

Dear friends in the Word Made Flesh,

The readings from Sacred Scripture at Mass this time of year challenge us to deepen our awareness of the needs of refugees, displaced persons, migrants and exiles around the world—and of immigrants in our own land.

The Christmas 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 sinful societies reserve for the stranger and immigrant.

From the beginning of salvation history, care for and protection of the stranger have 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 and whatever their language, indeed sisters and brothers to us.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This Friday, January 10 7:00 p.m. in the 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 the combined forces of
our parish music program
celebrate the mystery of the
Incarnation in song.
A reception and sing-along
will follow in the historic
church.

2855 Briarcliff Road NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329 Through worship, education, and service, we continue the work of Jesus.

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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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Website/Sitio Web

http://www.ihmatlanta.org

Bulletin Notices: Please submit your request by email **10 days** in advance. Envíe su anuncio por correo electrónico **10 días** antes: msoren@ihmatlanta.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES DE LA MISA IANUARY 4— IANUARY 12

Saturday, January 4	8:30 a.m.	Oscar Ayala Lopez †		
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	4:00 p.m.	Doris Valentino †		
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42	6:00 p.m.	Aura Elena Linares †		
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Sunday, January 5	9:00 a.m.	All people of the parish		
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	-	Kathleen Valley Parker†		
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	-	Ruben Diaz †		
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Monday, January 6	8:30 a.m.	Louise & Bob Hauert		
Christmas Weekday				
1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25				
Tuesday, January 7 Christmas Weekday	8:30 a.m.	Millicent Jowdy †		
1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44				
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Wednesday, January 8	8:30 a.m.	Walter & Mary Alice Foster †		
Christmas Weekday 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52				
1 John 4.11-10, Mark 0.45-52				
Thursday, January 9	8:30 a.m.	George John Hoh†		
Christmas Weekday	7:00 p.m.	Aurelio Oñate †		
1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a				
Friday, January 10	8:30 a.m.	Irene Barrett †		
Christmas Weekday 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16				
Saturday, January 11	8:30 a.m.	Lesli Shelton †		
Christmas Weekday	4:00 p.m.	Mary Zamezki †		
1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30	6:00 p.m.	Flabia Arguello †		
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Sunday, January 12 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	-	Nell Castles †		
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38;		All people of the parish		
Matthew 3:13-17	•	Manuel Alfonso Quintero †		
	5:00 p.m.	Shelvy Harrel †		

PRAVERS/ORACIONIES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died, especially: Beatriz Guadalupe Flores Aguilar, Flabia Arguello, Euclides Peralta, Denise Wilson, Billie Jo Miller, Sylvia Quant, Kathleen Zolkowski, William Hogan, Virginia Seery, Ruben Diaz, Wilma Maroney, Jean Goelzhauser, Patricia Barnett Dixon, Dorothy James, Paul Walker, Humberto Mendoza, William Delgado, Jacoba Gutierrez, Amine Zambabka, William James Markham and Jose Luis Velasquez Martinez.

And please pray for all the sick, especially: Geoff Abraham, Will Broxterman, Kohlton James, Pat Howard, Lan Mahon, Clementina Cervantes, Sarah Gillespie, Ellen McIntosh, Donnie Maddox, Barbara Patterson, Danny Starrs, Kaleb Leigh, David Caron, Luisa Blanco, Maria Vargas, Alicia Solano, Dona Maynard, Maria Garcia Silva, Jane Nied, Brenda Markham, Mary DeCicco and Rosalie Krol.



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of parish financial support for 2019 will be mailed to all households by the end of January. Note that your donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will be acknowledged separately by the Archdiocese. Also, donations made online to iGiveCatholic on or around Giving Tuesday were acknowledged immediately by an email message from iGiveCatholic. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Plachta, Director of Finance, at 404-636-1418 ext. 245 or rplachta@ihmatlanta.org.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED IHM IN YOUR WILL?

A bequest to your parish will allow you to continue in death the Christian stewardship you practice in life. The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia can assist you in remembering IHM in your Will. Those who make a bequest or a planned gift to IHM become members of the parish Legacy Society and the Archdiocesan *Deo Gratias* Society. For more information, contact Juliette Greco of the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia at jgreco@cfnga.org or 404-497-9440.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HANDYMAN

If you need a handyman to help with small jobs around the house, you can hire a Safe Environment-approved volunteer from the IHM St. Vincent de Paul Conference to help you with your work. Simply make a donation SVDP of \$25.00 for every hour the volunteer spends on your job. If you need assistance with small jobs around the house, call 770-986-4996 and ask for Dirk.



