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Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. **Sunday Masses:** 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. **Monday-Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Anticipated Mass, 6:00 p.m. | Holy Day Masses, 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday: 2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Adoration: To be announced

Office Hours:

M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Update

Faith Formation has resumed on-line religious education! Melynda sent out updates as to how to retrieve class information and what the expectations are for each level of education.

We will be doing the Circle of Grace training this month for everyone K-12, Melynda will send specifics on that soon. Most of the classes will be doing Zoom classes so that everyone can still be together yet at a safe distance.

If you have questions, please contact Melynda in the parish office 242-6121 or Mbrown@ihmgjt.org

Thank you all for your patience and grace during this time.

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Weekend Mass Schedule,

4:00 pm on Saturday, 7:30, & 10:00 am and 6:00 pm Sunday

Masses are now limited to 150, anyone coming later will be filtered
into the hall for a separate Mass.

With rules of **Social Distancing** & 150 person capacity, we are also following
GOVERNOR MANDATED regulations for Face Coverings.

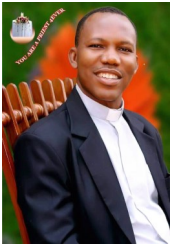
So Please wear your face Masks over the nose and mouth.

If you do not have one we have some available. If you take a cloth face mask to use please take it with you!

We are also asking everyone to please take a Sanitation Wipe from the baptismal font when entering the
Sanctuary and take the personal responsibility to wipe your space off before leaving.

The 4:00 pm & 10:00 am Masses are being Live Streamed for your convenience.

Go to ihmgjt.org under Masses for the link.



2nd Sunday of Yr. B – 01/17/2021. **Ref.** 1st=1Sam.3:3b-10,19. 2nd=1Cor.6:13c-15a,17-20. 3rd=Jn.1:35-42. **Theme: Hearing and responding to God's call**

For any relationship to grow & be sustained, communication is important (eg., marriage). Communication, as we know, demands clarity of information & feedback/response. Similarly, our relationship with God is established and sustained through communication. It also involves clarity of information & feedback. Through this, God calls us to certain duties, missions, ways of life or tells us what we ought to do for our good and salvation. He may choose to do this by Himself or through some persons. These are evident in the 1st & 3rd readings of today.

The nature of God's call: In the Scriptures, we notice that every call from God demands a response. Each call also establishes a peculiar relationship between God and the one He calls. We see examples in the call of Abraham (Gn.12) & Moses (Ex.3). In the 1st reading, God calls Samuel to establish a relationship with him and to prepare him as a priest & Judge of His people Israel. But being young & naive, he mistook the caller. It was the more experienced Eli who guided him to correct communication with God. This shows the importance of proper guidance & direction for the young & for all who look up to us. This challenging responsibility is vested on the parents, guardians, God-parents, teachers and priests. So, how are we guiding & directing the young ones - our children & those under our care? Are we giving them proper information, guiding them to noble lives, bringing them closer to God or are we leading them into sin, allowing them to make wrong choices, giving them bad examples & leading them away from God? Remember, the task of guiding the young is a sacred duty from God. It will either save or condemn us. Jesus hinted on this when he said, 'Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck & drowned in the depths of the sea' (Mtt.18:6). Let us then be motivated by the promise of God that, 'Those who lead many to justice & good lives will shine like bright stars in the Kingdom of God forever' (Dn.12:3b).

Another aspect to this is that God does not need to call us in the middle of the night like Samuel. Most times He speaks to us through other persons or situations. This could be a friend, our parents, teachers, siblings, priest, the experiences of other people or a passage of the bible or book we read. Hence, He uses John the Baptist to introduce Jesus to two of John's disciples & Andrew to draw Peter to Jesus (3rd reading). Also, the call & the positive response of young Samuel is a huge lesson to the young people among us. Many of them are keeping distance with God. They find it difficult to come to mass on Sundays, receive the sacraments, volunteer for services in the Church or be a good influence to others in the society. The young must learn to be close to God & close to persons who can help them understand the way of God (like Samuel did), else they may not know when God is talking to them or what he wants from them.

The urgency of our response/feedback to God: In the Scriptures, we notice that God's calls or the knowledge of the salvation he offers, demand immediate response (eg. call of the early disciples – Mtt.4:18-22, Jesus contact with Zacchaeus – Lk.19:1-10, etc.). That was why Eli did not wait until morning to tell Samuel how to answer God, why the two disciples of John could not resist following Jesus and Peter had to follow Andrew immediately to see Jesus. These changed their lives forever. We must not postpone the promptings of God to repent of our sins, create time for prayers in our lives or families, forgive those who hurt us, volunteer for services in the Church, show charity to someone, etc. Making such choices becomes easier when we consider Paul's message to us (2nd reading). He reminds us that our bodies are for the glory of God (not for immorality), that we do not own ourselves because our bodies are the Temples of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Being conscious of this helps us to open up ourselves to God, listen & respond promptly to Him.

Dear friends, God wants us to know that our fulfilment as His children, attainment of interior peace & salvation lie in our ability to listen, discern & respond to Him. This will help us to live holy, happy & fulfilled lives like those who belong to Him & have His Spirit dwelling in them.

Remain blessed! Fr. Timothy.



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Tour Guide of the Mass

Creed

Your Guide for Remembering What in the World You Say During the Creed After Not Being At Mass Because of a Global Pandemic!

LET US GO, LET US GOOOOO to the next half of last week's sentence:

“...and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.”

This one is pretty cool because it is a blatant telling of how much God loves us (sending His only Son), how obedient we should strive to be (just like the Virgin Mary, who chose to say “yes” to God), and that Jesus knows how we feel (because He *also* is human as we are!).

Dictionary time! ...I think I need a theme song for this segment... Our thousand-dollar word of the week is... Incarnation!

Latin derivatives inbound:

In- ‘into’

+

caro, carn- ‘flesh’

“was incarnate of the Virgin Mary”—was made “into flesh” via a virgin conception (now *that’s* something new!) of his mother Mary. And why did He become man? Because He loves each one of us! He came to earth, body, soul, fully man (and still remaining fully God), to bring each of us to His Father... and remember—no one comes to the father except through [Jesus]. (Look at me actually quoting the Bible, what an unusual thing to do!). Now that’s definitely something I can get excited about—because God made it oh so possible for us to come to Him!

Next week we will continue down the Alice in Wonderland rabbit hole...no that’s wrong! It’s the exponentially more interesting Creed Rabbit Hole!! See you next week! SM

Second Collection on January 17, 2021

There will be a second collection for the following causes: Building Fund, Diocesan Ministry Fund, and Focus/Mesa Catholic. Please continue to support our Diocese with everything they do for us. We have been blessed in having FOCUS Ministers for our Catholic college students. Thank you for your continue support. If you are unable to financially support these ministries at this time please pray for everyone involved in these ministries.

2021 Missals

We have received the new 2021 Sunday Missals! They are \$4.00 each and can be purchased in the Parish office or after all Masses in the Narthex. These

are nice to follow during the mass or if you are watching Masses from home this is a good opportunity to be able to participate with mass.



Minister Schedule for Jan. 23/24 2021

Due to COVID-19 we are not asking anyone to volunteer that is not comfortable coming in to Mass. All who are on this schedule have chosen to be serving.

8:00 am Jan. 23 (I) Johnny by Mom

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

4:00pm, Jan. 23 (†) Greg Stephen by Elizabeth & Joshua

Presider: Fr. Asika Okafor

Servers:

Lectors: B. Kline & J. Shettler

Eucharistic: K. Sassano

Hospitality: R. Bertrand

7:30am, Jan. 24 (†) Dale Thompson by Kathleen Hollingsworth

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: G. Bennett & J. Bennett

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: A. Ambrosier, L. Duncan & G. Watts

9:15 am Jan. 24, St. Ann's Palisade

Presider: Fr. Asika Okafor

10:00am, Jan. 24, (I) Johnny, Isaiah & Elijah by Mom

Presider: Fr. Kenneth Obasi

Servers:

Lectors: D. Seatvet & J. Withers

Eucharistic:

Hospitality:

6:00pm, Jan. 24, (†) Andrea Staves by Multz Family

Presider: Fr. Asika Okafor

Servers:

Lector: M. Herrera

Eucharistic:

