



First Sunday of Lent | February 22, 2015

Lenten Preparedness by Fr. Bill Hao

The season of Lent is upon us, but do you recall what Lent means? Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, which is the most important feast day of the Church. Through the forty days of Lent, we are called to a faith-filled journey of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Practically speaking, Lenten preparedness may be achieved by listening to and reading more intently the word of God, by the frequent reception of the sacraments, by making sacrifices and doing good works, and by devoting more time to prayer.

There are many ways to pray, but if we want to listen to God speaking in our hearts, then we must learn to calm down our minds, hearts and souls. An effective way to do that is through meditation, conversation and contemplation. Meditation has to do with praying with our minds; for example, we can think about a particular Gospel passage and imagine Jesus in the Gospel scene. Conversation means talking and listening with our hearts. We can converse with God about our experiences and relationships, our needs and desires, our joys and sorrows, etc. Contemplation has to do with praying with our souls. Here, we don't think about anything or say anything; we simply rest quietly in God's presence, opening up to God's grace and letting it work within us.

This 1-2-3 step of prayer is actually a progression: we think about God, we converse with God and we open up our souls to God's grace. Taking time to pray is very important because our souls need to be re-energized and re-centered on God. It helps us to have a better outlook on life and a renewed spirit to live life with a joyful and peaceful disposition. May you all have a prayerful Lenten journey!

Announcements

- The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blanket drive to benefit the Safeway Homeless Shelter and the Atlanta Union Mission for the Homeless. Blankets can be left in the narthex now through March 31.

Los Caballeros de Colón están patrocinando una jornada de recolección de cobijas para beneficiar a "Safeway Homeless Shelter" y "Atlanta Union Mission". Las cobijas se pueden dejar en el vestíbulo de la iglesia desde ahora hasta el 31 de marzo.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays: 8:00 p.m. in Spanish
Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.; 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

Misas en Español

Jueves a las 7:00 p.m.
Domingos a la 1:30 p.m. y 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9:15 a.m.
Anytime by appointment

Confesiones

Jueves: 6:00 p.m. en español
Cualquier día por cita.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Adoración al Santísimo

Jueves de 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Hora Santa en español: 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-15

Reading 2: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

February 22 - March 1

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Jack & Carol Hogan †
	11:30 a.m.	Lisa Tindle †
	1:30 p.m.	Catalina Ramirez †
	5:00 p.m.	Terry Weaver
	7:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Eileen Clancy †
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Steven Algeri †
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	John Patrick Sexton †
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Schweers †
	7:00 p.m.	Evaristo Soto Martinez †
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Vincent Roche †
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Kathleen Gregory †
	4:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sister Ayumbi Ndeng
	11:30 a.m.	Maye Sita Agnes †
	1:30 p.m.	Cresenciano Lozano †
	5:00 p.m.	Nilda Linares †
	7:00 p.m.	José Tavel †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

To submit a prayer request, please email: bulletin@ihmatlanta.org or call the parish office at 404-636-1418. *Para solicitar una oración, por favor llame a la oficina.*

† **We ask that you offer a prayer for those who have died, especially for/oremos por quienes murieron, especialmente por:** Gregorio Pacheco, Annette Marler, Dolores Glenkey, Christine McLellan, Lee Ghiradini, David Callahan, Lois Poe, José Tavel, Berniece Meller, Pedro Amador, Steven Algieri, Ashley Maynard, Clint Wheeler, Ronald Wolfe, Bob Waine, Beverle McMurray, Herbert E. Broughton Jr., Jim Bentley, Louise Pratt, Steve Edwards, Grant Smith, Patti Dschuhan, Neil Ryan, Andres Ortiz, Ray Talbot, David Shaw, Raphael Githiora Wamunyu, Amanda Powell, Harold Muir, Bernadine Dugan Williams, and Margaret Mascotti.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Also, please pray for those who are sick, especially for/oremos por quienes están enfermos, especialmente por: Jane Kell, Selma Nort, Oscar Matos, Ligia Florim, Betty Allen, Ana M. Casty, Lindsay Edwards, John Krol, Andrew Ethridge, Colin Crowe, Alicia Niño, Marsha Aughtry, Isabella Pinto, Carlos Halley, Rebecca DuVall, Christian Lopez, Desiree Hudson, Carlos Muñoz, Paul Llano, Leila Livengood, Jehae Diana Carmichael, Margaret Mackool, Wayne Paris, Mary Ann McCullough, Bryant Trane, Pauline Hoch, Ofelia Caraballo, Nieves Aulet Velazquez, Hermelinda Morales Vazquez, and Alice Schillinger.

