

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING: SAVE THE DATE! EUCCHARISTIC 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 from 9:30am—12:30pm.** You must be a fully initiated Catholic, having celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation to serve.

LOURDES ANNUAL PICNIC: 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. If anyone has questions, 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!

OLL WRITERS' GROUP INFORMATION MEETING: Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 12:00pm -1:30pm in the Parish Hall, Katharine Drexel Center.

- Are you interested in sharing your creative writing (poetry, stories, essays, novels, memoir pieces, etc.) with others in the Lourdes community?
- Do you engage with your spirituality when writing?
- Would you like to meet with others to work on writing prompts together and respond to one another's work in a writing workshop format?

Come to our organization meeting on September 27th to join this creative initiative! Send a note to express your interest or to ask any questions to Renée Schatteman (rtschatteman@gmail.com) or just come to the

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POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

HOLY MASS FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS AND MORNING OF REFLECTION: Bishop John Tran will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Intentions of Separated and Divorced Catholics on **Saturday, October 3**, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. In addition to the Mass, Bishop Trans will also be participating in an associated Morning of Reflection. Registration is not needed for the Mass. All are welcome. There is no charge for the morning of reflection; however, we ask interested people to sign up to support planning, including materials and food. Details for the Day of Reflection and the Mass can be found at [TINY.CC/MORNINGREFLECTION](https://tiny.cc/morningreflection). Contact oed@archatl.com if you have questions.

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



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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 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.



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
RESUMES: SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

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}



Flocknote

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
Isaiah 56:1,6-7; Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Next Sunday’s Readings
Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Mass Intentions
Sunday 10:30am for the repose of the soul+Janet Holiday

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (08/08/26 - 08/14/26) \$21,423
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (08/08/26 - 08/14/26) \$7,725
Online Offertory (08/08/26 - 08/14/26) \$13,698
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 (08/14/26) \$45,415
Over/(Under Goal) (\$91,826)

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God’s salvation plan.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Karen Allen,	Betty Davis,	Janet Lawrence,	Kevin Smith,
Kennan Allen,	Christian Doute,	Kyle Anderson,	Wendy Stewart,
Cherry Banez,	Angela Etson	Gloria Manson,	Johnnie Strong,
Susie Bell,	Joyce Foley,	James McEwan,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Deanna Blasingame,	Chester Griffin,	Melody McIntyre	Gwendolyn Thompson,
K. Renee Bowens,	Barbara Hagan,	Jeremy Moon,	Frank Tighe,
David Brower,	Pamela Haley,	Evette Oates,	Sandra Turner,
Edward Branch,	Anne Haase,	Katie Price,	Josette Walker,
Charles Bowen,	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
Sam Cooper,	Felix Lawrence,	Barbara Smith,	

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.

NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES T-SHIRT WEEKEND! Show your Lourdes Pride next weekend, August 22 and 23. Wear your Lourdes T-shirts!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION! Online Registration for 2025-2026 Sunday School Year has begun. Please register online at https://lourdesatlanta.org/register/. Classes begin Sunday, September 27 from 9:00am -10:15am. If you receive the message "No Organization License", you are attempting to access the ParishSOFT My Own Church app, for which Our Lady of Lourdes does not have a license. This will open the ParishSOFT website, where you will have full access to all the features needed to complete the Religious Education registration and/or update your Our Lady of Lourdes parish membership information.
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.

YOUTH LECTORS! Lourdes members ages 8–18 are invited to proclaim the Word at Mass on the 4th or 5th Sunday each month. No experience is required, and we'll prepare your child every step of the way. Here's how it works:
1. About a week ahead, we send you the reading to preview.
2. A few days before, we hold a short prep call — usually 20–25 minutes. On the day, arrive 30 minutes early for a final read-through and to learn how and when to approach the altar.
Interested, or want to know more? Contact John Ujda at 404-825-5316 or john@ujda.net.

SAVE THE DATE: Taste of Lourdes is back! Sunday, October 4, 2026 after all Masses.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

August 16 Addison LePlatte Aidan Brown Albert Schuette Althea Jenkins-Bullard Andrea Perry Clifton Hadley Clinton Brooks Edward Cadres Gillian Beckford Kerra Kelly Matthew Stracke Rachel Matthews Tiger Dawson Vanessa Robinson	Teneliaa Pouncey Victoria Ward August 18 Ashley Williams Carter Griffin Francis Crosby Jarian Ellis Jonathan Aguillard Kaylan Chester Maya De Foor Morgan Wilson Noah Dressie Reginald Grand Pierre	Keli Phillips Kyler Gause Linda Gaines Rachel Heard Sky Connor August 20 Aaron Thompson Ashley Miller Ellen D’Orsi Etienne Gatins Gloria Davidson James Beckham Ashley Miller James Faulkner	Shelayn Momon Zahra Claxton-Warner Zsariyah Broughton August 22 Alessandre Jean-Enard Brian Lynch Catherine Quinn Dave Hickerson Ilan Douglas Gianna Bergantino James Rhoads Lily Herold Michele Bagby Scandia McCrary Xander Cotton
August 17 Deidre Smith Gabriel Moise Grant Lipscomb Jamez Wiley Lewanna Rucker	August 19 Andrew Crosby Anibal Corado Christion Wharton Evelyn Jenkins Ian Moon Janni Bugs	August 21 Carlita Scarboro David Alexander IV Darby McHugh Jessy Halaby Habomimana Clothinde	

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