Hospitality: T. Jasso

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2020

Sunday: 1SM 3:3b-10,19 1COR 6:13c-15a, 17-20 JN 1:35-42

Monday: HEB 5:1-10 MK 2:18-22

Tuesday: HEB 6:10-20 MK 2:23-28

Wednesday: HEB 7:1-3, 15-17 MK 3:1-6

Thursday: HEB 7:25-8:6 MK 3:7-12

Friday: HEB 8:6-13 MK 3:13-19

Saturday: HEB 9:2-3, 11-14 MK 3:20-21

Calendar of Events Week of Jan. 17, 2021

Sunday Jan. 17	7:30am Mass 9:15am St. Ann's 10:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass
Monday, Jan. 18	8am Mass
Tuesday, Jan. 19	8am Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 20	8am Mass
Thursday, Jan. 21	8am Mass
Friday, Jan. 22	8am Mass
Saturday, Jan. 23	8am Mass 2:30-3:30pm Confessions 4:00 pm Mass

Mass IntentionsSunday Jan. 17, 2020

7:30 am (†) **Juanita Miller** by Denise Buchner

10:00 am - (I) **Fr. Thomas Aquinas Kim** by Grace

6:00 pm - (†) **Bill Anderson** by Bev Goodrich

Monday Jan. 18, 2020

8:00 am - (†) **Frances Arnhold** by Tom Arnhold

Tuesday Jan. 19, 2020

8:00 am - (I) **Penny Olesky** by Charles Olesky

Wednesday Jan. 20, 2020

8:00 am - (I) **Paul & Colleen Lum Lung** by Seatvet Family

Thursday Jan. 21, 2020

8:00 am - (†) **James Schults** by Deb Shults

Friday Jan. 22, 2020

8:00 am - (I) **Johnny Bystedt & family** by Friends

Saturday Jan. 23, 2020

8:00 am - (I) **Johnny** by Mom

4:00 pm- (†) **Greg Stephen** by Elizabeth & Joshua

Prayer Opportunities:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:30am in the Chapel
Morning Mass: Monday-Saturday 8:00am in the Chapel
Until further notice.

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This week we learn how God called Samuel. Has God been calling you?
Are we prepared to hear His call?

Sometimes God calls us through others or through different circumstances. We can get so caught up in what the world is doing. We can focus on rules or regulations. We can worship material goods. Focus only on the negative of everything, never seeing what good we have been given. We can get so carried away with all the small things. This can take us to a place of complaint, resent, lack of thoughtfulness or even disdain. Our Lord has asked us to be kind to others, to love thy neighbor. What/who are you listening to? Have you ever thought of who is watching or listening to you? Such as children do with their parents. We can often make a positive difference in someone else's life without even knowing it. The person you show kindness to with a smile, someone you listened to for a few moments, giving your space in line to a mother with children, older person, or someone just frustrated, being patient with another who is trying to assist you. Maybe God put the person driving slow in front of you to protect you from an accident. Maybe we are missing out on God's call!
What does God want you to hear?

IHM Charitable GivingCatholic Outreach Donations

July: \$946
August: \$733
September: \$1,202
October: \$1,102
November: \$1,117

Emergency Aid - Assistance to the Poor Donations

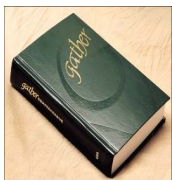
July: \$300
August: \$300
September: \$300
October: \$300
November: \$300
December: \$400

Holy Family School Subsidy

July: \$4,833
August: \$4,833
September: \$4,833
October: \$4,833
November: \$4,833
December: \$4,833

DMF

Paid: \$116,933.25 (73%)
Pledged: \$107,641.25 (67%)



Music is an integral part of Catholic liturgy, but following COVID safety recommendations, we removed all hymnals from the pews. This made it difficult for you to participate in the music of the liturgy. In an effort to amend this, beginning next weekend, Jan. 16 & 17th we will be doing a trial run for checking out Hymnals. (Remember that masks and social distancing should be maintained whenever singing.) If you would like a hymnal, you can check one out, use it at Mass, take it home with you and then return with it the following weekend. Please bring a \$20 deposit (cash preferred). Deposits will be refunded on the return of the good condition hymnal. Thank you for your patience with us as we work through this trying time together!

