

NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from 2pm on Friday, September 4 through **Monday, September 7**, in observance of Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on **Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30am**.

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. The Zoom link will be shared soon. We look forward to reconnecting and growing together in God's Word! Invite a friend!

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](#).

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.

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.

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. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server or would like more information, please contact Angela Guidry at lourdesaltarservers@gmail.com.

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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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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30, 2026



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}

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

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

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

Next Sunday’s Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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 (08/16/26 - 08/28/26)	\$20,692
In-Pew & Mailed In Offertory (08/16/26 - 08/28/26)	\$5,387
Online Offertory (08/16/26 - 08/28/26)	\$15,305
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. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Karen Allen, Kennan Allen, Cherry Banez, Susie Bell, Deanna Blasingame, K. Renee Bowens, David Brower, Edward Branch, Charles Bowen, Noah Bowen, Frederick Cannon, Luella Chambers, Sam Cooper,	Betty Davis, Christian Doute, Angela Etson Joyce Foley, Chester Griffin, Barbara Hagan, Pamela Haley, Anne Haase, Frank Howard, Georgia Hutchinson, Jackson Igou, James Jordan, Felix Lawrence,	Janet Lawrence, Kyle Anderson, Gloria Manson, James McEwan, Melody McIntyre Jeremy Moon, Evette Oates, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Josephine Rosario, Mildred Rucker, Alana Shepard, Barbara Smith,	Kevin Smith, Wendy Stewart, Johnnie Strong, Jean-Luc Tahou, Gwendolyn Thompson, Frank Tighe, Sandra Turner, Josette Walker, Marc Wallace, Valerie West, Michelle Wilkinson, Teresa Williams
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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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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FR. PATRICK ETUKUDOH: For the past year, we have been blessed to have Fr. Patrick minister with us. We are saddened to say goodbye, but we are deeply grateful for his service and for the many ways he has touched our parish community through his ministry. We wish Fr. Patrick many blessings as he begins his new assignment at All Saints Catholic Church in Knoxville, TN. May God continue to guide, strengthen, and bless him as he begins this new chapter of his priestly ministry. Please know, Fr. Patrick, that you will always be welcome here and are a part of the Lourdes family. You will be missed, and will be in our prayers.

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.

NEXT LOURDES T-SHIRT WEEKEND is September 5 and 6! Show your Lourdes Pride. Wear your Lourdes T-shirt .

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM: We are thrilled to announce that our Emergency Response Team (ERT) is now present and serving our parish during Saturday and Sunday services. Trained in CPR and AED administration, our ERT members are prepared to respond in times of need and help care for the safety and well-being of our community. You can identify our ERT members by their red-and-white ERT stoles. This important OLL Health Promotions Ministry service was made possible through the generosity of our Lourdes community during our 2025 #iGive Catholic fundraiser. Thank you supporting the well-being of our parish community!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING: 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. Sign-up at https://form.jotform.com/262326689188169.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

August 30 Ahmad Blanchard Angelique Darke Broderic Armbrister Elizabeth Walsh Marquette Chester Mary Ellen Sheehan	Terri Alexander	Lauren Cromartie Leo Sullivan Lisa Berkley Madison Cromartie Sarah Anidi Terri Alexander	September 4 Christopher Parker II Kayellen Umeakunne Michael Barham Nazare Boyd Shahira Claxton
August 30 Alayna Hannah Chandra Delphin Denise Hayley Gavin Williams James Chambers Jaxson McClary Kyndra Johnson Mauricio Lopez	September 1 Anika Fisher Avery Rouse David Alexander III Erinn Gardner Jasmine Cross Lindsey Burnett Patrice Barton-Smith Qiana Smith Sally Polhamus	September 3 Chloe Parker Chris Newman Eric Orubele Garry Bridgeman Irvin Brown Juanesta Phillips Kathy Comer Lynn Nixon Wyatt Washington	September 5 Apria Brown Brittany Roberts Lily Walker Micah Mallard Niyonkuru Philippe Shanyna Simmons

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