OFFERTORY

December 21 & 22

Offertory: \$ 19,490.00 Electronic Offertory: \$ 24,414.75 **Total Offertory:** \$ **43,904.75**

Debt Reduction \$ 5,581.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH CLERGY

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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.

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WELCOME TABLE

January 4-5

This weekend the Parish Welcome Committee will be available after every mass to help newcomers get settled in their new church home. Stop by the table in the narthex, where the volunteers can register you in the parish on the spot and answer many of your questions.

MEN'S GROUP

January 7

The IHM Men's Group will meet this Tuesday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church for fun and fellowship. Dinner will be provided for a \$10.00 donation, and all new members eat free. RSVP at https://www.memberplanet.com/ihmmensclub/.

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mulched their trees! Keep Christmas alive in your heart as we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation in song. A reception and sing-along will follow in the historic church.

BLOOD DRIVE

January 15

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, January 15, 3:00-8:00 p.m. in the historic church. Visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> & use the sponsor code "IHM" to schedule an appointment or call Nikki VanDerGrinten, 770-986-4996. We will also be conducting signups in the narthex the two weekends before the drive. The cut-off date for donor eligibility



American Red Cross

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CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Tuesdays 7-9pm

Beginning January 14, Ignatius House will again offer the "Children of Abraham" class for adults who would like to better understand the faith and practices of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. How would you rate your religious literacy? If you're one of those people who have said, "Someday, I'd like to learn more about" (name the religion of your choice), then this study is for you!

Registration is open now at <u>ignatiushouse.org</u>. Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for 13 weeks, beginning January 14 at Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center. For more information, please contact Kathy Hoffman at <u>kdhoffman53@gmail.com</u>.

MLK CELEBRATION

January 18

The Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Intercultural Ministry invites you to participate in the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass on Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 MLK Jr Blvd SE, Atlanta 30303.



NOUWEN RETREAT

February 21-23

L'Arche Atlanta and Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center are co-hosting a 2-night/3-day retreat focused on Henri Nouwen's *Life of the Beloved* February 21-23 and lead by Stacy Cates-Carney, L'Arche International Vice-Leader and an experienced retreat facilitator and spiritual director. The cost is \$350, which includes a private room and bathroom, delicious and healthy meals, snacks throughout the weekend, and access to 20 acres of beautiful grounds and walking trails along the Chattahoochee River. Only 40 spots are available, so register at *IgnatiusHouse.org* today!

REFUGEE YOUTH MENTORING

Catholic Charities Atlanta is seeking volunteers to offer welcome and support to refugee teens through mentoring. Mentors and mentees are paired one-on-one and meet weekly in the child's home or in the community and often spend time together working on homework, playing sports, pursuing shared interests, or exploring the city. Most refugee families we serve live in Clarkston, Tucker, or Decatur. Mentors must be 21+ years old; be willing to meet with mentee weekly for one year, usually in or near Clarkston; attend an 8-hour training; and be willing to complete an application and a background check. For information, please contact Bryn Murphy at bmurphy@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org.

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Visit www.ihmatlanta.org and click the "e-Weekly' link under News & Events.

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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 a.m. IHM School Library

"The Epiphany in Christian Art"

onging for God shatters our dreary routines and impels us to make the changes we want and need.

Longing for God has its roots in the past yet does not remain there: it reaches out to the future.

Believers who feel this longing are led by faith to seek God, as the Magi did, in the most distant corners of history, for they know that there the Lord awaits them.

They go to the peripheries, to the frontiers, to places not yet evangelized, to encounter their Lord....

The Magi experienced longing; they were tired of the usual fare.

They were all too familiar with, and weary of, the Herods of their own day.

But there, in Bethlehem, was a promise of newness, of gratuitousness.

There, something new was taking place.

The Magi were able to worship, because they had the courage to set out.

And as they fell to their knees before the small, poor and vulnerable Infant, the unexpected and unknown Child of Bethlehem, they discovered the glory of God.

POPE FRANCIS' EPIPHANY HOMILY, 2017



COMING UP AT THE EMORY'S AQUINAS CENTER

What's Next?: Canon Law and Lay Involvement in Church Governance Wednesday January 15, 2020, 7:30 – 9:00pm Rev. Thomas P. Doyle

The law of the Church can be a support or a hindrance to lay involvement in the governance of the Church. This presentation will take a look at Canon Law as it relates to transparency, governance and accountability of clergy and hierarchy with suggestions for what needs to move us toward a Church in which all baptized believers have a voice in decisions affecting their lives in the Church.

Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, who has a doctorate in canon law and five master's degrees, became involved with the issue of sexual abuse of children by Catholic clergy while serving at the Vatican Embassy. For over 30 years, he has been an expert in the canonical and pastoral dimensions of this problem—working directly with victims, their families, accused priests, and Church officials.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN

This Sunday the high school group delves into the ministerial priesthood. The goal of "From the Dirt" is to clarify the role of the ministerial priesthood in the Church and the world, as well as to help the teens understand the necessity of the ministerial priesthood in relationship to the priesthood of all the baptized. We look forward to seeing all the teens back!

FDGF

This Sunday, the middle school will be learning more about the Epiphany of the Lord. The evening will provide the youth with an understanding of the feast and personal applications to their faith. We look forward to seeing all the middle schoolers back!

CONFIRMATION & DECISION POINT

Reminder! We have now completed our 4th Decision Point session! If you are ever unable to come for any reason, please remember to email Michele. Any sessions missed must be made up. Use the check list here to make sure you have turned in the proper items and taken the needed steps: (1) your baptism certificate; (2) your sponsor interview & saint reflection; (3) your permission slip for the retreat; (4) completed at least one of your three church volunteer activities (hopefully two done already); and (5) are you taking time to prepare at home? Retreat sign-ups go live on our website this weekend and will close February 2. If you have any questions email Michele: mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP-CHWC

Catholic Heart Work Camp is a wonderful week long camp that focuses on being the hands and feet of Jesus within a community that has need. High school campers will go to serve- sometimes painting houses, working at shelters, food banks, camps for children, or schools. All these opportunities are more rewarding that we can express! The teens that go on this camp come home on fire with the joy of serving others, their deepened love of God, and amazing new friendships formed with those peers in their church. Limited *spots!* Reserve your spot today: https://ihmatlanta.org/chwc

EDGE SUMMER CAMP

Join us for a week of fun, friendship and spiritual strengthening at beautiful camp Hidden Lake! Open to all youth, grades 6th-8th. Don't miss out on all the fun; activities such as rock wall climbing, time at the lake- including a blob and zip line, a mud obstacle course and so much more! The camp is the week of July 13-18, spots limited; go to our youth group web page under the church's website for more information and to sign up today!

If you have any questions please email Michele McPheely at mmcpheely@ihmatlanmta.org. Thank you!

IHM SCHOOL





JOIN US AT IHM SCHOOL!

Our final Open House of the school year will take place Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.
We will have a brief presentation in the cafeteria followed by school tours and information tables.
Please help us spread the word in the community!
Applications for new students for the 2020-21 school year are now online at www.ihmschool.org.
For more information, contact Admissions Director Meaghan Schroeder at 404-636-4488 ext 338 or mschroeder@ihmschool.org.



Save the date

Mass & Reception

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26, 2020
9:00 MASS
RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5 DE ENERO, 2020

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA

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* <u>6 meses</u> antes de la fecha deseada.

QUINCEANERAS

Llamar a la parroquia <u>por lo menos 6 meses</u> antes de la fecha deseada

INICIACION 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

Isaías 60:1-6 Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mateo 2:1-12

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Diciembre 21 & 22

 Ofertorio:
 \$ 19,490.00

 Ofertorio Electrónico:
 \$ 24,414.75

 Ofertorio Total
 \$ 43,904.75

 Reducción de Deuda
 \$ 5,581.00

ALREDEDOR DE LA PARROQUIA

CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD

10 de enero

Nuestro concierto de Navidad será presentado por los ministros litúrgicos de nuestra parroquia este viernes, 10 de enero 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

15 de enero

El 15 de enero a las 7:00 p.m., IHM School celebrará su último Dia Informativo para el año escolar 2020-21. 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 o por teléfono al 404-636-4488. ¡Esperamos verlos!

CENTRO HISPANO MARISTA GED

Centro Hispano Marista es un programa que ofrece a adultos la preparación para obtener su diploma GED, para que puedan seguir una educación superior, aspirar a mejores trabajos y asegurar un futuro prometedor para ellos y sus familias. Los cursos del semestre de primavera comienzan pronto. Para obtener mas información y solicitar en línea, vaya a http://centrohispanomarista.org/new-student-information.



TALLER DE CIUDADANIA

Caridades Católicas Atlanta Servicios de Inmigración ofrece un Taller de Ciudadanía para las primeras 10 personas los viernes que cae en la 2ª y 4ª semana de cada mes. A las 8:30 a.m. Dirección: 2305 Parklake Dr NE, Bldg 9, Suite 150, Atlanta 30345. Por mas información, llame 678-222-3920.





SECUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para el Fondo de Reducción de Deuda de Nuestra Parroquia.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul.

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