



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS | NOVEMBER 1, 2015

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign-ups are now open for our upcoming Habitat for Humanity build! Visit ihmatlanta.org/habitat to sign up!

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers
of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Thursdays: 7:00 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Office Hours /Horas de Oficina

Monday–Friday/ lunes a viernes
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Bulletin Notices

Please submit your request **10 days** in advance to/Envíe su anuncio por correo electrónico **10 días** antes a: bulletin@ihmatlanta.org.

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

Reading 2: 1 John 3:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 8

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	All Saints
	11:30 a.m.	All Saints
	1:30 p.m.	All Saints
	5:00 p.m.	All Saints
	7:00 p.m.	Elba Torrealba †
Monday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) Readings of the Day: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena Readings of the Day: Romans 12:5-16ab; Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena Readings of the Day: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33
	7:00 p.m.	Mass of Remembrance
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena (School Mass)
	7:00 p.m.	All Souls Novena Readings of the Day: Romans 14:7-12; Luke 15:1-10
Friday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena Readings of the Day: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Novena Readings of the Day: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15
	4:00 p.m.	Rita Briggs †
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	All Souls Novena
	11:30 a.m.	Maye Sita Agnes †
	1:30 p.m.	Anuar Chavez †
	5:00 p.m.	Rovu Augustine & Rume Alexander Utuama
	7:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo

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:** Leonardo Humberto Medina, Mary Cline, Tom Connelly, Georgina Lavandero, Alvaro Iriarte Alvira, Eduardo Guevara Parra, Nancy Pope, Douglas T. Fuller, Antoine Pierre, Wanda Burrell, Selma Nort, Eduardo Sarmiento Lara, Tivursio Torres, Reggie Blaess, Nazario Mares, and Noah Rodriguez.

*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: Serrano-Rodriguez Family, Robert Dohnal, Katherine Million Welch, Stephen Schroeder, Brandon Barniea, Michele Wolfe, Mark Rubesch, Olga Cecilia Muñoz, Yuselis Amaya, Hortensia Lopez Coutiño, Father Joseph Peek, Judi Lumlin, Gladys Merlo, Clairelis Eaton Baxter, and Katie Willenborg.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Monsignor Albert Jowdy
and the parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary
invite you to attend our annual

Mass of Remembrance

remembering the faithful departed of the last year.

Wednesday, November 4 · 7:00 p.m.

SUPPORT MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES

Who we are: Mustard Seed Communities exists to serve God by lifting the world's most downtrodden, abandoned, handicapped and HIV children living in the world's poorest countries. They help the poor in Jamaica through annual mission trips and year-round support of needed supplies



This weekend, support IHM's Mustard Seed Ministry by purchasing quality, live Christmas greenery after all Masses. We will be offering a noble fir wreath, garland and a beautiful centerpiece with prices from \$20.00 - \$25.00. All funds will support the March mission trip to Jamaica. Payment by cash or check is due when ordering. Greenery will be available for pick-up the first week of December. For more details contact Marty Bova-Banks at 404-329-0553.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. On the weekends of November 8 and 15 members of St. Vincent de Paul will be signing up parishioners to sponsor a family for Thanksgiving. Parishioners do not need to prepare the dinner; they simply purchase the food and deliver to their family the week of Thanksgiving. St. Vincent de Paul members will be in the narthex after all Masses on November 8 and 15 to answer any questions and help you choose a family.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, November 2

3:30-4:30 - Daisy Troop 12526
7:00-9:00 - Music Ensemble Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 3

12:30-3:30 - Tuesday Bridge Club
6:30-8:30 - First Confessions
6:30-8:30 - Men's Club
7:00-9:00 - Divine Mercy Cenacle
7:00-9:00 - Boy Scout Troop 550

Wednesday, November 4

9:30-11:30 - Creative Hands
5:15-6:00 - Children's Choirs Rehearsal

7:00-8:30 - GIFT (6th-8th)