A DEACON'S JOURNEY

On January 21, parishioner Erik Wilkinson was installed as an Acolyte in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. This ceremony is a part of the Archdiocese's Permanent Diaconate Formation program. He and his 13 classmates from parishes around the Archdiocese were called up one by one to receive the rite and blessing from Bishop Zarama. At this same



ceremony, the Formation classes behind him were instituted as Readers and admitted to Candidacy. The ceremony took place at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Mission in Lilburn. After the Mass there was a celebration for family and friends.

As an Acolyte, Erik can perform the duties of an altar server, serve as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, purify the sacred vessels after communion, and, if no Deacon is present, he may place the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar.

This is the third and final rite that he receives prior to ordination to the Permanent Diaconate in 2017. In 2012, after completing the first year of the program, he and his classmates were admitted as Candidates to the Formation program. This signified that they completed the first year of the program which is focused on discerning God's call in your life and chose to continue with the Formation program. In February of 2013 he was installed as a Reader and the men brought their bibles forward to be blessed by the Bishop in their calling to read the word of God.

The Diaconate Formation program is a five year program of study, action and service. The formation classes meet two Saturdays a month at the St. Stephen Center adjacent to Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Atlanta. Wives are invited, but not required to attend. In addition to the classroom work, the men in formation are required to be actively involved in their parishes, remain active in social justice work and meet regularly with mentors and spiritual directors.

At IHM, Erik is active as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a minister to the home bound, a lector, and member of the Social Justice Committee. He is also a committee member of the Archdiocesan task force, Georgia Catholics Against the Death Penalty.

As he begins his fourth year in the formation program, Erik looks forward to continuing his service to the IHM community: "The road towards ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is filled with much work but also many blessings. Through it all, I am grateful to have the support of my family, friends, classmates and community at Immaculate Heart of Mary. The prayers and encouragement from our parish community have helped to sustain Nancy and I on this incredible journey. I look forward to continuing my service to our great parish."

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PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MUSTARD SEED UPDATE

Thank you IHM!

We are most grateful to the generosity of our IHM community for making our 10th annual trip possible. We look forward to sharing our reflections and photos with you when we return. Please keep our MSC team in your prayers this week.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanie Gross at mjkcj144@gmail.com.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

February 23-March 3

All are invited to visit the Spring Book Fair in the IHM School Library starting Monday, February 23 through Friday, March 6. In addition to a wide range of books for children through middle school, the Book Fair will also have cookbooks and popular books for adults and high school students. While there, be sure to check out the wish lists of some of your favorite teachers, staff and priests.

The Book Fair will be open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning February 23. In addition, Parish Day at the Book Fair will be Sunday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Book Fair will also be open until 8:00 p.m. during the Fish Fry on March 6. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 20, February 27, March 6, March 13

Bilingual Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday evenings in Lent at 7:30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross for a World Living with HIV on February 20 will be co-hosted by the IHM AIDS Ministry and Hispanic Young Adults.

