IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 2, 2022

From our Pastor

Dear friends in the Word made Flesh,

December 26 is the Feast of St. Stephen, deacon and first martyr of the Church. Although St. Stephen's Day was passed over this year because the Feast of the Holy Family fell on December 26, we will very soon have good reason to celebrate the legacy of deacons right here at IHM!

On February 5, after more than 5 years of discernment and formation, IHM's James Martin will be ordained by Archbishop Hartmayer to the Order of Deacons.

Immaculate Heart of Mary has been richly blessed over the years by the ministry of permanent deacons. Deacon Bob Hauert served as our Director of Discipleship for many years, and during the nine months of 2014-15 that IHM was without a resident pastor, Bob very capably administered the parish. IHM's Erik Wilkinson was ordained to the diaconate in 2017. Some of you may also remember the service here of Deacon Mike Byrne and Deacon Jimmy Stewart.

Over the years, you have encountered deacons at the Sunday Eucharist and in their preaching; they have baptized your children, witnessed the marriages of the betrothed and honored your dead with Christian burial. But the real heart of diaconal ministry is much less visible. It consists in the countless acts of charity and service these men offer the Body of Christ week in and week out: calling on the hospitalized, homebound and grieving, visiting jails and prisons, assisting the parish's many ministries and organizations, and often simply lending a loving and sympathetic ear.

Please keep James Martin and all those being ordained on February 5 in your prayers. We will celebrate James' ordination with a brief reception in the church lower level following each English Mass on the weekend of February 5-6 and each Spanish Mass on February 12-13. Please plan now to join us.

Through the example of James, Bob, Erik and all the Church's permanent deacons, may the call to *diakonia*, or service, grow in the heart of every baptized member of our parish family.

Blessed Epiphany!

Christmas Concert!

The Christmas concert by the combined forces of our parish music program is this Friday evening at 7:00 in the church.

For Catholics, the Christmas season continues well 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 Lord's Nativity together in song.

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

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 9

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

Saturday, January 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** **[Holyday of Obligation]** Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. *No 4:00 Mass* *No 6:00 Mass*	All people of the parish All people of the parish
Sunday, January 2 **SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY** Isaiah, 60:1-6; Ephesians, 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Lynne Vidmar and Shannon McDonald † Ouedraogo Kouma Paul and Poda Roberta † All people of the parish Rev. Terrence Kane †
Monday, January 3 Christmas Weekday 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25	8:30 a.m.	Barbara Songy
Tuesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44	8:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rosy †
Wednesday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52	8:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nazareth Swamy †
Thursday, January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22a	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Deniz † Melissa Versane
Friday, January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16	8:30 a.m.	*Communion service*
Saturday, January 8 Christmas Weekday 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30		
Sunday, January 9 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22		
Saturday, January 8 Vigil Masses:	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Doris Valentino † Esperanza Camacho †
Sunday, January 9	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Carlene Bollinger † Frank Sestak † Elisea Damaso Cruz † All people of the parish

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Hugo Alfaro, Rodolfo Flores Damaso, Sean Alaniz, Miguel Castrejon, 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 and Diego Castellanos.

And please pray for the sick: Karen Gruenwald, Amira Stella Mendez, Teresa Gernazian, Lynn Campbell, Fred Patterson, Austin Harris, Georgia Abraham Wilson, Mary Smith, Margaret Rogers, William Luse, London Shirley, Darlene Haslouer, Carmen Graciaa, Leo Gilsdorf, David Caron, Benjamin Heller, Moises Tellez, Jim Olsen, Betty Connell, Mary Grace Emde, Marge Leader, Brad Patch, Nilda Teruel, