



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY | DECEMBER 27, 2015

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family
graciously grant that we may imitate them in
practicing the virtues of family life and in the
bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

- The parish office will be closed through January 1 and will reopen Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.
- January 1, 2016, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. See the full Mass schedule on page 3.

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.

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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<http://www.ihmatlanta.org>

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 www.facebook.com/IHMAAtlanta

 www.twitter.com/IHMatl

Bulletin Notices

Please submit your request **14 days** in advance to/Envíe su anuncio por correo electrónico **14 días** antes a: bulletin@ihmatlanta.org.

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 3

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	David Callahan †
	11:30 a.m.	Joan Gulick †
	1:30 p.m.	Victor Pelaez
	5:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo
	7:00 p.m.	Victorian Yañez †
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Zunde Family † Readings of the Day: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Mark Dunn † Readings of the Day: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Lily Badre Readings of the Day: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Readings of the Day: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Haran †
	6:00 p.m.	Missa Pro Populo
Friday	11:30 a.m.	Jene Morgan
	1:30 p.m.	Maria del Socorro Salas & Socorro Ruiz † Readings of the Day: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Tom Silveria † Readings of the Day: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
	4:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Renato & Maria Fernandes †
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Carlene Bollinger †
	11:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
	1:30 p.m.	Anuar Chavez †
	5:00 p.m.	Lori Ann Haydu
	7:00 p.m.	

WELCOME HOME!

If you are new to the parish or just visiting, we would like to welcome you to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. We are happy you are here and hope you consider making IHM your spiritual home.

We extend a special welcome to those who are not Catholic or who have been away from the Church for a while. Please let us know how we can help with your spiritual needs.

To register, please visit our website at www.ihmatlanta.org or pick up a registration form in the Narthex.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holyday of Obligation

Thursday, December 31

4:00 p.m. (English)

6:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Friday, January 1, 2016

11:30 a.m. (English)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish)

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:** Mary Campbell, Maria C. Pons, Margaret Mackool, Brian Arbour, Mark Dunn, 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, and Reggie Blaess.

*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: Janis Sebacher, Tom Moorman, Norma Drake, Joe Ledlie, Irma Sanchez Morales, Luisa Blanco, Annette Boehnlein, Serrano-Rodriguez Family, Robert Dohnal, Katherine Million Welch, Brandon Barniea, Michele Wolfe, Olga Cecilia Muñoz, Yuselis Amaya, Hortensia Lopez Coutiño, and Father Joseph Peek.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 28

Parish Office Closed
7:00-9:00 - Ultreya

Tuesday, December 29

Parish Office Closed
12:30-3:30 - Tuesday Bridge
7:00-9:00 - Divine Mercy Cenacle
7:00-9:00 - Boy Scout Troop 550

Wednesday, December 30

Parish Office Closed
5:00-6:15 - Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00-8:30 - Spanish Charismatic Group
7:00-9:00 - English Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 1, 2016

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
Parish Office Closed

*See Solemnity of Mary
Mass times on page 3.

NEWS & EVENTS

MEN'S CLUB

Tuesday, January 5

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary lower level meeting room. There will be a speaker (TBA). Dinner will be provided by Babinelli's. (\$10 charge for members, no charge for new guys.) If you haven't been to a meeting yet, or have just been away for awhile, we'd like to see you show up. There will be lots to talk about and plan for, with Lenten fish fries just around the corner. See you there!

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 13



The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, January 13.

Go to <http://www.redcrossblood.org> and use the sponsor code "ihomc" to schedule an appointment to donate.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME RECEPTION

Saturday, January 30

Attention all new parishioners! You are invited to the Newcomers Welcome Reception on Saturday, January 30, 2016, in the lower level of the church after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass.

If you provided your email address when you registered with the parish, you will be receiving an invite.