Updated Information of Coronavirus at IHM

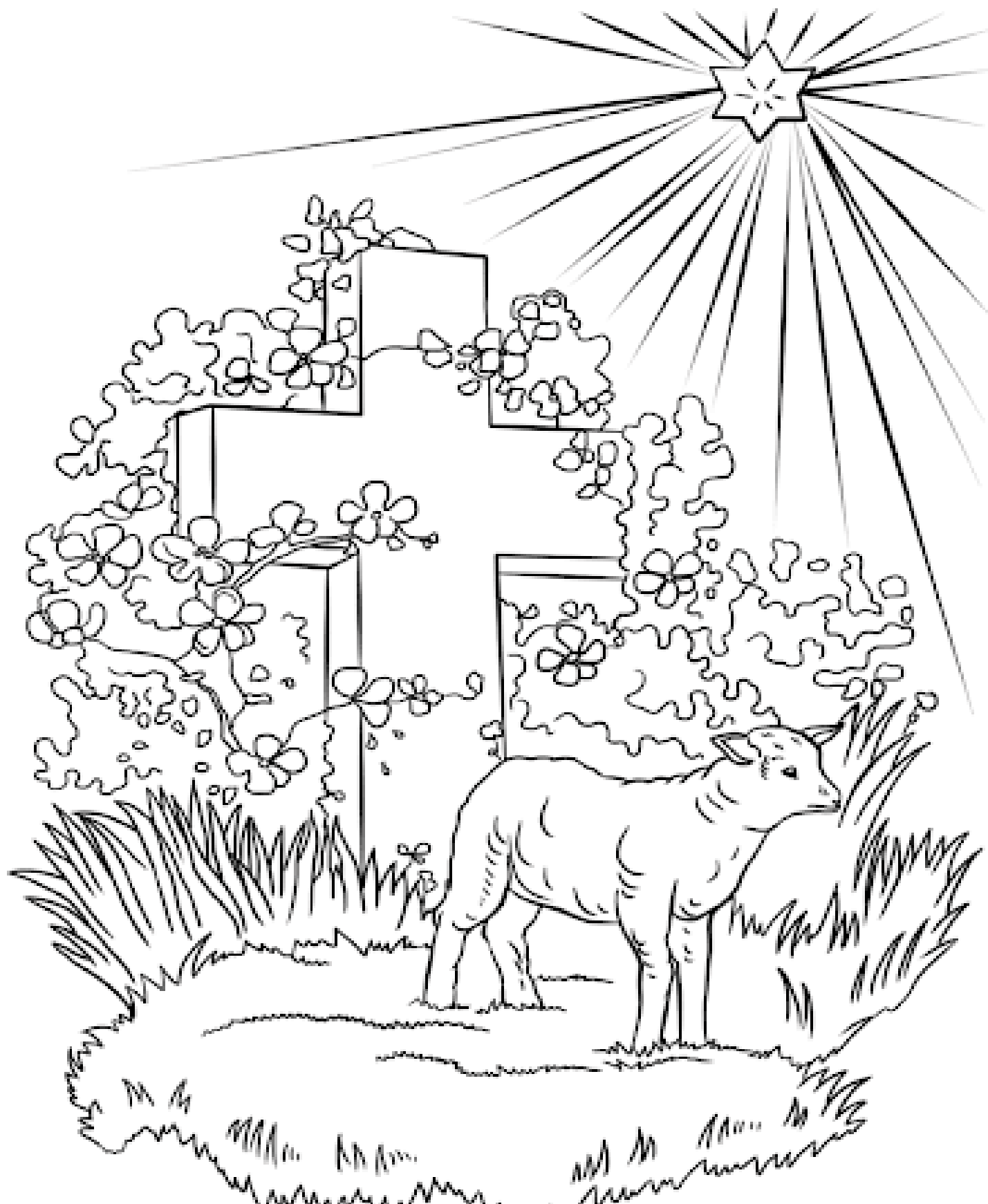
As of December 31, 2020 IHM will be following the latest COVID-19 restrictions. We are allowed 150 person capacity at mass while maintaining **6 feet Social Distancing**. We will be filtering people into the Hall for separate masses if over 150 show up. We are requiring the **Governor Mandated wearing of Face Coverings over the nose and mouth** upon entering and moving throughout the building. They can only be removed while sitting and 6 feet of social distancing is maintained between individuals or family groups. Masks must be worn while singing. Any groups at IHM are still limited to 10 or fewer people and must be at least 6 feet apart from each other. Please practice personal hygiene and be respectful of your fellow parishioners.



Thank You, IHM Staff.

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Fun page for the children or even Adults young at heart!



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