7:00-9:00 - Mass of Remembrance

7:00-9:00 - CRHP Committee Meeting

7:00-8:30 - Adult Confirmation Meeting

Thursday, November 5

9:30-6:00 - Adoration
9:30-11:00 - Scripture Study
3:30-5:00 - Daisy Troop 1 & 2
7:00-8:15 - Scripture Study

Friday, November 6

1:00-4:00 - First Friday Bridge
6:00-11:30 - First Friday Devotion

Saturday, November 7

12:00-2:00 - Niñas de Maria
2:00-3:30 - GIFT (K-6)
2:00-4:00 - Domingo Savio
6:00-8:00 - Adult Formation (Sp.)
6:00-8:30 - CRHP (Sp.)
6:30-9:00 - Charismatic Renewal
7:00-9:00 - Couple Ministry (Sp.)
7:00-9:00 - Grupo Juvenil

NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Saturday, November 7

First Saturday Devotions will take place on Saturday, November 7 immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Rosary and 15 minutes of oral meditations on the Sorrowful Mysteries will be offered for World Peace.

DIVINE PLAYTIME



Happy Birthday, Divine Playtime! IHM's reservation-based parent's morning out program celebrates its 1st Birthday on Friday, November 6. Thanks to support from Monsignor Jowdy, Deacon Bob, the Women's Club, the Parish and our surrounding community, we are blessed with over 100 registered families so far! If you have a child age 6 weeks - 5 years, please visit www.ihmatlanta.org/divineplaytime for information or contact Natascha Beck (Divine Playtime Director) at divineplaytime@ihmatlanta.org.

IHM SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

October 26-November 6

All are invited to visit the Fall Book Fair in the IHM School Library starting Monday, October 26 through Friday, November 6. In addition to a wide range of books for children through middle school, the Book Fair will also have cook-books 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, priests, and staff.

The Book Fair will be open Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In addition, **Parish Day** at the Book Fair will be Sunday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

IHM MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, November 3

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room. This month's speaker will be State Rep David Casas (Lilburn), who was the originator of the breakthrough bill that allowed up to \$2,500 of your state income tax payments to be redirected to private school scholarships. Anyone familiar with the Grace Scholars program to support Catholic education should come out to hear David's story.

Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner (provided by Grub Burger Bar) and our speaker at 7:00. Cost for dinner is a bargain at \$10; and as always, any new guys eat free. Please RSVP on our website: www.meetup.com/IHM-Mens-Club. E-mail mensclub@ihmatlanta.org for more information.

CRS FAIR TRADE SALE

November 7 & 8

You are invited to shop for beautiful and fairly traded decorations, gifts, jewelry, personal accessories and other hand-crafted items as well as fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate from developing regions of the world.

The sale will be in the Narthex on Saturday, November 7, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and on Sunday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Cash and check will be accepted.

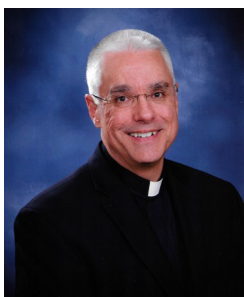
The sale is part of the Work of Human Hands program. Every purchase made at the sale enables an artisan or farmer to better provide for the basic necessities of life, to educate her or his children, and to work in a safe environment.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending June 30, 2015

October 2015



Dear friends in the Lord,

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church prepared by our parish staff and finance council for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

It is because of the response of generous, grateful, faith-filled parishioners like you that God's work continues to be accomplished at IHM: We continue offering God true and beautiful worship; we continue educating adults and young people alike in the riches of the Gospel and Catholic tradition; we continue

reaching out in service to the world near and far.

Nonetheless, in the Two-Year Comparison of Income and Expense on the last page of this report, you will notice that income this last fiscal year was less than the year before. As your new pastor, that is of grave concern to me, of course: Not only do many expenses beyond our control, such as insurance and utilities, increase each year, but I have already begun to hear the desire for greater investment in critical programs like youth ministry and adult faith formation, a desire which I wholeheartedly share.

But the life of a parish can never be reduced to a report of income and expenses. Our parish website and Facebook page and e-weekly and every Sunday bulletin chronicle the remarkable generosity of time and talent that brings our countless wonderful ministries to life day after day, year after year.

