

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 7, 2018

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends in the Word Made Flesh,

This week each year the Catholic Church observes Migration Week, a time for deepening our awareness of the needs of immigrants, refugees, migrants and exiles in our own land and throughout the world.

The scripture readings for this season make the observance of Migration Week especially appropriate. The Nativity gospel itself, of course, is the story of a woman with child and her husband uprooted from their home by decree of an alien occupying power, who find themselves unwelcome and without shelter in an unfamiliar city. Shortly after the child's birth, the same family find themselves refugees in Egypt, again in a land where their language is not spoken and where they would receive the scorn and rejection that societies reserve for the stranger and immigrant.

From the beginning of salvation history, care and protection for the stranger has been among God's first injunctions to his people. The book of Leviticus articulates a commandment repeated throughout the Hebrew scriptures: "When an alien resides with you in your land, do not molest him. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (19:33-34). And the New Testament identifies the stranger we are called to serve with the very person of Christ: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35).

I hope it goes without saying that, while our nation struggles with the moral imperative to accomplish comprehensive immigration reform (<http://tiny.cc/reformfaq>), all God's people will continue to find a Christ-like welcome at IHM—with those in need finding the *preferential* welcome demanded by the scriptures and our Catholic tradition. For they are, wherever their origin or whatever their language, indeed sisters and brothers to us.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,



WELCOME

We thank Father John Kieran and Father Bryan Small, who preside at Masses this weekend while Monsignor Al is away. Father Kieran is a retired pastor in the Archdiocese. Father Small is the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Decatur.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.
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.
Sabados a las 6:00 p.m.
Domingos a la 1:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.
Anytime by appointment

Confesiones

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Adoración al Santísimo

Jueves de 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 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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SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 14

Saturday, January 6 Saint André Bessette (Optional) 1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11	8:30 a.m. David Lewis †, Lorenzo Leon, and Javier Trujillo 4:00 p.m. Betty Davis, Nelson Guzman, and all Guzman and Stott deceased family members † 6:00 p.m. Maria Cristina Acosta †
Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	9:00 a.m. Carlene Bollinger † 11:30 a.m. For the people of the parish 1:30 p.m. Socorro Salas † 5:00 p.m. Millicent Jowdy †
Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord (Feast) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11	8:30 a.m. Doris Valentino †
Tuesday, January 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28	8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Oxius Augustin †
Wednesday, January 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-30	8:30 a.m. Veronica Marshall †
Thursday, January 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45	8:30 a.m. Jim, Barbara, & James III Bentley † 7:00 p.m. All Souls in Purgatory †
Friday, January 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:12	8:30 a.m. Gabriel Fabue
Saturday, January 13 Saint Hilary (Optional) 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17	8:30 a.m. Bill Eichenberg † 4:00 p.m. Rosalind Attaway Kewitt † 6:00 p.m. Ann Mangin Lopez †
Sunday, January 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42	9:00 a.m. For the people of the parish 11:30 a.m. Edward Hembaleck † 1:30 p.m. Socorro Ruiz † 5:00 p.m. Alice Maloof †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

† **We ask that you offer a prayer for those who have died, especially for:** Jose Gilberto Socas, Marylou Yap-Tan, Carlene McMonagle, Jerry Spratte, Julie Monahan, Robert Leo Watson, Sabino Hernandez Acuña, Bill Bezaire, and Jesus Nandi Hernandez.

Also, please pray for those who are sick, especially for: Jack Barker, James Sedlack, Mary Jane O'Neil, Lynne Howard, Purita Guzman, Norma Hatheway, Leslie Tsui, Robert Munroe, Kay Reese, Tera Douglas, Janis Dotson, Dylan Diaz Tinoco, Julia Robinson, Millie Elliott, Brenda Markham, Francie Mooney, and Brenda Uhler.

THANK YOU!

