

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**2025 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** With 3 days remaining in 2025, we wish to remind parishioners who submitted a pledge to this appeal and to reach out to those who did not pledge and choose to make a donation. To date, we remain **\$55,000 short of the assessed goal of \$109,600**. Any shortcoming by year's end will need to be covered by the church's operating budget. Over the past three years, Lourdes has stepped up and surpassed the assessed goal, with excess donations flowing back to our church. Let's continue this trend. In order to count toward the Archdiocese assessment, all online donations must be received by **December 31**. Please fulfill your pledge or, if you did not pledge, make a gift by this date. To give online, visit [donate.archatl.com](http://donate.archatl.com). Our sincere thanks for your support and generosity.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR'S BREAK:** There will be **NO** Sunday School on **December 29**. Classes resume on **Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 9am**.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY:** Holiday Season have you feeling blue? Do the holidays evoke sad memories of lost loved ones? Are you experiencing job or health challenges or perhaps an impending/recent divorce? Do you yearn to share and express your feelings in a safe and confidential environment? Lourdes' Stephen Ministry and trained Stephen Ministers are here to help! Call (404) 522-6776.

**LOURDES LIVESTREAM:** View Lourdes Liturgy at Home. Our Livestream can be viewed from the link on the Lourdes homepage at <https://lourdesatlanta.org> or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

**YOU ARE INVITED: Stories of Hope: Radical Healthcare Solutions and the PAD Epidemic :** Join us for a screening of "Bloodlines, MS" - Uncovering injustice, inspiring change—an urgent conversation on Black health and limb loss at **"Bloodlines, MS" Film Screening & Dialogue on Black Health in America**. Join a powerful evening that brings together clinicians, policymakers, community leaders, and patients to confront one of the most devastating—and preventable—crises in American healthcare: the intersection of diabetes, Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), and the epidemic of avoidable amputations. The program features:

- Screening of the award-winning short documentary Bloodlines, Mississippi
- Panel conversation on diabetes disparities, PAD underdiagnosis, systemic inequities, and national policy gaps
- A call to action for radical solutions in screening, workforce, reimbursement, and community-based prevention

**Admission: Free with RSVP.** Audience: Open to health care professionals, students, advocates, and the public. Reserve your seat now! For more information and to [register](#).

## 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.

**2026 MLK JR. WEEKEND CELEBRATION:** The Office of Intercultural Ministries is proud to lead the archdiocesan effort in celebrating and commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in January 2026. Please join us for our Eucharistic Celebration on **Saturday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church** (2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, 30032). Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv., will be the principal celebrant. Bishop John Tran will serve as our homilist. **Our Youth Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, January 18, at 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy** (861 GA-279, Fayetteville, GA 30214). Bishop Bernard Shlesinger will be in attendance. For more information contact Mr. Ashley Morris via email at [amorris@archatl.com](mailto:amorris@archatl.com).

**\*\*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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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

**December 28, 2025**

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Therefore,  
as God's chosen people,  
holy and dearly loved,  
clothe yourselves with  
compassion, kindness,  
humility, gentleness  
and patience.

**Colossians 3:12**

**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](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Religious Education**  
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen  
Director of Religious Education  
[tbowen@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto: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](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 the Church Office  
For Prayer/Visit Email: 404-522-6776

Meet: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 re-  
ceive our weekly  
e-newsletter!



*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.



## 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  
Keme Hawkins & Nyrva Cadet  
(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  
[psbartong01@gmail.com](mailto:psbartong01@gmail.com)

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

Green Team  
Shelli Stewart,  
[stewartshelli@yahoo.com](mailto:stewartshelli@yahoo.com)

Haiti Ministry  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30am Mass  
Ron Apolon  
404-441-3032  
[ronapolon@gmail.com](mailto:ronapolon@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 {Feast of the Holy Family}

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-17  
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

## Next Sunday's Readings {The Epiphany of The Lord}

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-1223

### Mass Intentions

Saturday 5pm for the repose of the souls + Irwin Irish, Pearl Irish,  
Cynthia Irish-Belfast & Terry Belfast

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul +Jean-Bosquo Tamgho

## Lourdes Stewardship

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|--|-----------------|
| Church Support (12/20/25 - 12/26/25)               | <b>\$29,003</b> |
| In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (12/20/25 - 12/26/25) | <b>\$8,099</b>  |
| Online Offertory (12/20/25 - 12/26/25)             | <b>\$20,904</b> |
| <b>Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 25-26):</b>    | <b>\$27,885</b> |

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:   | <b>\$109,600</b>  |
| Amount Paid (12/26/25) | <b>\$54,140</b>   |
| Over/(Under Goal)      | <b>(\$55,460)</b> |

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

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of 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](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available  
on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)

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**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church Office is closed for the Holidays until Monday, January 5, 2026 at 9:30am.

**JOIN US AS WE PARY 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!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY** ~ From Father Jeffery, Deacon Chester, Deacon Lenny, Deacon Kenney and the staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Watch Night Service \*\* Livestreamed  
Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - 11:00pm Mass

**There will no Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursday, January 1, 2026**

Parking is available in the Edgewood Ave lot located at 494 - 502 Edgewood Ave. SE. Limited parking for those with physical challenges available in our Auburn and Boulevard Parking Lots. *Our Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org), and Flocknote e-Newsletter.*

**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](mailto:samantha.smith1534@gmail.com).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

| December 28              | December 31      |                      |                      |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Benedicte Lutumba Kabedi | Erica Couben     | Ajani Claxton-Warner |                      |
| Charles Rodney           | Anthony Jordan   | Erika Ndongmo        | Darryl Buford Sr.    |
| Beja Turner              | Beja Turner      | Hugh Kinsel          | Euriahan Bennett III |
| Gerrard Grant            | Dorian H. Miller | Janice Willis        | Kurt Jones           |
| Joseph Nduom             | Gary Carter      | Kamwenubusa Innocent | Millicent Hollins    |
| Sandy Bourda             | Kwame Nyaku      | Nakia Cahill         | Owen Farrell         |
| Turner Moore             | Lalor Cadley     | Zoe Toro             |                      |
| December 29              | January 02       |                      |                      |
| Alexandra Thompson       | Liana Neal       |                      |                      |
| Casen Goff Benjamin      | Kaia Driver      | Courtney Burgan      |                      |
| Devin Burnam             | Mary Jane Cooper | Evan Hylton          |                      |
| Giles Conwill            | Raven Powers     | Jason Tircuit        |                      |
| Harrison Butker          |                  | Latreis Bell         |                      |
| Harrison Zegers          |                  | Marcus Massingale    |                      |
| January 01               |                  |                      |                      |
| Bora Minirakiza          |                  |                      |                      |
| Courtney Alexander       |                  |                      |                      |
| Dwayne Benjamin          |                  |                      |                      |
| Paul Ferguson            |                  |                      |                      |
| January 03               |                  |                      |                      |
|                          | Aidan Cromartie  |                      |                      |



## 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  
Tanimna "Ninna" Logan, Grand Lady  
[ollgrandlady@gmail.com](mailto:ollgrandlady@gmail.com)

**KPC Junior Daughters**  
Allison Joyner, Counselor  
[jrdughterscourt300@gmail.com](mailto:jrdughterscourt300@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