

NEWS AT LOURDES

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THE ROSARY: The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Court #300 invites you to join us on the last Sunday of each month as we pray the Rosary. Vice Grand Lady Joyce Layne Hickey will be leading this month's rosary on **August 30th** following the 8 am Mass (9:15 am - 9:45 am). No experience necessary -- we have rosary handouts. All are welcome!

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.

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**. **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.

BIBLE STUDY RETURNS: Our Lady of Lourdes Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 15, from 7:00pm -8:30pm EST via Zoom**. This year, we will journey through the **Gospel of Luke** and encounter Jesus as the compassionate Savior who brings good news, welcomes those on the margins, and extends God's mercy and salvation to all. Using our **Observation-Interpretation-Application** method, we will explore what the text says, what it means, and how God is calling us to respond. We encourage everyone to begin reading the Gospel of Luke or to read as much as possible before our study begins. This will provide a helpful overview and prepare us for our journey through Luke's Gospel together. Please save the date and invite a friend! The Zoom link and study schedule will be shared soon. We look forward to reconnecting and growing together in God's Word!

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 27** 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 meeting to find out about the group.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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.

THE WAY FOR WOMEN is a three-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program October 9-11, at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is September 25. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

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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www.lourdesatlanta.org

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 10am - 5:30pm

Closed for Lunch: 1pm-2pm

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 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.

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We are committed
We are LOURDES

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



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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 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Next Sunday’s Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

To Request a Mass Intention

Email Carol Ann Pinard (cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org) include the name of the person for whom the Mass is being offered, the reason for the intention and mailing address to send the mass card. Donations can be made online at: https://www.osvhub.com/lourdesatlanta/giving/funds/mass-intentions

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (08/15/26 - 08/21/26)	\$27,549
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (08/15/26 - 08/21/26)	\$9,721
Online Offertory (08/15/26 - 08/21/26)	\$17,828
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 26-27):	\$28,846

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 (08/21/26)	\$45,430
Over/(Under Goal)	(\$91,811)

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else’s prayer.

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.

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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, at 7:00pm and Saturday, August 29, at 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.

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.

LOURDES ANNUAL PICNIC - Sunday, September 20, at 1:00pm at Grant Park! We’re looking forward to a wonderful afternoon of **food, fellowship, fun, and time together as a parish family!** We’ll provide the main meal (chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks, and parishioners are encouraged to bring a **favorite side dish or dessert to share**. We are encouraging everyone to **RSVP** at https://form.jotform.com/262306202325141, so we can get a good idea of how many people to expect. See flyer for more details and to volunteer at Lourdes Bulletin 2026.

LECTOR PREP sessions for the month of **October** will be held on **Tuesday, September 1, at 7pm and Saturday, September 5 at 10:30am in the Church.** All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

August 23 Anne Fagan-Podber Brandt Lewis Cloe Guidry-Reed David Alpough David Walker Jerome Morgan Kaitlyn Ranney Karen Brown Keeia Dye Leda Dixon Mary Ellen Macke Niya Thomas Royce Lino-Woodson Wilbert Thomas	Ave Burton Earl Cotton Jr. Evelynne Burton Janaiya Turner Joseph Carpenter Nichole Ravenell Suzanne Schneider	August 26 Kieran Cook Leneisha Smith Naila Lakpa Theresa Bowen	August 28 Grace Buggage Ifechi Okonkwo Joni Dubriel Harris Michael Strong Jr.
August 24 Anthony Smith Jr. Arielle Severe	August 25 Anthony Hylton Carmen Jenkins Courtney Lewis Douglass Robinson Frank Okonokhua Imani Van Buren Michael DeAntonio Paul Cleary Robert Cohen	August 27 Alyssa Dula Audrey Isakov Cassidy Bass Chantalle Moon Constance Mack Gracie Santiago Kizmet Charles LaSheka Morris Luke Nunan Lyla Rachal Pierce Fowler Sean Farry	August 29 Arya Saintil Iris Odia Malu Marcus Williams Pamela Simmons Piper Cook Rachel Sigmon Robertta Battle Sharon James Zachary Waters



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