



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28, 2021

#IGIVECATHOLIC TO WELCOME CHRIST IN THE STRANGER



IHM is partnering with Catholic Charities to welcome a family of refugees from Afghanistan to a new life in Atlanta.

This project will require a significant investment of human and financial resources. The family will need transportation to work, school, medical appointments and shopping; they'll need English language and school tutoring; they'll need cultural and financial

mentoring; and countless other services. If you might be willing to assist in one of these areas, please leave your name and contact information at <https://ihmatlanta.org/refugees>.

And we will dedicate our proceeds from this year's #iGiveCatholic campaign to this important outreach. Giving Tuesday is November 30, but our donation page is live now: <https://bit.ly/ihmrefugee>.

#GIVINGTUESDAY
NOVEMBER 30



1 VISIT
iGiveCatholic.org

2 SEARCH
for your parish, school, or ministry

3 DONATE
\$20 or more

**ADVANCED GIVING DATES:
NOVEMBER 15-29**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our parish Advent Penance Service is this Monday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Masks are strongly recommended for everyone regardless of vaccination status, and required for those who are not fully vaccinated.

The right side of the church is roped and marked for those who prefer to remain distanced.

Holy Communion will continue to be offered in the hand only until it is safe for us to resume our pre-pandemic norms.

Thank you for helping us protect the most vulnerable among us.

We will re-evaluate our Covid protocols after children have had an opportunity to receive both first and second doses.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass in English

Monday-Friday and 1st Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

Misas en Español

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.
Sabado: 6:00 p.m.
Domingo: 1:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturdays at 9:00 am
(Masks are required, and social distancing is observed.)

Confesiones

Jueves 6:00 pm
(Se requieren máscarillas, y se observa el distanciamiento social.)

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Adoración al Santísimo

Jueves 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available 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.

Office Hours /Horas de Oficina

Closed until further notice

Fax Number/Número de Fax

404-636-4394

IHM School/Escuela de IHM

404-636-4488

PARISH INFORMATION

Website/Sitio Web

<http://www.ihmatlanta.org>



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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 5

Saturday Vigil Masses are livestreamed at www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream.

Sunday, November 28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Saturday, November 27 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Helen O'Leary †
6:00 p.m. Ivan Navarrete †

Sunday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Jim, Barbara and James III Bentley †
11:30 a.m. Matthew Pompilio †
1:30 p.m. Fredy Mendoza Ramirez †
5:00 p.m. The people of the parish

Monday, November 29

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

8:30 a.m. Deacon Bob & Deacon Erik

Tuesday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22

8:30 a.m. Anna Marie

Wednesday, December 1

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

8:30 a.m. Ronald Yu †

Thursday, December 2

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. Mai Family
7:00 p.m. Diane Morrow

Friday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

8:30 a.m. Nhien Mai

Saturday, December 4

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

8:30 a.m. Amira Stella Mendez

Sunday, November 5

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Saturday, December 4 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. The people of the parish
6:00 p.m. Jose Luis Jimenez Arguello †

Sunday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Sister Ann McKee GNSH †
11:30 a.m. Patricia Daley †
1:30 p.m. Fidel Del Carmen Segura †
5:00 p.m. Michael Soper †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Esperanza Camacho, Helen Rossie, Hervey Guillen Perez, David McCarthy, Tom Novack, Robert Ikanga, Hortensia Concepción Sarmiento López, Terry Walters, Albert Blount, Karen Thomas, Harrison David Philbeck, Brenda Markham, Jim Leathers, Frank Sestak, Fidel Del Carmen Segura, Eugene "Red" James, Salud Sánchez, Diego Castellanos, Tito Gosch, Ryan Masi and Felicito Rolando Méndez Cervantes.