Every month I spend at Immaculate Heart of Mary increases my gratitude to God for your faith, your goodness and your generosity. God bless you.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,

Monsignor Albert W. Jowdy
Pastor

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Monsignor Albert Jowdy leads a prayer at the Lebanese Potluck. Photo by Jayna Hoffacker.



Father Bill Hao with the children in Vacation Bible School. Photo by Roseann Morgan.



Archbishop Gregory celebrates the Mass of Installation for Monsignor Jowdy. Photo by Vic Romero.

OPERATING INCOME

This fiscal year, more than 2800 registered families generously contributed \$1.6 million dollars in Offertory collections. As the major source of income to the parish, this represents 91.5% of the total Operating Income. However, as you can see from the Two Year Comparison, this represented a 5.7% reduction from that of FY 2014, or more than \$96,000. On a positive note, due to the contributions to the Archbishop Appeal Fund, we once again received a refund, this time in the amount of almost \$20,000. Additionally, the E- Giving program generated a record amount of contributions this year, now representing more than 32% of the Offertory revenue.

OPERATING EXPENSES

General and Administrative Expenses: \$1,098,201

62% of our Total Operating Income was allocated toward the annual expenses that are required to support the ongoing operation of the IHM Parish. This includes the costs to maintain the buildings and grounds, and the personnel and support staff needed to operate the place where we gather for Mass, celebrate the Sacraments, advance our faith, engage in service and pray. These expenditures pay for the clergy, liturgy, music, utilities, insurance and service of debt. It is in this holy space that we celebrated 709 Masses, 493 Baptisms, 254 First Communions, 93 Confirmations, 30 Marriages, 31 Funerals and countless Reconciliations. These are accomplished by the 3 Priests in residence, 1 deacon, a team of paid staff and committed volunteers that included 132 Lectors, 186 EOM, 135 Altar Servers, 88 Ministers of Hospitality, 171 music ministry members, 19 Cantors, 16 Sacristans, 5 Funeral Ministers, 7 Wedding Ministers, and 16 God's Housekeepers.

Faith Formation & Ministries Expenses: \$269,125

In Fiscal Year 2015, 15% of our total revenue was spent toward the continuation of the work of Jesus through education and service programs. It is through these activities that we teach the word of Jesus and model His values to our youth, adults and surrounding community. This includes our Faith Formation effort and all ministries within our Parish Life Program. Supported by our clergy and administrative team, it is the work of 6 paid staff members and countless volunteers. The results are staggering:

- Shared our faith with 734 K thru 12th grade students in our G.I.F.T. program and Youth Ministry.
- 402 parents participated in Adult Faith formation.
- 225 children were prepared to receive their First Sacraments.
- 2 faith festivals serving 469 families in intergenerational events were conducted.
- The G.I.F.T. and Youth programs were taught by 80 Catechists prepared through 5 formation seminars and supported by 20 program volunteers.
- 34 adults were brought into the Catholic Faith through our RCIA program and the 48 Sponsors and 25 volunteers supporting that effort.
- We brought 69 children into the Catholic Faith through our RCIA programs specifically adapted for children and families.
- We coordinated our work with 54 faculty members educating 501 children enrolled in IHM School.
- 2 Youth Ministry retreats and one mission trip were conducted touching the lives and advancing the faith of 95 youth with the support of 20 retreat leader volunteers.
- 300 adult education seminars including Scripture Study were conducted, supporting the continuing faith formation of 130 regular attending adults.
- 2 Christ Renews His Parish retreats were conducted serving 70 participants with the help of 50 volunteers.
- 17 parents broke open the Word for 38-55 children in our Liturgy of the Word for Children Program each Sunday.
- Numerous other groups from our AIDS Ministry to Social Justice to Newcomer's Committee and Men's and Women's Clubs conducted a multitude of events through the hard work of more than 275 volunteers.

TOTAL OPERATING PERFORMANCE

The Offertory collections, with a deficit of \$125,000 to the budget for the year, did not produce enough income to cover the expenses and therefore resulted in a deficit of \$24,520.



Volunteers and attendees of the 2015 IHM Picnic.
Photo by Vic Romero.

SUPPORT OF THE GREATER CATHOLIC CHURCH

We continued to support the Archdiocese of Atlanta and the various services they provide including Catholic Charities, Social Services, Catholic Education and Vocations. These assessments represent more than 23% of our operating income.

In addition there are a significant amount of monies that are contributed via the second collection that are not reflected as either income or expense on the enclosed statement.

FINISH IN FAITH FUNDS

Parishioners continued to honor their pledges toward this Capital Campaign, but unlike last year, we were not able to set aside those funds for either the payment of principal on the Building Loan or the renovation of the Historic Church. The funds, however, were used to stay current on the interest owed on the principal of the loan.

ENDOWMENT FUND

\$15,493

As of 6/30/2015

An Endowment Fund was established during the 2011-2012 fiscal year to support the long term sustainability of IHM Parish.

This fund is held and managed by the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia. Our goal is to grow this fund to a significant level over time so earnings will be meaningful enough to support the ministries of IHM in the future.



Photo credit: Rhonda Klokow

BUILDING LOAN BALANCE

\$3,092,053

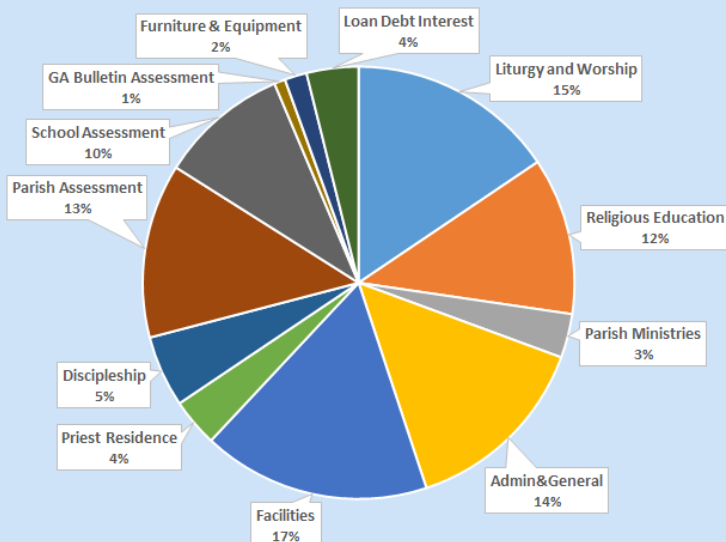
As of 6/30/2008

\$1,550,297

As of 6/30/2015

The building loan represents the note payable due to the Archdiocese of Atlanta. The loan was established to cover the cost of our new church, property improvements and Maloney Center renovation completed during 2007-2009. As noted above, over \$1.5 million has been paid down since that time.

Through the course of the year, we were able to stay current with payments on the interest for the Building Loan, but were not able to make any payments on the loan itself. Last year, we benefited from a huge donation from an anonymous benefactor that allowed us to pay \$229,334 on the Loan principal, thus decreasing our interest owed each month.



EXPENSES OVERVIEW

Total Expenses were kept below budget for this fiscal year. While every attempt was made to reduce all operating expenses during the year, the major reason for the reduction of \$30,000 over last year was the fact that certain positions were not filled. This included the Pastor (Liturgy and Worship) and the Director of Faith Formation (Religious Education). Those savings will not carry over to the new fiscal year, since both positions have been filled.

Offsetting any additional savings were the increased expense of the Divine Playtime program under Discipleship (revenue more than offset this expense) and the \$27,000 repair of the roof of the historic Church under Replacement of Furniture and Equipment in the "Two Year Comparison." Additional savings for the year were attributable to the payment on the loan balance the previous year which then reduced the interest calculated in this fiscal year.