FISH FRY

February 20, March 6, March 27

Join the Men's Club for a Fish Fry! Fried catfish and baked tilapia will be available, along with coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and hush puppies. Dinner will be served in the school cafeteria, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$7.00 per plate.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

March 9-11

Father James Friedel, OSA will present this three night mission on "Celebrating God's Gifts." Please come - and bring a friend! - and spend some time considering the gifts God has given you and how he might be calling you to use them. Each evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

BILINGUAL PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 16

Priests from neighboring parishes, in addition to our own parochial vicars, will be here at IHM to hear your confessions. This bilingual service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

SKYLARK VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Friday, March 20

2015 marks the anniversary of the ends of two horrific wars – the Civil War (150 years), and World War II (70 years) – providing a poignant opportunity to share some of the music inspired and shaped by these conflicts. Francis Poulenc's *Figure Humaine* is one of the greatest works ever composed for unaccompanied choir – composed in 1943 in occupied France based on resistance-inspired poems by Paul Eluard, it is a stunning exploration of the grim realities of war, culminating in an optimistic and embattled cry for liberty in the face of oppression. Interspersed between Poulenc's stirring and complex settings, Skylark will offer far simpler (but no less beautiful) musical images from the American Civil War era. We will share some well-known pieces that have remained in the popular consciousness, as well as beautiful war-inspired songs that have been long since forgotten (and only found thanks to the Duke University Historical Archives). "Clear Voices in the Dark" is a celebration of the power of the human spirit to endure in times of turmoil.

This concert will be at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Tickets are available at www.skylarkensemble.org. Discounts for students, seniors, and IHM Parishioners are available!

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

September 21-27

Pope Francis will be journeying to the United States this fall. He will be in Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families and you could be there too!

The price is based on the number of paying participants for the 7 day/6 night trip. See the pricing breakdown below:

50-52 Participants - \$867

45-49 Participants - \$896

40-44 Participants - \$993

Our trip requires a minimum of 40 passengers, so sign up today! Please contact our Parish Life Coordinator, Elizabeth Figueroa, at efigueroa@ihmatlanta.org to sign up or to request more information.

PROJECT RACHEL

Healing the Heart Wounded by Abortion

For confidential help in dealing with the aftermath of abortion, please contact Project Rachel at -404-920-7365, ProjectRachel@archatl.com, or visit <http://www.archatl.com/ministries/respectlife/healingafterabortion.html>.



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Under the Sea

The Spring 2015 Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, February 23—Friday, March 6, 2015

7:00 am—6:00 pm M-F (swim on in after daily Mass)

Thursday, February 26 —Family Night

6:00—7:45 pm

Sunday, March 1— Special Parish Day

8:00 am—1:00 pm Please come by after Mass

Free Gift Wrap for birthdays, Easter, Mother's Day

Friday, March 6—IHM Parish Fish Fry

Book Fair open till 8:00 pm—Drop by before or after you eat



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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 2015 PARISH LENTEN MISSION

celebrating
GOD'S *gifts*
presented by: Father James Friedel, OSA

**FATHER FRIEDEL**

Father Friedel is an Augustinian priest of the Our Mother of Good Counsel Province. He has traveled the U.S. for many years giving parish missions and retreats.

WHEN

7:00 p.m.
March 9-11, 2015

WHERE

Immaculate Heart of Mary
2855 Briarcliff Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30329

CALENDAR - CALENDARIO**Wednesday/Miércoles (MS)**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
February 25

Saturday/Sábado (K-6)

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
February 21, 28

Sunday/Domingo

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (K-6)
3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (HS)
February 22, March 1

Families, please complete your 3 Reflection Forms and return to your Catechist before April. Forms are available at www.ihmatlanta.org/gift.

Familias, por favor completen sus 3 Formas de Reflexión y entréguelas a sus catequistas antes de Abril. Las formas están disponibles en www.ihmatlanta.org/creciendo-juntos-en-fe-gift.

MONDAY, MARCH 9: "The Gift of God's Love For Us"

TUESDAY, MARCH 10: "The Gift of God's Forgiveness"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11: "The Gift of the Eucharist"

IS THIS POPE CATHOLIC?**BEHIND THE SURPRISES POPE FRANCIS HAS GIVEN US****Adult Faith Formation presentations by Ron Chandonia**

Remaining Sessions:

Session Four – March 1 – Bulldozing Barriers, Building New Relationships

Meetings are from 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. in IHM Middle School.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8–15; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:12–15