And please pray for the sick: Vivian Markham, Fred Patterson, Austin Harris, Georgia Abraham Wilson, Mary Smith, Margaret Rogers, William Luse, London Shirley, Darlene Haslouer, Carmen Graciaa, Leo Gilsdorf, Sarah Noblitt, David Caron, Benjamin Heller, Moises Tellez, Jim Olsen, Betty Connell, Mary Grace Emde, Marge Leader, Brad Patch, Nilda Teruel, Drew Huff, Juana Rivero, Hortencia Molar Reyes, Melba Perez, Helen Smith and Kevin Farrell.

KEEPING ADVENT AT IHM



A FAMILY ADVENT OPEN HOUSE will be offered on the Third Sunday of Advent, December 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the historic church. Come hear beautiful Advent music, learn Advent customs from around the world and make Advent crafts for the home. All are welcome!

THE GIVING TREE helps make Christmas a day of joy for many in need in our neighborhood. "Virtual tags" are available online. Please purchase and wrap the requested gift, affix the tag to the outside of the wrapped gift, and return it no later than Sunday, December 5. Thank you from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THE PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE is Monday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m. Our parish priests will have the assistance of a number of neighboring priests in the celebration of the sacrament. Plan now to make this healing evening part of your preparation for Christmas.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, the patronal feast of the Catholic Church in the United States, is December 8. Come honor the Mother of the Redeemer at the Tuesday 7:00 p.m. vigil Mass in Spanish or Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE is omitted on the liturgical calendar this year because December 12 is the Third Sunday of Advent. But the customary festivities will follow the 6:00 p.m. vigil Mass in Spanish on Saturday, December 11. All are welcome.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS: As we hear the gospel of the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel to Mary, we will offer a special blessing for expectant mothers on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in English and the 1:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish. All are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

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. 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

November 13 & 14

Offertory	\$ 10,503.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 12,679.50
Total Offertory	\$ 23,182.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 10,772.75

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Next weekend's second collection will be for our Parish Debt Reduction Fund.

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COUNSELING

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

WORLD AIDS DAY

December 1

As of 2019, Georgia had the highest rate of any state in the country of new HIV diagnoses. New infections have been concentrated in low-income communities where structural inequalities create barriers to stemming the tide of new infections as well as preventing existing HIV infections from becoming AIDS. Inequalities feed pandemics and threaten the life and dignity of millions around the world.

This year's World AIDS Day Prayer Service will be Wednesday, December 1 at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 2560 Tilson Road, Decatur 30032. Father Desmond Drummer, pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament Church and chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy High School, will preside. Join us as we pray for those infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and caregivers and for an end to the injustices that obstruct the fight against this and all pandemics.

COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

December 4-5

The second of two Covid vaccine clinics will be held at IHM, offering second doses as well as booster shots.

Saturday, December 4, 6:30-8:30PM

Sunday, December 5, 2:00-7:30PM

The clinic will take place in the historic church. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available. Pre-register at [dekalbvax.coresresponse.org](https://www.dekalbvax.coresresponse.org). Scroll down the list to find IHM. Pre-registration is NOT required. Walk-ins are welcome.

SVDP GIVING TREE

Please consider sponsoring a child in need at Christmas through the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Giving Tree. "Virtual Christmas tags" for children in need will be available online beginning November 15 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ihmgivingtree2021>. If you do not have access to a computer, please call 404-248-3977 between 9am and 8pm to speak with a SVDP member. Gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 5.



If you are unable to purchase a gift for a child but would like to donate to SVDP for the Giving Tree program, donations can be dropped off or mailed to the parish office, ATTN: IHM SVDP Giving Tree Program. For more information please visit the parish website.

FROM THE IHM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

IHM Athletic Association is looking to hire Gym Monitors during the current basketball season. We are looking for 2-3 adults to be a point of contact for teams as they arrive, and also help with the flow of the day. Pay is \$15/hr and most Saturdays are 6-8 hours, but could be broken up into shifts. Contact Melissa Snipes at melissa@snipeshome.com if you are interested.