TWO YEAR COMPARISON

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Year Ending June 30, 2015	Current Year Percentages	Year Ending June 30, 2014	Prior Year Percentages
Operating Income				
· Offertory	\$ 1,613,895	91.5%	\$ 1,710,352	92.7%
· Misc. Other Income	\$ 27,446	1.6%	\$ 54,301	2.9%
· Education Programs	\$ 77,988	4.4%	\$ 58,969	3.2%
· Georgia Bulletin	\$ 7,090	0.4%	\$ 4,691	0.3%
· Investment Income	\$ 17,491	1.0%	\$ 16,996	0.9%
· Annual Appeal Refund Over Goal	\$ 19,673	1.1%	\$ -	0.0%
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,763,583	100.0%	\$ 1,845,309	100.0%
Operating Expenses				
· Liturgy and Worship	\$ 278,244	15.6%	\$ 297,695	16.4%
· Religious Education	\$ 210,259	11.8%	\$ 246,450	13.6%
· Parish Ministries	\$ 58,866	3.3%	\$ 80,922	4.4%
· Admin & General	\$ 255,720	14.3%	\$ 225,469	12.4%
· Facilities	\$ 305,177	17.1%	\$ 293,965	16.2%
· Priest Residence	\$ 64,502	3.6%	\$ 67,700	3.7%
· Discipleship	\$ 95,449	5.3%	\$ 80,313	4.4%
· Parish Assessment	\$ 233,072	13.0%	\$ 231,307	12.7%
· Annual Appeal Shortfall	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,045	0.2%
· School Assessment	\$ 172,977	9.7%	\$ 174,937	9.6%
· GA Bulletin Assessment	\$ 14,728	0.8%	\$ 33,110	1.8%
· Furniture & Equipment	\$ 29,677	1.7%	\$ 1,139	0.1%
· Loan Debt Interest	\$ 69,432	3.9%	\$ 82,666	4.5%
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,788,103	100.0%	\$ 1,818,718	100.0%
Net Operating Performance	\$ (24,520)		\$ 26,591	
Finish in Faith Campaign				
· FIF Income	\$ 76,267		\$ 313,894	
· FIF Building Expense	\$ -		\$ -	
· Debt Interest Unfunded thru Operations	\$ (24,520)		\$ -	
Net Finish in Faith Campaign	\$ 51,747		\$ 313,894	
Endowment Fund - Beginning Balance	\$ 13,122		\$ 11,445	
· Income (Recd from Archdiocese)			-	
· Income Earned	\$ 2,568		\$ 150	
· Realized Gain/(Lost)	\$ 496		\$ 210	
· Unrealized Gain/(Lost)	\$ (561)		\$ 1,439	
· Administrative & Management Fees	\$ (132)		\$ (122)	
Net Current Year Endowment Activity	\$ 2,371		\$ 1,677	
Endowment Fund - Ending Balance	\$ 15,493		\$ 13,122	
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 29,598		\$ 342,162	
Uses of Surplus				
· Parish Hall Renovation Reserve	\$ 2,268		\$ 85,722	
· Loan Principal Reduction	\$ 5,814		\$ 229,334	
· Endowment Fund Reserves	\$ 2,371		\$ 1,677	
· Capital Reserves			-	
Total Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 19,145		\$ 25,429	

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School



National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

November 1, 2015



IHM School offers a balanced curriculum that includes art, music, fitness, guidance and Spanish. We have a library with more than 32,000 books, periodicals and audio-visual materials. We even have a full-time nurse.

Financial Aid and GRACE Scholars are available to families on the basis of need and availability of funds.

Want to learn more? Come to our Open House on November 15 from 3:00-5:00 pm. Plan to attend the 3:15 presentation in the gym. Online applications for the 2016-17 school year are now available at www.ihmschool.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School invites you to attend a U. S. Veterans Day celebration on Thursday, November 12, 2015 honoring all who have served or are currently serving. The festivities will begin with an all-school assembly at 8:30 am. A reception will follow from 9:15—10:30 am. All U.S. Veterans of any war and /or current military personnel, including any family members, friends or neighbors are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to the IHM School office at (404) 636-4488 or to sclark@ihmschool.org by Friday, November 6, 2015.



Today is
Parish Day!
Please come visit the Monstrously Fun
Book Fair in the IHM Library from
8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Books for all ages—pre-readers to
Adult. Start your Christmas Shopping
early! Hope to see you there!



