

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 23, 2018

## CHRISTMAS MASSES AT IHM



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Monsignor Al and Father Carlos have heard confessions nearly every day during Advent, and we will give them next Saturday off.*

*There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 29. Confessions will resume on January 5.*

### VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Mass for families with small children (English)  
6:00 p.m. Mass (English)\*  
8:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)  
12:00 Midnight Mass (English)\*

### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. Mass (English)†\*  
11:30 a.m. Mass (English)\*  
1:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

†Celebrated without incense

\*Music of the season begins thirty minutes before Mass.



## 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. (except Holy Saturday)  
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.

**The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** is offered monthly following the Saturday 4:00 mass and the Sunday 1:30 Spanish mass, and is available at other times by appointment with a priest.

**Catholic patients in metro area hospitals** receive the sacraments from the neighboring Catholic parish; priests, deacons and Eucharistic ministers from IHM will visit whenever possible. Please call the parish office if you or a family member will be hospitalized or homebound.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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### Office Hours /Horas de Oficina

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

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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Report abuse of children and vulnerable persons : **1-888-437-0764**

## MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

DECEMBER 22 — DECEMBER 30

### Saturday, December 22

#### Advent Weekday

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

8:30 a.m. Elio Lleva †

4:00 p.m. Rev. Dennis Schroeder †

6:00 p.m. Maria Huerta †

### Sunday, December 23

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10;  
Luke 1:39-45

9:00 a.m. Walter & Mary Alice Foster †

11:30 a.m. Kathleen Barr Blaess †

1:30 p.m. For all the people of the parish

5:00 p.m. Bob Gasser †

### Monday, December 24

#### VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;  
Matthew 1:1-25

— No 8:30 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish

6:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish

9:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish

Midnight For all the people of the parish

### Tuesday, December 25

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

9:00 a.m. For all the people of the parish

11:30 a.m. For all the people of the parish

1:30 p.m. For all the people of the parish

### Wednesday, December 26

#### Saint Stephen , The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

8:30 a.m. Jack Barker †

### Thursday, December 27

#### Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 a.m. Gloria Izquierdo †

— No 7:00 p.m. Mass

### Friday, December 28

#### The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

8:30 a.m. Archbishop James P. Lyke †

### Saturday, December 29

#### Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

8:30 a.m. Joseph Suresh Fernandez †

4:00 p.m. Antonio Valdes Rodriguez†

6:00 p.m. Carlos A. Muñiz

### Sunday, December 30

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;  
Luke 2:41-52

9:00 a.m. Jim, Barbara, James III Bentley †

11:30 a.m. Shelton Family†

1:30 p.m. Livia Pardo †

5:00 p.m. For all the people of the parish

## PRAYERS/ORACIONES

**Please pray for our loved ones who have died, especially:** Mario Villanueva Lorenzo, Aura Elena Linares, Louise Daniell, Jesus Marcial, John Zuecher, Celia Ramirez, John Zuecher, Lily Badre, Teresa Jaimez Velazquez, Betty Tarsitano, Rev. Wilson Scott Jr., Aquiles Tinzon, Mario Alberto Reyes Palma, Carlos Manzanarez Arcos, Evelyn Rowland, Jack Barker, Oscar Ayala Lopez, Edward Wicksom, John Franz, Doris Dotson, Artemio Escoto, Cristian Lopez, Willard Ketchum, Kathleen Barr Blaess, Micalea Lopez and Steven Landry.

**And please pray for those who are sick, especially:** Jose Marquez, Terry Weaver, Matt Drake, Brenda Uhler, Barbara Sheehan, Lili Cuellar, Mary Nappo, David Downie, Ellen Kroll, Beverly K. McNally, Maite Rolon, Dorothy Bivy, Joanne Novack, Julia Felipe, Keren Clay, Walter and Jane Nied, Gary Payne, Luca Modonesi, Brenda Markham, Terry Barker, Josefina García, Brian Hutcheson, Justin Omar Gutierrez Gonzalez, Edward Swahn and Purita Guzman.





Miguel Mejia  
6th Grade

*Christmas art  
courtesy of  
the winners of  
the 2018 IHM  
Christmas card  
design contest.*



Mariana Mejia  
2nd Grade

*The priests,  
deacons and staff  
of IHM  
pray that your  
celebration of  
the Lord's Nativity  
will bring you  
much light,  
happiness and  
peace!*

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## COUNSELING

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

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a holyday of obligation. Come begin the Year of Our Lord 2019 by honoring our Lord's mother. Holyday masses are:

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Spanish)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 a.m. (English)

11:30 a.m. (English)

## OFFERTORY

Due to an early printing schedule, the December 16 offertory numbers are not available.

St. Vincent de Paul \$ 10,494.25

## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection is for our Parish Debt Reduction Fund.

Next weekend's second collection is for Catholic Charities.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**Friday, January 4**

The Christmas Concert by the combined forces of our parish liturgical music program will be Friday, January 4 at 7:00 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.



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**January 7-19**

Plan now! A canopy will be set up in the parking lot beside the historic church to collect unwanted electronic items to be recycled.



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

**Monday, January 14**

Though not something we choose to think about very often, it is important that parish leaders be aware of the plan in place in case of an emergency. Monsignor Al asks all of our clergy, ministers of hospitality (English and Spanish) and ministry leaders to an Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Monday, January 14 at 7:00 p.m. beginning in the historic church. Experienced law enforcement officers will discuss responses to active shooter, fire and weather-related emergencies. For more information please contact Deacon Bob at [bhauert@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:bhauert@ihmatlanta.org) or 404-636-1418 ext 251.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS' MORNING OF REFLECTION

**Saturday January 19**

The annual Morning of Reflection for liturgical ministers who assist at our English Masses will begin with 8:30 a.m. mass, followed by breakfast in the historic church. Then we will return to church, where we will receive spiritual enrichment from Kathy Kuczka, Director of Liturgy at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Alpharetta and an accomplished performer and writer. Next, individual ministries will meet briefly in breakout sessions to review ministry procedures. Finally we will re-gather in the church for a closing prayer and blessing.

## 60th ANNIVERSARY DAY OF SERVICE

**Saturday, March 9**

Save the date, and join us for a community-wide day of giving back here on the parish and school grounds. There will be something for everyone – groups, families, individuals, the young, the not-so-young. All are WELCOME!



## STEWARDSHIP

### TAX-WISE PLANNING AT YEAR'S END

Have you taken the opportunity to look at your taxes for this year? You might be surprised at how much of your hard-earned money will go to the state and federal government. Now is the time to consider making an end-of-year gift that will help offset your current tax liability.

### DEDUCTIBLE GIFT OF STOCK OR PROPERTY

There are a number of ways to make an end-of-year gift that provide you with valuable benefits and help further our mission here at IHM.

If you own appreciated stock or have property that you wish to sell without paying capital gains tax, consider gifting those assets to us. You receive a charitable tax deduction for your gift. Please check with us on ways to transfer your property gift or stock to us.

### YEAR-END REMINDERS

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our annual Christmas collection which provides a significant portion of the funds used all year long to support our many ministries and programs. This is the single most important collection of the year for the operations of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Remember the December 31 deadline for charitable gift tax deductions. Contact Rich Plachta at 404-636-1418 ext 245 or [rplachta@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:rplachta@ihmatlanta.org) for information on how to transfer stock or other assets. Checks postmarked in 2018, but delivered in 2019, can be claimed as a deduction in 2018. Statements of contributions to IHM for 2018, which many use for tax preparation, will be mailed by the end of January. Archbishop's Annual Appeal statements will be sent separately by the Archdiocese.



### THANK YOU!

Thank you for the good stewardship of your parish that you have demonstrated throughout 2018. May the Lord give us all the blessing of a joyful and grateful heart in the new year.



## FAITH FORMATION

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### BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you are thinking about becoming Catholic or interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Drew Denton in the parish office.

### 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 am  
IHM School Library

This week's topic:  
"The Life of Mary a Christian Art"

**REMINDER: CHRISTMAS BREAK**

In observance of the Christmas holidays, there will be no faith formation programs on December 23 or December 30. All programs will resume on Sunday, January 6. Merry Christmas!

**RECUERDA: VACACIONES NAVIDEÑAS**

Debido a las fiestas navideñas, no habrá programas de catequesis el 23 de diciembre ni el 30 de diciembre. Todos los programas se reanudarán el domingo 6 de enero. Felices Fiestas!

**COMING UP AT THE AQUINAS CENTER OF THEOLOGY**

January 16, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

*Sister Churches: From Conflict to Dialogue in the Hope of Union*

Rev. Dr. Demetrios Bathrellos, Visiting Professor of the Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Father Bathrellos, a Greek Orthodox priest and systematic theologian, will address the rapprochement of the two sister Churches, the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox, offering a brief history, summary of present relations and prospects for the future.



### A CHRISTMAS TREE BLESSING



Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree.  
May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.  
May all who delight in this tree  
come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

— from the *Book of Blessings*

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Tuesday, January 8**

The next Confirmation class is Tuesday, January 8 at All Saints Catholic Church, 2443 Mt. Vernon Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338. Arrive at 7:15pm and check in with Mrs. Phillips at the entrance. Pickup is at 9:00pm. Parents, families and sponsors are welcome to attend!

### HOLIDAY BREAK

In observance of the Christmas Holiday Break, there will be no Edge or Lifeteen December 23 and 30. We start up again on January 6.

