

NEWS AT LOURDES

AUDITIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 LOURDES YOUTH CHOIR season are coming up! Auditions for the youth choir will be held on July 25th from 12PM - 4PM, on the Third Floor of the Drexel Building. Please have your child prepare **one song of their choice (approximately 1 minute in length)** that best showcases their current vocal ability. The song may be from any genre. If you are **unable to attend** an in-person audition, your child may also audition virtually by submitting a video recording via YouTube, Vimeo, Google drive link. Instructions for submitting a video audition can be found at <https://forms.gle/tFJYGkYemz9hyQC29>. **You can submit virtually any-time between now and August 1st.** If you have any questions, please Email us at lourdeskidschoir@gmail.com for more information! See flyer <https://lourdesatlanta.org/2026/01/06/bulletin-2026/>. Below are the youth choir audition and rehearsal dates in preparation for the new choir season.

Lourdes Youth Choir Auditions
July 25th, 12-4 PM

First Rehearsals for new members
August 8th, 15th, & 29th

First Official Rehearsal with old and new members
September 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

LOURDES FAMILY — JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF THE MIDWEST! Sunday, August 2 & Sunday August 16, after the 10:30am Mass. We'll be on the grill serving up some of the best German-style sausages, brat-wurst, and hot dogs—fresh off the grill! It's summertime, so treat yourself...or treat someone else! Combo meals available! Each combo includes chips and a drink. \$10. Pre-order in advance by ordering online: <https://tastysausagellc.square.site/>. Then simply pick up your order in the cafeteria after the 10:30 AM Mass.

YOUTH ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church invites **all youth in grades 4-12** to become part of our Altar Server Ministry! Serving at the altar is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while assisting the priest and deacon during the celebration of the Holy Mass. **Training will be offered on the following dates:**

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 12:00 Noon

Both sessions will cover the same material, so participants only need to attend one training. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server or would like more information, please contact Angela Guidry at lourdesaltarservers@gmail.com

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING: SAVE THE DATE! We will hold an in-person training for all current Extraordinary Ministers and those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion **on Saturday, September 19.**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JULY: For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

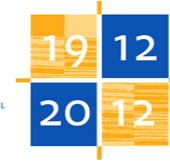
RETRouvaille WEEKEND: Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. While Christian-based and Catholic in origin, this ministry welcomes couples of all faiths, including non-religious. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, Friday, September 11, through Sunday, September 13, call 404-644-3253 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org.

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

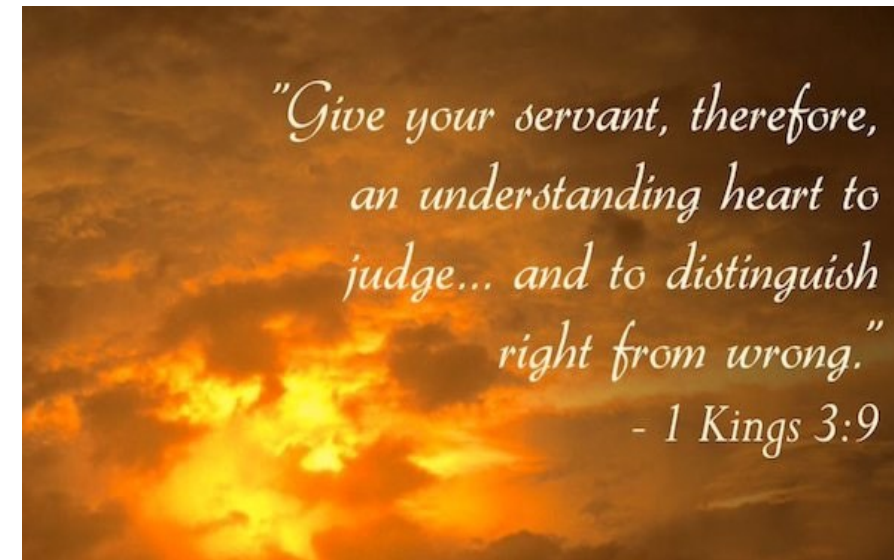
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Atlanta, GA 30312
404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 10am - 5:30pm
Closed for Lunch: 1pm-2pm

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 2026



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*
Mr. Bryan Montemayor, *Music Ministry Administrator*
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

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.