If you did not, or if you prefer not to RSVP electronically, please call the parish office at 404-636-1418.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Monday, January 4

Have too much month left at the end of your money? Working on kicking Sallie Mae to the curb, but not making much progress? Want to learn ways to turn financial emergencies into manageable inconveniences? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you're invited to join the Financial Peace University (FPU) class beginning Monday, January 4th at 7:00 pm. The nine-week course offers Dave Ramsey's proven "baby steps" to financial wellbeing and is facilitated by FPU graduates Shelley Hughes, Jenn Sedlack and Emily Lynch.

Go to www.ihmatlanta.org or contact Shelley Hughes at 404-702-2023 for additional details. Space is limited.

GRIEF SHARE

Starting Wednesday, January 6

GriefShare is a bereavement support group open to anyone in our parish or community, sponsored by the Stepping Stones Ministry. The group meets on Wednesdays, 7:00-8:45 p.m., starting on January 6.

For more information about the program, contact MargaretAnn Harris at griefshare@ihmatlanta.org or go to <http://www.ihmatlanta.org/griefshare>.

IHM MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, January 8

The Christmas Concert by our parish liturgical ministers will be offered on Friday, January 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the church followed by a reception in the Historic Church.

For Catholics, the Christmas season continues into the new year - long after our neighbors have taken down their lights and mulched their trees! Keep Christmas alive in your heart as we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation in song.

MASS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Saturday, January 16

On Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., the MLK Jr. Eucharistic Celebration will take place at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Church, located at 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principal celebrant for the annual Mass honoring Dr. King.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

	Actual	Year to Date Budget	9/30/2015 Variance	Variance %	YTD 2014
Revenues					
-Offertory	\$ 385,792	\$ 396,534	\$ (10,742)	-2.71%	\$ 386,005
-Religious Ed and Programs	\$ 37,321	\$ 33,350	\$ 3,971	11.91%	\$ 31,971
-Divine Playtime	\$ 10,100	\$ 6,900	\$ 3,200	46.38%	\$ -
-Georgia Bulletin	\$ 591	\$ 1,375	\$ (784)	-57.02%	\$ 398
-Investment Income	\$ 3,329	\$ 4,325	\$ (996)	-23.03%	\$ 4,229
-Archbishop Appeal Refund over Goal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
-Donations	\$ 1,674	\$ 536	\$ 1,138	212.31%	\$ 1,190
Total Revenue	\$ 438,807	\$ 443,020	\$ (4,213)	-0.95%	\$ 423,793
Expenses					
-Liturgy, Ministries and Stewardship	\$ 62,384	\$ 69,534	\$ (7,150)	-10.28%	\$ 71,119
-Religious Education	\$ 44,333	\$ 54,944	\$ (10,611)	-19.31%	\$ 45,180
-Divine Playtime	\$ 9,418	\$ 6,165	\$ 3,253	52.77%	\$ -
-Admin & General	\$ 63,928	\$ 57,419	\$ 6,509	11.34%	\$ 52,235
-Facilities	\$ 111,461	\$ 109,701	\$ 1,760	1.60%	\$ 120,614
-Rectory and Clergy	\$ 57,928	\$ 50,894	\$ 7,034	13.82%	\$ 40,621
-Archdiocese Support	\$ 62,438	\$ 59,512	\$ 2,926	4.92%	\$ 58,268
-Archdiocesan School Subsidy	\$ 44,851	\$ 42,510	\$ 2,341	5.51%	\$ 43,244
-GA Bulletin Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
-Interest Expenses	\$ 17,310	\$ 16,875	\$ 435	2.58%	\$ 17,374
Total Expenses	\$ 474,051	\$ 467,554	\$ 6,497	1.39%	\$ 448,655
Net	\$ (35,244)	\$ (24,534)	\$ (10,710)	-2.34%	\$ (24,862)
Building Fund Donations	\$ -				
Finish in Faith Collections	\$ 25,791	625	25,166		\$ 9,950
Debt Reduction Payments	\$ -				
Parish Hall Renovation Reserve					
Net Available for Debt Reduction	\$ (9,453)	\$ (23,909)	\$ 14,456		\$ (14,912)