As the Christmas season draws to a close, your parish priests take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent us warm greetings, thoughtful gifts or kind prayers at Christmas. We are greatly encouraged by your support. You will have a special place in our own prayers throughout the New Year!

IHM PARISH DIRECTORY

Don't forget! Photo sessions for the IHM Parish Directory are taking place this weekend. If you scheduled an appointment for photos, please be sure to get to the Historic Church a few minutes early to fill out your sit card!

STEWARDSHIP

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF NORTH GEORGIA



Honoring the Lord with Our Gifts

Just as the Magi called on the infant Jesus to do him homage, you too can bring your gifts to the Lord. You can make a gift to your parish in your will or estate plans and create your own Catholic legacy. We at the Catholic Foundation are thankful for all those who have included their parish, Catholic school or other Catholic entity in their will or estate plans. If you have made such a gift,

please tell your pastor or contact us so that we can in turn honor you as part of the Deo Gratias Society.

For more information: jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Immaculate Heart of Mary wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly giving and all second and special collections as well. E-giving offers convenience for individuals and provides much needed donation consistency for the congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

E-Giving lets you go to ihmatlanta.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving. Please contact Rich Plachta, Business Manager, with any questions or for additional information.

OFFERTORY

December 23 & 24

Offertory: \$25,470.00

Electronic Offertory: \$13,806.54

Total Offertory: \$39,276.54

IHM Debt Reduction: \$5,454.00

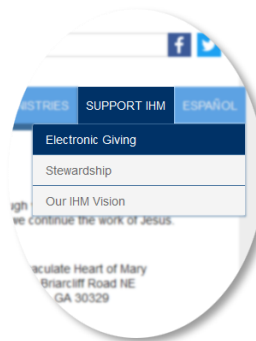
Christmas Offertory: \$31,880.00

Catholic Charities: \$5,681.00

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection is for the IHM Debt Reduction Fund.

Next weekend's collection is the monthly appeal for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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COUNSELING

Professional Counseling (fee-based) is available in the Maloney Center at IHM for individuals, couples and families. Contact Marianela Matheus, M.Ed. At 678-310-8122.

AROUND THE PARISH

IHM SCHOOL AUCTION FUNDRAISER

February 3, 2018

We are pleased to announce that our School Auction Fundraiser, "Light up the Night with Denim and Diamonds," will take place on the evening of Saturday, February 3, 2018 in IHM's Historic Church. It's the must attend event of the year, including food, drinks, entertainment, silent and live auction items! This adult only event will raise funds to support the school, including academic enhancements and capital improvements. Bust out some denim and bling and join us for a fabulous evening.

Visit www.501auctions.com/ihmauction to donate an item or service to the auction. By donating an item or service to the auction fundraiser, you are reaching a receptive and local audience in a personal and meaningful way. Your tax-deductible donation will be showcased in fundraiser promotional materials, as well as on the evening of the event.

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, January 10

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 3:00-8:00 p.m. in the Historic Church. Visit www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code "IHM" to schedule an appointment or call Nikki VanDerGrinten at 770-986-4996.

The cut-off date for donor eligibility is November 15. Drop-ins are welcomed. Chick Fil-A coupons will be given to all those who donate.

Remember, your donation may save or extend the life of three people!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HANDYMAN

If you need a handyman to help you with various small jobs around your house, you could obtain some help by hiring a Safe Environment approved volunteer from the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference to help you with your work. Simply make a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference for \$25.00 for every hour the volunteer spends on your job. This is a win, win, win situation: we help you, you help the St. Vincent de Paul IHM Conference, and the St. Vincent de Paul helps the many people in need. So if you need some assistance with small jobs around the house, call 770-986-4996 and ask for Dirk.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, January 9

There will be a Men's Club meeting on Tuesday, January 9. The meeting will be located in the Lower Level of the Church. The speaker for January will be Deacon Bob Hauert. The meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with dinner provided for a \$10.00 donation, and all new members attending eat free. Please RSVP at the IHM Men's website at <https://www.memberplanet.com/ihmmensclub>.

CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



The Archdiocese of Atlanta's Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity invites you to participate in our MLK Jr. Celebration taking place January 14, 20-21, 2018. Our theme for this year is "Live in Peace, and the God of Love and Peace Will Be With You" (2 Corinthians 13:11). Our events will honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, as well as commemorate the 50th anniversary of his assassination.

"Service and Sips" Young Adult Service Opportunity

2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 14

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312
Young adults will enjoy brunch and assemble travel hygiene kits for those in need. Donations are welcome.

Eucharistic Celebration

1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 20

Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 M.L.K. Jr Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Principal Celebrant – Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Youth Celebration

3:00 p.m., Sunday, January 21

St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, 2560 Tilson Rd, Decatur, GA 30032

Guests to all events are invited to bring canned goods, clothing or cleaning products for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia.

Want to stay up to date with IHM news?
Subscribe to the IHM e-Weekly,
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Visit www.ihmatlanta.org and click the "e-Weekly" link at the bottom of the page.

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BECOMING CATHOLIC

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Contact Drew Denton for more information.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Each Thursday, Dr. Louanne Bachner leads an informative and prayerful discussion of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. The study meets in the Lower Level at two different times: 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Sunday mornings, 10:15-11:15
IHM School Library
There will be no Adult Faith Formation today.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY



There will be no GIFT classes or youth ministry on January 14, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend.

For opportunities to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy within our local Catholic community, see page 4 of this bulletin.

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR



O God of ancient blessing,
Your servant Mary pondered in her heart
The treasured words spoken about her Son,
Our Savior Jesus Christ.
Bless us, as we gather in his name,
And prepare our hearts to receive his Spirit,
That our tongues may confess him Lord,
Every day of this new year,
And for ever and ever.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Word for Children (ages 4-7) will resume at 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning on January 7. New volunteers, to lead or assist in this ministry, are always welcome. If you are interested in helping children hear the Word of God in this accessible and engaging format, contact Drew Denton: ddenton@ihmatlanta.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**Atlanta Catechist Conference
August 18, 2018**

The Atlanta Catechist Conference will be August 18, 2018 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel. Whether you are a veteran catechist, a rookie catechist, or you simply want to learn more about your faith, make plans now to attend the premier catechist formation event in the Southeast.

Find out more at <http://atlcatechistconference.com>.



YOUTH MINISTRY



CORE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are still in need of a few good adults to be CORE members for Lifeteen and Edge. Please contact Elaine Phillips at ephillips@ihmatlanta.org for more information.

Edge & Lifeteen meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

June 17-22, 2018

The Catholic Heart Work Camp in Hardeeville, South Carolina is for teens in the 9th grade & up. A \$100 deposit reserves your spot!

Go to <http://ihmatlanta.org/youth-ministry> to sign up!

This mission trip counts for 4 Works of Mercy for SPX and all service hours for Marist for 2018-2019! Go to www.heartworkcamp.com to get a first glimpse at what it's all about.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

June 4-9, 2018

This is an awesome week of FUN & FAITH in Dahlonega, GA for 6th-8th graders. The total cost is \$550 and a \$100 deposit is needed to save your spot!

Go to ihmatlanta.org/youth-ministry to sign up!

Questions? Email ephillips@ihmatlanta.org.

IHM SCHOOL

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OPEN HOUSE

We hope this season of Advent fills your hearts with peace and joy.

On January 10, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., IHM School will hold its final Open House of the 2018-2019 school year.

Experience the Beauty of a Catholic Education

During your visit, you will have an opportunity to tour the school and to meet with IHM alums, as well as, current students, teachers and parents.

Kindly RSVP to Meaghan Schroeder:
admissions@ihmschool.org or by phone 404-636-4488.

Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

IHM SCHOOL AUCTION

We are excited to announce our Spring Auction Fundraiser, "Light up the Night with Denim and Diamonds", on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Organized exclusively by parent volunteers, this event raises funds to support the school, including academic enhancements and capital improvements.

We encourage you to consider donating merchandise or services to this auction. You can do so online at www.501auctions.com/ihmauction or using the paper forms found in the Narthex.



BAUTISMOS

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 9:00 a.m. o durante la semana haciendo cita con el sacerdote.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Llamar a la oficina 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.

TERAPEUTA CERTIFICADA

La Licenciada Marianela Matheus es una Terapeuta Certificada en Salud Mental en el Estado de Georgia y en Terapia de Juego a Nivel Nacional y proveerá sus Servicios para Adultos, parejas y Niños en la Iglesia. Si desea hacer una cita puede contactarla al 404-620-1492.

LECTURAS DE DOMINGO

I Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6
II Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6
Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

23 y 24 de diciembre
Ofertorio en misa: \$25,470.0
Contribución electrónica: \$13,806.54
Ofertorio total: \$39,276.54

TRABAJANDO EN EL VIÑEDO DE SAN VICENTE

En temperaturas frías, ¿a dónde va una madre cuando está sin hogar con la responsabilidad de una niña adolescente? La respuesta a esa pregunta recientemente comenzó con un caso de un sentimiento profundo para dos de nuestros Vicentinos. En la primera llamada telefónica los encontró "pasando el rato" en la sala de emergencias del hospital Grady. Habían estado allí durante tres días, de un lado para el otro, manteniéndose calientes y evitando ser encontradas por el personal de la Seguridad.

Nuestros Vicentinos se movieron rápidamente para llevarlos a un alojamiento temporal, organizando una estancia de una semana para sacarlos de Grady y llevarlos a un lugar mejor. Fueron llevados a Kroger para conseguir algunos alimentos y artículos personales utilizando las tarjetas de regalo que los vicentinos tienen disponibles para esos momentos.

La razón de su situación comenzó con la muerte de su padre en Nueva York. Al tomarse un tiempo libre debido a la situación, ella perdió su trabajo. Muchos de los que viven de cheques en cheque encuentran que tales eventos los desestabilizan, forzando decisiones desagradables y arrastrando a los niños a condiciones desafortunadas.

Nuestros vicencianos descubrieron que tenía una entrevista de trabajo programada. Ella necesitaba un traje de trabajo negro y se le consiguió uno en la tienda de segunda mano del San Vicente de Paul.

Pero el drama no terminó allí.

Ella no se comunicó con el propietario de la vivienda temporal sobre su situación y el propietario arrojó todos sus bienes, incluido el traje negro, al basurero! Nuestros vicentinos la trasladaron a un lugar de vida temporal diferente, organizaron otra semana de alquiler, le consiguieron un segundo atuendo y ella comenzó su nuevo trabajo días más tarde.

Gracias a nuestros generosos feligreses de IHM, el San Vicente de Paul pudo ayudar rápidamente a esta madre y a su hijo inocente para conseguir un lugar seguro y cálido con algo de comida y alguna esperanza para el futuro.

Si un feligrés necesita ayuda, pueden llamar al 678-892-6163.

ESCUELA DE IHM

Esperamos que esta temporada de Adviento llene sus corazones de paz y alegría. El 10 de enero de 6:30 a 8:00 p.m., IHM School celebrará su último Día Informativo del año escolar 2018-2019. Acompañenos para experimentar la belleza de la educación Católica. Durante su visita, tendrán la oportunidad de recorrer la escuela y reunirse con los ex alumnos de IHM, así como también con nuestros actuales alumnos, maestros y padres de familia. Favor de confirmar su asistencia con Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org o por teléfono al 404-636-4488.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La colecta de esta fin de semana irá al Fondo de Reducción de la deuda de IHM.

Nuestra segunda colecta el próximo fin de semana irá al San Vicente de Paul.