Today's First Reading flows into the Second Reading as we hear of the covenant that God made with Noah and then of the fulfillment of the covenant in Jesus Christ. Noah was promised that never again would a flood cleanse the earth. Christ, the righteous one, suffered, died, and rose to save the unrighteous. The flood was a one-time event that prefigured Baptism. The suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Christ was a one-time event that frees humankind for all time. Baptism is an appeal to God, "through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

In the Gospel, we see Jesus going to the desert for forty days, a period that parallels the time on the ark. Jesus was among wild beasts and tempted by Satan, but the angels ministered to him. During this time alone, Jesus prepared for his ministry of preaching God's love and repentance. He needed this time to be strengthened in prayer to do God's will. The forty days of Lent parallel the forty days in the desert. How do we use this period to prepare ourselves to do God's will so that through our lives others will "repent and believe in the Gospel"? We keep these days as a time of preparation for living out our baptismal call. You might want to consider how your Lenten practices are readying you to discover how God calls you. Perhaps you would like to read the Second Reading again and consider how Baptism enters us into the Paschal Mystery, Christ's suffering, Death, and Resurrection.

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PRIMER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Génesis 9:8–15; 1 Pedro 3:18–22; Marcos 1:12–15

Hemos escuchado sobre la alianza que Dios hizo con Noé y sobre el cumplimiento de la alianza en Cristo Jesús. Se le prometió a Noé que nunca más un diluvio volvería a purificar la tierra. Cristo, el justo, padeció, murió y resucitó para salvar a los injustos. El diluvio fue uno solo como figura del bautismo. La pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo es un solo acontecimiento para liberar a la humanidad para siempre. El bautismo es la llamada de Dios, "mediante la resurrección de Jesucristo".

En el evangelio, vemos a Jesús en el desierto durante cuarenta días, un periodo paralelo al del arca. Jesús estaba con las bestias salvajes y era tentado por Satán, pero los ángeles le servían. Ese tiempo de soledad fue la preparación de Jesús para su tarea de proclamar el amor de Dios y la conversión. Él se fortaleció en la oración, para cumplir la voluntad de Dios. ¿Cómo nos preparamos durante la Cuaresma para cumplir la voluntad de Dios, de modo que otros "se arrepientan y crean en el evangelio"? Mantengamos estos días como tiempo de preparación para hacer la experiencia de nuestra vocación bautismal. Pensemos en la forma como las prácticas cuaresmales nos disponen a escuchar la voluntad de Dios. Medita con la segunda lectura, cómo el bautismo te introduce en el misterio de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo.

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ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Choose one of the following activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- Talk about ways family members can become more like Jesus during the season of Lent. Create a family prayer space in your home. Read from the gospels each day. Have each family member choose a Lenten practice and write it on a piece of paper. The papers can be folded and placed in the prayer space as a reminder.
- In Baptism, we turn away from sin and selfishness to live in love according to God's plan. Recall with your child the story of his or her Baptism. Share family photos.
- Christians make a new beginning in Baptism. Discuss these questions: What new beginnings could our family make this year? In order to make these new beginnings, what will we have to do?
- Whenever the family gathers to pray this week, pray for those who are preparing for Baptism or full membership in the Catholic Church and for their sponsors.

ACTIVIDAD DE LA SEMANA

Elija una de las siguientes actividades para seguir reflexionando sobre las lecturas del domingo:

- Conversen sobre las maneras en que los miembros de la familia pueden asemejarse más a Jesús durante el tiempo de Cuaresma. Cree un espacio de oración familiar en su hogar. Lea fragmentos de los Evangelios todos los días. Pida a cada miembro de la familia que elija una práctica de Cuaresma y la escriba en un trozo de papel. Los papeles pueden doblarse y colocarse en el lugar de oración como recordatorio.
- En el bautismo, nos apartamos del pecado y el egoísmo para vivir en el amor, según el plan de Dios. Recuerde con su hijo el relato de su bautismo. Comparta fotos familiares.
- Los cristianos pueden comenzar de nuevo en el bautismo. Comente estas preguntas: ¿Qué nuevos comienzos puede hacer nuestra familia este año? Para lograr estos nuevos comienzos, ¿qué tenemos que hacer?
- Cada vez que la familia se reúna a orar esta semana, recen por los que se están preparando para el bautismo o la membresía completa en la Iglesia Católica y por sus padrinos.