Cash Balances

General Fund	\$ 60,835
Savings	\$ 160,132
Capital Reserves	\$ 229,334
Parish Hall Renovation	\$ 215,637
Sacred Space Reserves	\$ 59,033
Endowment CFNG	\$ 14,372
Marion Grotto Reserves	\$ 85,563
Misc Reserves	\$ 41,663

General Fund Cash Flow

Beginning Cash	\$ 108,984
Offertory and Other Inc	\$ 438,807
Operating Expenses	\$ (474,051)
Prepaid Revenue	\$ (46,080)
Unpaid Liabilities	\$ 7,384
Finish in Faith	\$ 25,791
Transfer to Savings & Res	\$ -
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 60,835

Mortgage Balance

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,544,484
Payments on Principal	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 1,544,484

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Family:

In partnership with Richard Plachta, Business Manager, the Parish Finance Council wants to start giving you quarterly updates in between the Annual Reports to keep you informed about the financial status of the parish.

In this first update, let me give you some information about the Finance Council itself. We are six members with a mix of business and financial backgrounds. Our primary role is to provide advice and counsel for Monsignor Jowdy and Principal Lee in decisions that have financial implications for the parish/school. Each meeting has a different agenda depending on the key issues/decisions being faced at that time but one constant is the review of the annual budgets for both the parish and school. We use these annual budgets to monitor the financial status of both entities throughout the year to assure that we have sufficient revenue to cover the expenses. In these quarterly updates on the parish financial status we'll highlight our current performance vs. budget and comment on key variances within the quarter.

Now on to the 1st Quarter (July to Sept 2015) financial update. We want to start by thanking you for your continued generosity. Immaculate Heart of Mary is blessed to have parishioners so willing to share their treasure. We closely monitor the offertory of the parish as it is 88% of total revenue. For 1st quarter we were under budget by \$10,742 or 2.7% and flat to last year in revenue collected. The miss was almost entirely in August. We continue to have greater participation in our e-offertory program and recommend your consideration of this convenient way to assure that your offertory contributions are received even when you're out of town on vacation.

Overall expenses in 1st Quarter exceeded our budget by \$6,497 or 1.4%. A key contributor to this variance was the \$9,000 spent in August to re-pave a section of the lower church parking lot. The Divine Playtime program expenses over budget are offset by equal amount of revenue over budget. This program continues to be self-funded and is just growing faster than planned in the budget. The Religious Education expenses came in under budget primarily due to the new director of religious education position not being filled until August. We expect to see the expenses for this part of parish services aligned with budget in future months. No other significant variances to expense budget for the quarter. The parish will continue to look for opportunities to reduce expenses like the changing of the producer of the offertory envelopes that will save us \$3,000 on an annual basis starting in January.

The principal balance of the loan continues to be \$1,544,484, same as the end of the last fiscal year. The parish was able to make all of its interest payments on schedule in the 1st quarter, but there were no payments made to reduce the principal balance of the loan. If at the end of this budget year, June 30, 2016, the parish revenue exceeds our expenses then we'll be in a position to make payments on the principal of the loan out of operating funds. Otherwise it will take additional offertory/contributions to achieve the goal of reducing the parish debt.

If you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact me, Richard Planta, Business Manager, or Monsignor Jowdy.

Yours truly,
 Emil Sacco, chair
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Finance Council

FAITH FORMATION

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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.

GIFT CALENDAR



Wednesday: December 2, 9, and 16
Saturday: December 5 and 19
Sunday: December 6 and 20

Classes will resume on January 13 for Wednesday and January 9/10 for Saturday/Sunday.