WORKING IN ST. VINCENT'S VINEYARD

This being the month of Thanksgiving, it seems appropriate to linger longer on the concept of giving thanks and put it into the context of one of our recent opportunities discovered by helping The Poor.

He is a 58-year-old single male who has lived in the area without any family nearby for 30 years. He is a Spanish-speaker who gained self-sufficiency via his work in landscaping and day labor. He struggled with diabetes for years and was forced to have his leg amputated last March.

Upon awakening from the surgery, he despaired and felt he could not go on. Two days later, as he tells it, he had a revelation, one that gave him the resolve to fight on. His reasoning? He realized that there are millions of others in this world who are worse off than himself, and who was he to give up? He wanted to fight for his independence.

When our Spanish-speaking Vincentian first contacted him, he was grateful for the help with his rent and some food. St. Vincent de Paul was the first charity to help him. But that's where his story gets better. Each neighbor in need that is helped by our Vincentians gets a follow up contact to make sure things went well with the agreed support. In this case, the man revealed his struggles to apply for prosthetics and to figure out a way to get help in paying for it.

Our Vincentian worked with him to fill out the application in English, get it filed, and in two weeks, learn that the supporting charity was going to pay for the whole treatment plan! Once set up, our Vincentian took him to a series of three appointments to have his new leg fitted properly, serving as his translator the whole way.

By going the extra mile, by recognizing the man's tenacity, endurance and humanity, this Vincentian gave him a solid foundation for a productive future, and a whole new perspective on giving thanks. Our Vincentian was so thankful to have had the good fortune to know this man and feel the man's reciprocal thanks for being there to support his journey toward independence.

If parishioners need help, they can call 678-892-6163. If you would like more information about volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, please reach out to Robin Patton at ihmsvdp2855@gmail.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 5

Our next blood drive is on January 5. The cut-off date for participation is November 8. You may make a donation before that date, which would be appreciated, and still be eligible to donate at our drive on January 5.

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

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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. Scripture study is currently being offered on Zoom. Contact Dr. Bachner for instructions on how to join:
bachner@juno.com

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 28

• Thanksgiving Break

In observance of Thanksgiving Break, there will be no faith formation programs on November 21 or 28. All programs will resume in-person on Sunday, December 5.

• Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias

Debido al Día de Acción de Gracias, no habrá programas de catequesis el 24 de noviembre ni el 1 de diciembre. Todas las programas se reanudarán en persona el 5 de diciembre.

THE ADVENT OPEN HOUSE

December 12

The Advent Open House is back! On Sunday, December 12, families with young children are invited to come celebrate the season in the historic church, following the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses. We will be treated to a live English-language enactment of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as well as a special Advent craft. All are welcome.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We will be holding Confirmation classes for adults on Wednesday nights, beginning in December. Classes will take place in the lower level of the church, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

These classes are not for people who are *becoming* Catholic (see sidebar) but rather for Catholic adults who, for whatever reason, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Participants who meet the requirements and are adequately prepared will be confirmed in April. To enroll or learn more, please contact Drew Denton: ddenton@ihmatlanta.org.

SYNOD 2021-2023

As We are embarking upon a two-year "journey of prayer, listening and discernment" known as Synod 2021-2023. The first phase of this journey involves a broad consultation of the People of God: in our parish, the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and around the world.

Please continue to check the bulletin and IHM website over the coming weeks to learn how you can participate in this effort to become a "Listening Church." The Archdiocese of Atlanta is already soliciting questions about the Synod process at their website. Make your voice heard and sign up for email updates at:

<https://archatl.com/synod/>

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YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Thanksgiving Break! We hope you all have had a wonderful time with your families, NO Youth Group tonight. Youth Group will resume with Wednesday night Bible Study on December 1.

BIBLE STUDY(WORD ON WEDNESDAY)

We look forward to welcoming all high schoolers to the Wednesday evening Word on Wednesday, High school bible study group. This group is a free offering to any high schooler. We meet at the Maloney Center at 7:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. Snack provided!