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7 REASONS TO USE YOUR PHONE MORE THIS LENT

If giving up your phone doesn't seem like a good option for you, I have another alternative in mind: Use your phone to do

GOOD. Sacrifice is good, and fasting is absolutely necessary. However, I worry that if we don't learn to use things for the good of the Kingdom of God, we might be missing the boat. It's the same with using your humor to glorify God, or using your body to glorify God, or using your music to glorify God – we can use our phones the same way.

These might sound basic, but here are some suggestions of how to use your phone to do good this Lent. Warning: side effects may include deepening of friendships, growing in holiness, and seeing God in places you don't usually notice Him.

- 1) **Text a different person every** day for the 40 days. Affirm them, tell them how they make your world a better place, and ask how you can pray for them. Then, actually pray for them.
- 2) **Set an alarm** on your phone every day reminding you to pray. At that time, stop whatever you're doing and pray.
- 3) **Daily Scripture Facebook posts.** Read Scripture every day, and then post what stood out to you from that scripture. This will be a sacrifice especially since a lot of our Facebook friends may not know about our faith.
- 4) **Use the iBreviary app** or any other app to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. This will help you stay unified with God AND the rest of the Church throughout the day. Talk about staying connected.
- 5) **Set three different timers**, spaced evenly throughout the day. At each one, stop and reflect on your day since the last timer and all that has happened. Try to see God in each moment, be mindful of His presence along the way, and thank Him.
- 6) **Delete one song a day** from your phone that probably shouldn't be there. For each one that you delete, download a worship song.
- 7) **Share an inspirational image.** You could even share it to one specific person a day, including a message about how they inspire you.

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It is time to sign up for Sonfest!

Open to all current 8th-12th graders
June 1-5, 2015
Cost: \$475

Sonfest is a 5 day beach retreat consisting of teaching sessions, praise and worship music, daily beach activities and plenty of sunshine!



We are looking for teen leaders to help fundraise and promote Sonfest. The teens that help throughout the fundraising period may apply to receive a scholarship! **Initial registration fee is \$50, please return registration form complete with the payment.**

Please contact Kathy Guerrero for more information. Sonfest Registration Forms can be found in IHM's youth ministry page: www.ihmatlanta.org/youth-ministry

More cool resources for Lent:

BustedHalo:

- YouTube Channel
- BustedHaloVideo—
“Stations of the Cross”
- Lent Calendar at www.bustedhalo.com



Free App Downloads for daily readings, reflections, and more!:

- Lentsanity—or visit www.focus.org/lentsanity
- iBreviary
- Laudate



Lenten reflections with Fr. Robert Barron: available in English and Spanish at www.lentreflections.com

Last week's weird and awesome ideas for Lent can be found on the IHM Youth Ministry webpage: www.ihmatlanta.org/youth-ministry.

PRAY . FAST . GIVE .

STEWARDSHIP

“As Christian stewards, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

- Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response

GIVING UPDATE

Week of February 15

Offertory Basket: \$14,911.00

Electronic Giving: \$4,139.54

Total Offertory: \$19,050.54



Thank you! Your sacrificial generosity enables our ministries and outreach programs to continue. If you want to learn more about online donations or are ready to sign up, visit www.ihmatlanta.org or scan the QR code with your smartphone.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week’s Second Collection is for Black and Indian Missions.

Since 1884, proceeds from the Black and Indian Missions Collection are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleute communities of the United States. Visit www.blackandindianmission.org for more information about this collection.



February 22: Changes in Wills

If you would like to make a simple change in your will you can do so by filling out a codicil or amendment to the will. For instance if you have decided you would like the remainder of your estate to go to the parish endowment fund, you simply need to write a codicil and have it notarized. When doing so make sure the codicil is kept with your will. Then send copies of the changes to anyone who needs a copy. Sample wording for this is: *“After payment of the above-mentioned specific devises and bequests, I give, devise and bequeath to The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia located in Atlanta, GA for Immaculate Heart of Mary all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, wherever situated.* For more information about creating a Catholic Legacy please call Diane Duquette, Director of Gift Planning at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: 404-497-9440 or email dduquette@cfnga.org. Be sure to visit the planned giving page on the Foundation website: www.cfnga.org.