FAITH FORMATION

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CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Are You Called to be a Catechist?

We always welcome new catechists to help teach at all age levels. If you would like to help others understand and live their faith more fully, please consider one of the following opportunities:

Adult Faith Formation (Sundays, 10:15-11:15; other times, as announced)
Middle School Youth Ministry (Wednesday nights, 7:00-8:30)
High School Youth Ministry (Sunday afternoons, 3:00-4:30)
Elementary Age--G.I.F.T. Program (Saturdays, 2:00-3:30 or Sundays, 10:15-11:15)
Liturgy of the Word for Children (During 9:00 or 11:30 Mass)

Contact Drew Denton or Alicia Guerrero for more information on how to get involved.

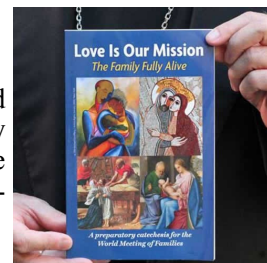
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Scripture Study: Thursday mornings and evenings

Each Thursday, Dr. Louanne Bachner leads an informative and prayerful discussion of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. These classes meet in the Lower Level at two different times: 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. There is no registration required and no fees to participate. Feel free to join the group as your schedule permits.

***Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*
Coming Soon!**

Last weekend thousands of families from around the world gathered with Pope Francis in Philadelphia. What were they talking about? Come find out later this year, when we discuss *Love is Our Mission*, the short book specifically prepared for that historic occasion. Stay tuned for more details.



BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, we welcome you to attend our inquiry classes each Sunday at 10:15 a.m. in the IHM School Library, beginning September 13.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

What is Liturgy of the Word for Children?

The Liturgy of the Word for Children offers children, ages 4-7, the opportunity to hear God's Word in an accessible and engaging format. They listen to the scriptures, say the Creed, and offer their prayers in language appropriate to their age-level. We offer the Children's Liturgy at 9:00 and 11:30 Mass throughout the school year. No registration is required; simply send your children forward when the priest or deacon calls them.



Adults are welcome in the Children's Liturgy too! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Drew Denton (ddenton@ihmatlanta.org).



“What are you going to be for Halloween?”

This question used to fill me with excitement and anticipation. Having grown up in a conservative Protestant denomination, I sometimes joke that Halloween was the most Catholic holiday that I celebrated as a child. There was something vaguely religious about the ritual, the festivity, and the air of mystery surrounding this special night. I had no understanding of what it meant to say that Halloween was the “eve” of All Hallows, or All Saints Day. But looking back, I see in my childhood experience of Halloween a dim shadow of the bittersweet and solemn feelings that I now associate with this special time in the liturgical year.

Of course, the typical celebration of Halloween has no truly religious content. The candy and the costumes are intended purely for fun—and that’s okay. Some Christians worry that Halloween is too closely linked with occultist or diabolical practices to be celebrated in good conscience. My personal opinion is that the devil would gladly have us fret over Halloween—which for the most part makes him look harmless and silly—and ignore his more subtle daily work in our lifestyle choices, consumerist habits, and social injustices. But different parents, guided by the light of faith, will discern different answers to how they should approach our culture’s Halloween customs.

What’s not an option for Catholic parents is to celebrate October 31 but not November 1—to dress our children in Halloween costumes but not to make them aware of their place in the Communion of the Saints. However we spend the evening of Halloween, we must follow it up with participation at Mass, prayers to holy men and women, and intercessions for our departed loved ones. The calendar makes it easy for us this year, as All Saints Day falls on a Sunday. Let’s not miss this annual opportunity to remind our children that God’s friends in heaven are watching over them and praying for them. Because whatever they plan to “be” for Halloween, there’s only one thing worth being in life, and that’s a saint.

Drew Denton
Director of Faith Formation

Halloween y la Fe Católica

La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos es el 1 de Noviembre. Esta fiesta, como todas las solemnidades, comienza la noche anterior. Por eso, a la noche del 31 de octubre se le llama, en el inglés antiguo, "All hallow's eve" (víspera de todos los santos). Mas tarde "All hallow's eve" se abrevió a "Halloween". Pero, como las celebraciones de un pueblo reflejan su cultura y su fe, Halloween dejó de ser una fiesta cristiana para convertirse en una fantasía de bruja y fantasmas.