YEAR OF MERCY



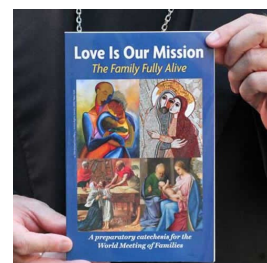
In ancient Israel, a jubilee year was a time when society hit a “reset” button: debts were forgiven, land returned to its original owners, and captives were set free. Pope Francis has called for a special Jubilee Year of Mercy to begin on December 8 and continue through November 20, 2016: an opportunity to “reset” our spiritual lives, recognizing God’s infinite mercy and accepting his gift of forgiveness. Stay tuned for more information about how you can celebrate the Jubilee Year here at IHM and in your own home. For now, here are a few practical ways to incorporate mercy into your preparations for Christmas:

1. Experience God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you missed the penance service here at IHM, find one at a neighboring parish. They will continue throughout the Advent season.
2. Practice the works of mercy. Donate food or warm clothing to St. Vincent de Paul; visit someone in the hospital; send a Christmas card to someone in prison.
3. In all your interactions—even with difficult family members, impatient shoppers or impolite drivers— “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

LOVE IS OUR MISSION

Lenten Prayer and Study Group: *Love is our Mission*

The Holy Family of Nazareth had a special role to play in bringing God’s love and mercy to the world. Your family does too! During the Season of Lent, we will be forming a class to study *Love is our Mission*, the book prepared for the recent World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. We will meet the first five Sundays of Lent, beginning February 14, from 10:15 to 11:15, in the library of IHM School. To reserve a spot and a copy of the book, please register at <http://ihmatlanta.org/adult-faith-formation>.





Teach Your Family

Loving God, protector of families,
you entrusted your Son to the care of Mary
and Joseph.

Like all families, they experienced
difficulties and blessings.

On this Feast of the Holy Family,
bless family life everywhere.

Give families heartfelt compassion,
kindness, humility, gentleness,
patience, and love.

Grant them forgiving hearts and fill them
with joy and laughter,

so they may proclaim the Good News of
salvation to the ends of the earth.

Grant couples an increase in love
and devotion,

so that their bond may reflect the love
of the Holy Trinity.

Send forth your Holy Spirit to fill parents
with wisdom and understanding
as they lead their children in faith and
cultivate their relationship with Christ.

May we forever offer you thanks and praise
for the gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 27, 2015

Mutuality



Today's Readings: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 or 1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28; Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 or Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; Colossians 3:12–21 or 1 John 3:1–2, 21–24; Luke 2:41–52. This week the Church invites us to reflect on what it means to be a “holy family.” The Gospel tells the story of Mary and Joseph discovering Jesus in the Temple. Upon finding Jesus, who at age twelve is on the verge of assuming the religious duties of an adult, his parents inquire as to why he remained behind. Jesus’ answer baffles them; yet he goes with them. This passage depicts mutuality in their relationship. Mary and Joseph retained their authority but were awed by Jesus, while Jesus, the Son of God, submitted to their will. This situation is resolved without struggle or humiliation.

This theme of respect and obedience is highlighted in the First and Second Readings as well. These readings outline what is needed for living a life of “compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience” (Second Reading from Colossians). Such qualities require respect and mutuality. Just look at Jesus’ relationship to his parents. They molded him and taught him the tradition; yet he led them closer to God. As members of the household of God, love should guide the way we live with and relate to one another. This week, consider the areas of your life that need forgiveness. How might you witness God’s love?



MERCY WITH FRANCIS

Beginning in December, each month our Moments of Mercy will offer brief reflections on mercy and concrete suggestions of how we can live out the mercy that God offers us all. These are perfect for busy days since they help us to slow down for just a few minutes and think about the gifts God has blessed us with and how we can share them. Pope Francis asks that we strive for our lives to be rooted in the mercy of God. One way we can grow in this mercy is by being receptive to the message of mercy and love that is proclaimed in the Scriptures and in the Christian witness to faith in Jesus (MV, no. 13).

Open yourself to listen to and hear the Word of God. Prepare your mind and your heart by entering into a quiet space and giving yourself time for reflection. This can be done individually or with others, such as your family or a small group in your parish.

