kara Stewart Katie Price Raechel Bimmerle Timothy Coveney	Patrick Crosby Philip Musey Zadieparker Idani	E. Adrien Saintil Jasper Edwards Joseph Longosz II Karen Allen Lani Gustafson Matthew Kissel Mila Lang Paul Sanon Sharon Glover Tarekegn Hope Teshia Dula Theresa Brower	Okorie Johnson
December 15 Bernetta Jones David Miller Patton V Gavin Brooks Jerry Billingslea Jo Ward Juanita Lang Macey Pouncey	December 16 Carol Hadley David Baldwin Esan Ebner Kimberly Stringer Liberty Jones Luther Brewster Madison Street Mary Chapman	December 18 Etienne Pascal Katrina Kissel Nina Hylton	December 19 Aria Burton Brian Ray Jacob Amos Jennifer Waters Marie Vincent
		December 20 Alaina Belton Karen Russian Monique Sewell Victoria Sanon	

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
knnyaku@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
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 Mooror
nmoorers154@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office