### TO LOVE HIM IS TO SERVE HIM!

We need YOU to become a Liturgical Minister at the Sunday 5:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass! Your baptism commissions you to serve the Lord at the Liturgy: Put your baptismal priesthood to work! NEEDED: Altar Servers, Ministers of Hospitality, Life Teen Band member (musicians and vocalists), Sound Techs, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (if you are 16 and Confirmed). Email Elaine Phillips at [ephillips@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:ephillips@ihmatlanta.org) if you are interested.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY RALLY

St. Oliver Plunkett parish is offering a World Youth Day Rally on Saturday, January 26. During the rally there will be National Speakers, Praise & Worship, Service Opportunities, Adoration with Bishop Ned and more! Cost is \$25 (by 12/31/18) and gets you lunch, snacks and a WYD Rally tshirt. Cost goes up to \$35 if we register after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. We can only register as a parish, so please get me a check made out to IHM (or cash) along with your tshirt size. THIS WILL COUNT FOR CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS.

### EDGE / LIFETEEN

Looking for a great way to serve the young church? WE NEED CORE MEMBERS FOR BOTH EDGE & LIFETEEN! No experience necessary, just a love for teens and a willingness to meet them where they are. We will train you! Contact Elaine Phillips ([ephillips@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:ephillips@ihmatlanta.org)) for more information.

### CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Want to learn more about Catholic Heart Work Camp and the mission trip we took this summer? There is a \$100 deposit to reserve your spot. We are going to Greensboro, NC on July 21-26, 2019. Visit to the Youth Ministry Page on the parish website for more information.

### EDGE SUMMER CAMP

Edge Summer Camp is open to all rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated 8<sup>th</sup> graders (next summer). So if you are currently in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, you can come to Edge summer camp next summer! This camp is awesome—there's great food, fun camp things like obstacle courses, high and low ropes courses, lake fun (blob, paddle boarding, canoeing, zipline, etc), messy games, arts & crafts, etc. all combined with incredible experiences of your faith in mass, adoration and reconciliation. Where else can you get Jesus and a mud pit in one place?! We are going to Dahlenega on June 17-22, 2019. If you want to see more about summer camp, look here: <https://lifeteen.com/camps/summer-camp/>. The cost of camp is \$535 for the week—that includes all meals, lodging and fun! And you get a t-shirt to boot! Contact Elaine Phillips if interested [ephillips@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:ephillips@ihmatlanta.org).

## IHM SCHOOL

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please  
**JOIN US**  
for an **OPEN HOUSE**

January 16, 6:30-8:00 PM

RSVP at

[admissions@ihmschool.org](mailto:admissions@ihmschool.org)

### IHM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**January 16**

IHM School invites you to attend their final Open House on Wednesday, January 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm! Come learn how we are Sowing the Seeds of Success in the classroom and in the community.

To RSVP or to receive additional information about the admissions process, please contact Meghan Schroeder: [admissions@ihmschool.org](mailto:admissions@ihmschool.org) or 404-636-4488.

## ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

23 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2018

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

### 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.

### 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.

### MATRIMONIOS

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

### QUINCEAÑERAS

Llamar a la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada

### INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA 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.

### TERAPIA PSICOLÓGICA

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 678-310-8122.

### LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Miqueas 5:1-4a  
Hebreos: 10:5-10  
Lucas 1:39-45

### OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Debido a los horarios navideños de la imprenta, no tenemos los ofertorios

San Vicente de Paul \$ 10,494.25

### NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

El pasado 12 de diciembre, IHM celebró a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con oración, música, danza, canto y alabanza.



### CAMBIOS EN EL HORARIO ESTA SEMANA

No habrá misa de 7:00 p.m. ni confesiones el jueves 27 de diciembre.  
No habrá confesiones el sábado 29 de diciembre.

### CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD

#### Viernes 4 de enero

Nuestro concierto de Navidad será presentado por los ministros litúrgicos de nuestra parroquia el viernes, 5 de enero del 2019 a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia seguido por una recepción en la iglesia histórica. Para los católicos, ¡la Navidad continúa en el nuevo año por un tiempo! después de que nuestros vecinos han quitado sus luces y reciclado sus árboles! Conserven la Navidad viva en el corazón mientras celebramos el misterio de la encarnación con canciones.

### ESCUELA DE IHM

#### Miércoles 16 de enero

Esperamos que esta temporada de Adviento llene sus corazones de paz y alegría. El 16 de enero de 6:30 a 8:00 p.m., IHM School celebrará su último Día Informativo para el año escolar 2019-20. Acompáñenos 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](mailto:admissions@ihmschool.org) o por teléfono al 404-636-4488. ¡Esperamos verlos en el nuevo año!

# ¡VEN, SEÑOR JESÚS!

### SEGUNDA COLECTA

La Segunda Colecta de este fin de semana va al fondo de Reducción de Deuda de Nuestra Parroquia.

La Segunda Colecta del próximo fin de semana irá a las Caridades Católicas.