Pregunta de una madre: ¿Si los niños se ponen un disfraz que no sea de terror y van a pedir dulces como todos sus amiguitos de la escuela y yo les explico que es la noche de todos los santos, estoy bien? Pues pienso que si no les permito la parte bonita o buena de esta costumbre, ellos se van a sentir relegados y frustrados.

Respuesta: Me parece que es bueno proveer posibilidades para que los niños jueguen y se diviertan sanamente. Al mismo tiempo cuida que tus hijos no confundan lo que es juego con la celebración religiosa. Los padres, al mismo tiempo que desean que sus hijos se diviertan sanamente con sus amigos, deben estar atentos a las prácticas y creencias dañinas que existen en su ambiente. No se trata de ver al demonio en todas partes pero si deben saber que es un enemigo real, que se mete por cualquier grieta que se le abra. En cuanto a los disfraces, los padres deben supervisar para evitar lo que ofende a Dios o falta a la modestia. ¿Que ideales representa el personaje del disfraz? Los padres no deben tener miedo de investigar e imponer límites, aunque otros padres no lo hagan.

Los padres también deben cuidar que halloween no remplace la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, fiesta que nos recuerda que son muchos los santos en el cielo, no solo los canonizados. Recordamos la comunión de los santos, que todos somos llamados por Dios a ser santos y un día llegar al cielo.

Padre Jordi Rivero
<http://www.corazones.org/apologetica/practicas/halloween.htm>



**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
NEXT
XLT ATLANTA!**



**High School- November 3rd
College & Beyond- December 11th
Middle School- December 12th**

Time: 7:30pm-9pm

Chick-Fil-A Dinner: 7pm-7:30pm

Location: All Saints Catholic Church (Dunwoody, GA)

More information at www.xltatlanta.com

SEEKING TEEN LEADERS

You are never too young! — You are the **future** of the church! You have a **voice**, you can **inspire** and you can make a **difference**. Now it's your chance to step up and take action in your community. Starting next year, there will be a group of teen leaders and together you can plan events, tournaments, fundraisers, and more!

The requirements are:

- Must be in high school
- Must be able to meet once a month
- Must be a member of this parish

Please contact Kathy Guerrero for more information or to sign up! You have the rest of this year to sign up.



STEWARDSHIP

GREAT THOUGHTS ON GIVING

The main thing is to know the main thing
and to keep the main thing the main thing...
And the main thing is relationships...
relationship with God and with each other.

- Bishop Robert Morneau

ANNUAL APPEAL 2015



"All This I Do For the Sake of the Gospel"

We have reached our goal in pledges for the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal! But we really should be achieving TWICE our goal each year, since AAA funds received over and above our goal return to us at IHM without any Archdiocesan assessment! Our gifts help the charitable works of the Archdiocese AND they help our parish. If you have not already made a pledge to the 2015 AAA, please visit <http://appeal.archatl.com> to make your pledge today!

Thank you to all who have already pledged! Remember to look for your monthly pledge reminders, and please do your best to honor your pledge before the end of the year. If you are having any difficulty whatsoever with your pledge or pledge reminders, please contact Richard Plachta at rplachta@ihmatlanta.org or 404-636-1418, ext. 245.

OFFERTORY

Week of October 25

Offertory Basket: \$14,633.00

Electronic Giving: \$12,868.54

Total Offertory: \$27,501.54

SECOND COLLECTION

As Pope John Paul II said, "The responsibility for the seminary belongs to the entire Christian community". We are blessed in this Archdiocese with over 50 men who are responding to a call for priestly service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Though this generous gift of God is a blessing for this Archdiocese, it does pose a challenge to us. These men need both our financial support and our prayers. Please provide a sound future for the seminarians here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta by giving generously to the Archdiocesan Seminarians' Collection the weekend of November 7 and 8.

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.

QUINCEANERAS

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.