SPACE FOR ADS

BAUTISMOS:

Niños menores de 7 años,
Los padres DEBEN registrarse antes en la oficina parroquial; en ese momento recibirán la fecha de la plática correspondiente y del bautismo. Al registrarse deben entregar copia del Acta de Nacimiento de la persona que va a ser bautizada.

MATRIMONIOS:

Llamar al Padre Javier Muñoz y hacer cita para hablar de los requisitos, por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada.

CONFESIONES:

Jueves de 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. en español, y en inglés los sábados a las 9:15 a.m. o durante la semana haciendo cita con el sacerdote.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

Llamar a la oficina y comunicarse con Yolanda Muñoz por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada.

INICIACION CRISTIANA DE ADULTOS (RICA):

Si no eres católico (a) o si eres mayor de 18 años y no has recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación, te invitamos a aprender más acerca de nuestra fe. Comuníquese con Alicia Guerrero en la oficina parroquial.

¡BIENVENIDOS A CASA!

Si has estado alejado (a) de la parroquia, bienvenido (a). Comunícate con nosotros para conocerte y preséntate al sacerdote después de la Misa.

NUEVOS FELIGRESES:

Bienvenidos a nuestra comunidad; visítanos en la oficina para llenar la hoja de registro. Es muy importante que estés registrado en la parroquia.

REFLEXION DEL EVANGELIO

‘LOS ANGELES LE SERVIAN’ | Fuente: Regnum Christi

Evangelio: San Marcos 1,12-15:

En aquel tiempo, el Espíritu impulsó a Jesús a retirarse al desierto, donde permaneció cuarenta días y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivió allí entre animales salvajes, y los ángeles le servían. Después de que arrestaron a Juan el Bautista, Jesús se fue a Galilea para predicar el Evangelio de Dios y decía: Se ha cumplido el tiempo y el Reino de Dios ya está cerca. Arrepiéntanse y crean en el Evangelio."

Oración introductoria: Señor, ayúdame a vivir esta Cuaresma como un momento de conversión, como una oportunidad que me concedes para volver a ti con renovado entusiasmo, para centrar mi mirada en ti y contemplar tu supremo testimonio de amor.

Petición: Espíritu Santo, ayúdame a corresponder fielmente a tus santas inspiraciones.

Meditación: Vemos que Jesús, al comenzar su vida pública, no se precipita dando discursos, haciendo curaciones o reuniendo a sus discípulos. ¿Cómo comienza Jesús este periodo? Obedeciendo al Espíritu Santo, retirándose al desierto para hacer oración, ayunando, rezando en soledad y en medio del silencio. El Espíritu Santo nos invita a todos, para que al inicio de la Cuaresma, hagamos lo mismo, para que reservemos unos momentos de desierto a lo largo de cada día. Para que seamos contemplativos, a fin de ser conquistadores. Ciertamente no podemos pasar la Cuaresma retirados en un monte remoto, pero todos podemos hacer más silencio, y escuchar la voz del Espíritu Santo en nuestro interior. La oración no es un recurso de emergencia, es el alimento de nuestras vidas. A mayor oración, más vida, más amor, más unión con Dios, más santidad, más felicidad. No reduzcamos la oración a unos momentos esporádicos. Busquemos entrar en nuestro interior, para hablar con el Amigo del alma durante el día.



Reflexión apostólica: El Espíritu Santo es el verdadero protagonista de nuestros esfuerzos apostólicos. Él es quien nos ayuda a superar los temores, las reticencias, el miedo a la entrega, el respeto humano. Él nos da su gracia para abandonar esquemas apostólicos que no son eficaces. Él abre nuevos caminos, Él nos comunica la fuerza para predicar el Evangelio. Seamos dóciles instrumentos del Dulce Huésped del alma.