Ask God to open your heart to receive His words of love into your life.

Read or listen to the Word of God. For example, read a passage from the Bible, participate in small-group lectio divina, or attend Mass and pay close attention to the readings during the Liturgy of the Word.

Reflect on/discuss what this passage reveals to you about God's mercy and love.

Come up with one concrete way to incorporate this revelation of mercy into your daily actions or prayer life.

Share where you see [#mercyinmotion](#) with the USCCB and us [@ihmatlyouth](#).

www.usccb.org



SEEKING TEEN LEADERS

Calling all teens! — 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!

Please EMAIL Kathy Guerrero to sign up or for more information. We will be having our first meeting towards the end of January!

For all teens that have already signed up, you will be receiving a few emails during the holidays, so please make sure you read those.

GIFT SESSIONS

GIFT students—

Please note that classes resume for ALL grade levels on the following days:

Wednesday (Middle School): **January 13**

Saturday (K-6): **January 9**

Sunday (K-6 and High School): **January 10**

Due to the parish office closing from December 24th until January 1st, please email Kathy Guerrero for any immediate questions or concerns.

STEWARDSHIP

YEAR-END GIVING

If you will be making any year-end charitable gifts, please consider including IHM among them. Your gift may or may not carry tax benefits for you, but it will certainly help us sustain our ministries and service our construction debt! The parish office will be closed December 24-January 3; however you may mail your gift or donate online at www.ihmatlanta.org.

Thank you for your good stewardship of Immaculate Heart of Mary at Christmas and always!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2015



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

Just four days remain in 2015! Please help us exceed our goal for the 2015 Archbishop's Annual Appeal by doing all that you can to fulfill your AAA pledge by December 31. All AAA donations received from IHM parishioners beyond our parish goal return to us at IHM without any archdiocesan assessment to help us continue and enhance our parish ministries and retire our parish debt. So your AAA gift supports the charitable works of the Archdiocese AND our parish!

Visit <http://appeal.archatl.com> to fulfill your pledge today!

OFFERTORY

December 13

Offertory: \$21,106.50

Electronic Offertory: \$5,797.54

Total: \$26,904.04

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection for the weekend of January 3 will go to IHM's new Debt Reduction Campaign.

All contributions to this fund will be used to help us accelerate the retirement of our debt. Please give generously!

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.

SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA



SOLEMNIDAD DE MARÍA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

Jueves, 31 de diciembre

4:00 p.m. (inglés)

6:00 p.m. (español)

Viernes, primero de enero de 2016

11:30 a.m. (inglés)

1:30 p.m. (español)

RECEPCIÓN POR LOS NUEVOS FELIGRESES

¡Aviso a los nuevos feligreses!

Todos están invitados a la recepción que tendrá lugar el sábado, 30 de enero del 2016 en la planta baja de la iglesia después de la misa de vigilia de las 4:00 p.m.

Si usted proporcionó su dirección de correo electrónico cuando se inscribió en la parroquia, recibirá un evite.

Si no lo hizo, o si prefiere no responder electrónicamente, por favor llamar a la oficina de la parroquia al 404-636-1418.

LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Reunión de Padres de Niños candidatos a la Primera Comunión 9 de febrero

¡Marquen sus calendarios! La preparación inmediata para la Primera Comunión comenzará poco después de la Navidad. Tendremos una reunión para los padres de los candidatos de primera comunión, incluyendo a los estudiantes de la escuela IHM, será a las 7:00 el 9 de febrero, en la iglesia. Por lo menos uno de los padres de cada estudiante debe planear asistir. Los niños recibirán su primera comunión en las horas regulares de las misas durante el fin de semana del 30 de abril al 1 mayo.



OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Ofertorio en Misa: \$21,106.50
Contribución Electrónica: \$5,797.54
Ofertorio Total: \$26,904.04

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

LECTURAS

26 y 27 DE DICIEMBRE

I Lectura: Sirácide 3:2-6, 12-14
 II Lectura: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
 Evangelio: Lucas 2:41-52

2 y 3 DE ENERO

I Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6
 II Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a
 Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta para el fin de semana del 3 de enero, será dedicada a la nueva Campaña para la Reducción de Deudas de IHM. Todas las contribuciones hechas a este fondo se utilizarán para la aceleración del pago de nuestras deudas. ¡Por favor contribuir generosamente!

ACTIVIDAD DE LA SEMANA

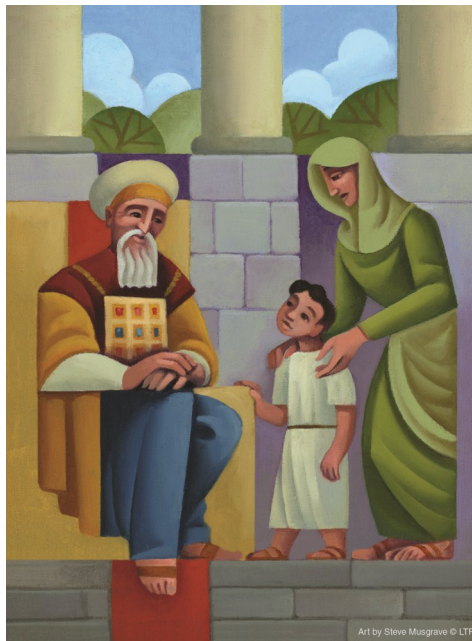
· Dios obra en cada familia, llamándola a ser sagrada. Ninguna familia es perfecta, pero Jesús ayuda a las familias a crecer en su santidad. Hablen con su familia sobre lo que significa ser una familia sagrada. Esta semana pongan más esfuerzo en hacer cosas buenas para los otros miembros de la familia.

· Tengan una conversación sobre por qué es importante obedecer a nuestros padres. Pregunten a sus hijos: ¿Cómo pueden ser más obedientes y escuchar a sus padres?

· Planifiquen un tiempo para visitar a sus familiares que no son del núcleo familiar. Cuenten historias sobre los miembros de la familia, historias que hacen que su familia sea especial para ustedes.

· Pongan el nombre de cada miembro de la familia en un bol. Pidan a cada familiar que saque un nombre del bol y que escriba una carta de agradecimiento a esa persona por lo que él o ella hace por la familia. Lean las cartas con la familia.

ENSEÑE A SU FAMILIA



Domingo, 27 de diciembre de 2015 Intimidad

Lecturas del día: Sirácide 3:2-6, 12-14, o 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Salmo 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, o Salmo 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Colosenses 3:12-21, o 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24; Lucas 2:41-52.

Esta semana, la Iglesia nos invita a meditar en lo que significa ser una “familia santa”. Escuchamos el relato de María y de José que reencontraron a Jesús en el templo. A sus doce años, él estaba comenzando a asumir todos los deberes religiosos de un adulto. Al preguntarle sus padres por qué se había quedado, les dio una respuesta desconcertante; y sin embargo, se

fue con ellos. Apreciamos la reciprocidad en esa relación familiar. María y José retenían su autoridad pero estaban asombrados por Jesús. A su vez, el Hijo de Dios, Jesús, se les sometía a su voluntad. Esta situación se resolvía sin peleas ni humillaciones.

El respeto y la obediencia resaltan también en las otras lecturas bíblicas. Subrayan que se necesita una vida de “compasión, amabilidad, humildad, mansedumbre y paciencia” (Colosenses). Todo esto requiere respeto e intimidad. Contemplemos la relación de Jesús con sus padres. Lo modelaron y le enseñaron la tradición, y él los llevó más cerca de Dios. Siendo miembros de la familia de Dios, el amor debe guiar nuestro modo de vivir y de relacionarnos con los demás. Piense en las áreas de su vida que requieren de reconciliación. ¿Cómo puede usted dar testimonio del amor de Dios?

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