MISA DE RECUERDO



Monseñor Albert Jowdy
y la parroquia de Immaculate Heart of Mary
los invitan a asistir a la anual

Misa de Recuerdo

en memoria de los fieles que han
muerto durante el año pasado.

miércoles, 4 de noviembre · 7:00 p.m.

NOVENA

Monseñor Al, el Padre Javier y el Padre Bill celebrarán el día de la Conmemoración a los Fieles Difuntos con una novena de misas por las intenciones de nuestros seres queridos que han muerto. Si desea participar en esta novena, por favor indicar el nombre de su amado difunto en el suplemento incluido con los sobres de IHM del mes de noviembre. También encontrará más suplementos en el Nártex de la Iglesia.



OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Ofertorio en Misa: \$14,633.00
Contribución Electrónica: \$12,868.54
Ofertorio Total: \$27,501.54

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

ESCUELA DE IHM

Domingo, 15 de noviembre

¿Quieren aprender más detalles sobre nuestra escuela IHM? Vengan el domingo 15 de noviembre, entre las 3:00 p.m. y las 5:00 p.m., que será el Día de la Información.

Tendremos una presentación en el gimnasio comenzando a las 3:15, seguida por un recorrido de los salones de clases, habrá información acerca de los beneficios de una educación católica y también podrán obtener detalles sobre ayuda financiera.

ACTIVIDAD DE LA SEMANA

El Día de Todos los Santos

- Muestre su fe a los demás. En familia, planifiquen ayudar a un refugio o a un comedor comunitario, u organicen un proyecto similar. Al hacerlo, recuerde a todos que de este modo las personas verdaderamente santas tienden su mano a la familia de Dios.

- Como miembros de la Iglesia estamos llamados a vivir la fe que profesamos. Viva su fe hoy a través de una palabra amable, ofreciendo ayuda, sonriendo o dando un abrazo.

- Juntos, en familia, hagan un distintivo proclamando su fe. Cada día pida a un miembro diferente de la familia que use el distintivo para que todos recordemos ser sinceros en nuestras acciones.

LECTURAS

31 DE OCTUBRE y 1 DE NOVIEMBRE

I Lectura: Apocalipsis 7:2-4, 9-14
 II Lectura: 1 Juan 3:1-3
 Evangelio: Mateo 5:1-12

7 y 8 DE NOVIEMBRE

I Lectura: 1 Reyes 17:10-16
 II Lectura: Hebreos 9:24-29
 Evangelio: Marcos 12:38-44

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de 7 de noviembre esta a los seminaristas de la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta. Hemos sido bendecidos con muchas vocaciones sacerdotales, y sus oraciones y ofrendas abundantes ayudan a más de 50 hombres que en este momento se están preparando para servir en sacerdocio al norte de Georgia en un futuro.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD DE LA ORACIÓN

La oración tiene que ver con nuestra relación con Dios. Uno de los doctores más recientes de la Iglesia, Santa Teresa de Lisieux, habla sobre la oración así: “Para mí, la oración es un impulso del corazón, es una sencilla mirada lanzada hacia el cielo, un grito de reconocimiento o y de amor, tanto desde la prueba como desde la alegría; y como último, es algo inmenso, supernatural, que expande el alma y me une a Jesús.”

Los administradores de los bienes de Dios nutren su relación con Dios por medio de una vida de oración. Ya sean dos minutos o dos horas por día, el escuchar y responder a Dios es el foco principal de la vida de los discípulos. Algunas veces será una oración de gracias; otras veces será una oración de alabanza o petición o perdón. Ya sea una oración privada o en comunidad, el objetivo es mantenerse en comunicación con Dios para hacer la voluntad divina.

Esta dimensión de la corresponsabilidad puede medirse hasta cierto grado. De las 168 horas que hay en la semana, de los 144 periodos de diez minutos que se encuentran en el día, ¿cuánto tiempo utilizamos para orar? Y, por supuesto, la oración más importante de todas es la Eucaristía en la cual escuchamos la palabra de Dios y recibimos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Los administradores de los bienes de Dios son personas eucarísticas.

Obispo Robert Morneau, Green Bay