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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
ON SUMMER BREAK

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: 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

3Ds (Drexel’s Dynamic Disciples)
Randy Gibbs (Lead)
mrgibbs63@gmail.com
404-956-9730

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson
ollfinancecouncil@lourdesatlanta.org

Green Team
Shelli Stewart,
stewartshelli@yahoo.com

Haiti Ministry
3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass
Ron Apollon
ronapollon@gmail.com
404-441-3032



Today’s Sunday Readings

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Mass Intentions

Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul+ James ‘ Jim’ Ward

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (07/18/26 - 07/24/26)	\$25,754
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (07/18/26 - 07/24/26)	\$11,375
Online Offertory (07/18/26 - 07/24/26)	\$14,379
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

2026 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

“We are One Body in Christ. Called to Serve”

Lourdes Parish Goal:	\$137,241
Amount Paid (07/24/26)	\$42,965
Over/(Under Goal)	(\$94,276)

For more information or to donate online
visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate. Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Karen Allen,	Sam Cooper,	Felix Lawrence,	Barbara Smith,
Kennan Allen,	Betty Davis,	Janet Lawrence,	Kevin Smith,
Cherry Banez,	Christian Doute,	Kyle Anderson,	Wendy Stewart,
Sandy Bell,	Angela Etson	Gloria Manson,	Johnnie Strong,
Susie Bell,	Joyce Foley,	James McEwan,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Angelique Benoit,	Chester Griffin,	Melody McIntyre	Gwendolyn Thompson,
Deanna Blasingame,	Barbara Hagan,	Jeremy Moon,	Frank Tighe,
K. Renee Bowens,	Pamela Haley,	Evette Oates,	Sandra Turner,
David Brower,	Anne Haase,	Katie Price,	Josette Walker,
Edward Branch,	Frank Howard,	Eisenhower Raines,	Marc Wallace,
Noah Bowen,	Georgia Hutchinson,	Josephine Rosario,	Valerie West,
Frederick Cannon,	Jackson Igou,	Mildred Rucker,	Michelle Wilkinson,
Luella Chambers,	James Jordan,	Alana Shepard,	Teresa Williams

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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BREATHE: MEN’S VIRTUAL RESET SERIES – Men are often expected to be strong, steady, and always “fine.” But real strength also looks like rest, honesty, and community. Our three week **Men’s Virtual Reset Series** has already begun, but there’s still time to join the final two sessions on **Friday, July 31st and Friday, August 7th at 6 PM**. This series creates a space for men to talk about what’s real, the pressures, the victories, the quiet battles, and the faith that keeps them moving. It’s a place to reset. A place to re-lease what you’ve been holding. A place to breathe again. If you’d like to join, email ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com to receive the link for the sessions.

ADULT CHOIR AUDITIONS! Auditions for the 2026-2027 Choir season will be held in the sanctuary between **5pm and 7pm in 15 Minute Timeslots** on the following dates:

- July 28th , 29th , & 30th **AND** August 4th , 5th , & 6th

Please prepare a 30 second song cut of your choice. You will be asked to match pitch and hold harmonies during your audition slot. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time slot, please Email: **Bryan Montemayor (Music Ministry Administrative Assistant) at musicad-min@lourdesatlanta.org**.

SAVE THE DATE, Lourdes Family! Mark your calendars for our **Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20, 2026!** Each year our parish picnic gets bigger and better, and we'd love for you to be a part of making this year's event another great success. Planning will begin during the second week of August, and we're looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the picnic. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact **Allyson Blue** at **404-542-5017** or allysonbthomas@yahoo.com. We hope you'll join us as we prepare for a wonderful day of fellowship, food, and fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Online Registration for **2025 - 2026 Sunday School Year** begins on **Friday, August 1. Classes begin Sunday, September 27th** from 9:00am -10:15am.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

July 26 Ana Pichanick Danna Mae Endozo Jenna Gaspard Kaia Leigh Kaitlyn Taylor Kylie Thompson Lloyd Bearden Jr. Nishika Vidanage Xavier Shockley	July 28 Ahli Moore Edwin Avelar John DeFoor III Karen Johnson Kristina Garcia Mark Rajewski Marlie LaGuerre Michael Anidi Sharon Gex	Theresa Brewster Wallace Evans July 30 Bernadette Kennedy Brendan Freeman Brittany Stanford Jordyn Black Kirk Haynes Melvin Sawyer	Rome Van Voorhis Sara Elizabeth Sides Susan Parsons Teri Lewis August 1 Addie Bowden Avon Howse Brigitte Flannery Carter Middleton Cecilia Paprocki Christopher Spencer Elizabeth Craig Marcus Smith Jr.
July 27 Brian Auerbach Chemar Brown Donna Richardson Jasmin Neeson John Ujda Rebecca Culpepper Sandra Davis Timothy Etson Sr.	July 29 Clinton Wilkinson Elizabeth Chilla John DeFoor II John Black-Smith Kierston Tiller Michael Smith Michael Walsh	July 31 Ariel Iluyomade Aurielle Coleman Kristina Lemene Kurt Collier Lena Reid Michael Dula Michelle Hession Griffith	

Ministries & Organizations

Health Promotions Ministry
3rd Wednesdays at 7pm virtually.
LaSheka Morris (Lead)
ollhealthpromotionmin@gmail.com

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
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
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

Millen-Z Ministry (Young Adult Group)
Nikki Moorer
nmoorers154@gmail.com

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office