Propósito: Escuchar las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo para que Él me prepare a celebrar la Pascua con un espíritu renovado.

Diálogo con Cristo: Jesucristo, te pido que, por obra del Espíritu Santo, descubra la vocación que he recibido con mi bautismo. Ayúdame a ser dócil a todas sus inspiraciones que me invitan a hacer más oración y a trabajar mejor por tu Reino.



VIACRUCIS BILINGÜE

Viernes: 20 y 27 de febrero, 6 y 13 de marzo

Acompañenos todos los viernes de la cuaresma a partir del 20 de febrero a las 7:30 p.m. en el templo para que juntos recemos el Santo Viacrucis. El primer Viacrucis fue dedicado a aquellos que han muerto de SIDA, personas que viven con VIH/SIDA y sus familias, amigos y cuidadores. Al meditar sobre el doloroso camino de Jesús hacia el Calvario, se reflexiona sobre los desafíos físicos, espirituales y emocionales de esta epidemia. Por favor, ¡únase a nosotros!

NOCHES DE PESCADO FRITO

Viernes: 6 y 27 de marzo

Los viernes de 6:30 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. en la cafetería de la escuela estaremos vendiendo la cena con pescado frito. El costo por persona es de \$7. Los esperamos y recuerden que el Viacrucis comenzará a las 7:30 p.m.

SERVICIO BILINGÜE DE PENITENCIA

Lunes, 16 de marzo

Sacerdotes de varias parroquias cercanas, junto con nuestros sacerdotes, estarán aquí, en IHM, para oír sus confesiones. Este servicio será bilingüe y comenzará a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana beneficiará a las misiones de indígenas y afro americanas.

ULTREYA

Cursillistas, les recordamos que tendremos nuestra Ultreya mensual este lunes, 23 de febrero a las 7:00 p.m. en el Lower Level (sótano de la iglesia). Para más información, comuníquese con Felipe Torres al tel. (678) 255-7568. ¡Los esperamos!

NOTICIAS DEL EQUIPO DE GRANITO DE MOSTAZA

¡Gracias IHM!

Estamos muy agradecidos con la generosidad de nuestra comunidad de IHM por la ayuda para que nuestro decimo viaje anual sea posible. Esperamos con gusto poder compartir nuestras reflexiones y fotos con ustedes en cuanto regresemos. Por favor mantengan a nuestro equipo de Granito de Mostaza en sus oraciones esta semana.

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

14 y 15 de febrero

Ofertorio en Misa: \$14,911.00

Contribución Electrónica: \$4,139.54

Ofertorio Total: \$19,050.54

¡Gracias por su contribución; que el Señor premie su generosidad! Su colaboración ayuda a que nuestros ministerios sigan funcionando en nuestra parroquia de IHM.

Si gusta aprender más sobre la contribución electrónica o está listo(a) para inscribirse, por favor visite a www.ihmatlanta.org o escanee el código con su teléfono móvil.



LECTURAS DE ESTE DOMINGO:

I Lectura: Génesis 9:8-15

II Lectura: 1 Pedro 3:18-22

Evangelio: Marcos 1:12-15

LECTURAS DEL PROXIMO DOMINGO:

I Lectura: Génesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

II Lectura: Romanos 8:31b-34

Evangelio: Marcos 9:2-10

SONFEST - RETIRO EN LA PLAYA PARA JOVENES

1-5 de junio, 2015

Abierto para jóvenes en los grados del 8º-12º.

Costo: \$475



Estamos buscando líderes jóvenes que puedan ayudar a recaudar fondos y a promover el Retiro de Sonfest. ¡Los jóvenes que participen podrán recibir una beca! La beca sólo cubrirá una parte del costo total del retiro, el resto, se pagará en abonos, comenzando con la inscripción de \$50 por aplicación. **Importante: los pagos para el retiro de Sonfest no son reembolsables.**

Las formas de registro están disponibles en el sitio web: www.ihmatlanta.org/ministerio-juvenil Para más información, comuníquese con Kathy Guerrero al (404) 636-1418 ext. 222 o kguerrero@ihmatlanta.org.