CHWC (CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP):

What you need to know:

The trip is July 17-22!

Mission-based camp

- It is out of state, we travel and meet other Catholic from across the country.
- This summer we are going to Greensboro, NC. Friendships are made deepen your relationship with Jesus.
- You will have an amazing time!

Spots are limited so reserve yours now! The sign-up form can be found on the Youth Ministry webpage.

<https://ihmatlanta.org/chwc>

FOLLOW YM

Don't forget you can follow the youth ministry happenings on FaceBook, search IHM Edge & Lifeteen. You can also follow us on Instagram for daily scripture and reminders @ihmatlyouth



TO LOVE HIM IS TO SERVE HIM!

Now that more people are returning to church, 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 members (musicians and vocalists), Sound Techs, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (if you are 16 and Confirmed). Email Mr. Jeff Bush at jeffbush@ihmatlanta.org if you are interested.

IHM SCHOOL

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WELCOME ALI!

IHM School has hired a new Director of Advancement! Ali Arttime Barton (IHM '99 and St. Pius '03) is the former Director of IHM Church's Divine Playtime & Nursery, and helped start the school's new Pre-K program. Ali and her husband, Jason, have three children who attend IHM School. She's excited to work with the school!



THANKSGIVING ART
Did you have a hard time finding a turkey this Thanksgiving? That might be because Kindergarten made sure they were all cleverly disguised!



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.

CONFESIÓN Y UNCIÓN

Jueves de 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. en español, y en inglés los sábados a las 9:00 a.m. (Se requieren mascarillas, y se observa el distanciamiento social)

MATRIMONIOS

Llamar al Padre Robbie Cotta 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

Jeremías 33:14-16
1 Tesalios 3:12—4:2
Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Noviembre 13 y 14

Ofertorio	\$	10,503.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	12,679.50
Ofertorio Total	\$	23,182.50
San Vicente de Paul	\$	10,772.75

FIESTA EN HONOR A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Sábado 11 de diciembre

Empezando a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial

Tendremos:

- Coros Guadalupanos
- Proceión de Imágenes de la Virgen de Guadalupe
- Rosario
- Bendición a las Lupitas y San Juan Diegos
- Las Apariciones de la Virgen
- Danzas
- Compartir Tamales y Atole
- Mariachi
- 11:30 las Mañanitas a la Virgen



Si desea hacer donación de tamales para la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe favor de mandar un texto a Estella Flores 404-808-6036 con su nombre y la cantidad de tamales que desea donar.



Nuestra parroquia se está asociando con Caridades Católicas para dar la bienvenida a una familia de refugiados de Afganistán a una nueva vida en Atlanta.

Este proyecto requerirá una importante inversión de recursos voluntarios y financieros. Dedicaremos nuestra recaudación de fondos por iGiveCatholic el "Giving Tuesday" a esta empresa.

Por favor ore por la llegada segura de esta familia y por la seguridad de los 80 millones de refugiados y personas desplazados del mundo.

VOLUNTARIOS PARA LA PASTORELA

Estamos invitando a los miembros de la comunidad, adultos, niños y jóvenes, que quieran participar en la pastorela para las Posadas. Necesitamos adultos que hagan el papel de pastores, María y José. Niños que se vistan de angelitos, de varios animalitos y de arbolitos o flores. Si desean participar, por favor comunicarse con Alicia Guerrero al 404-636-1418 X 227 o por email: aguerrero@ihmatlanta.org.

MINISTERIO DE PAREJAS

Les invitamos para que se unan a un grupo de parejas que desean compartir sus experiencias de vida matrimonial y de pareja, y la manera de crecer juntos en el amor de Dios, la vida cristiana y el fortalecimiento en pareja. Este grupo se reúne los domingos, de 11:30am-1:30pm en el salón 204 de la escuela de IHM. Si necesita más información, por favor llamen a Ignacio Sánchez y Gaby Hernández al 404-454-7361 o por email: misericordiahdez@gmail.com

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano.

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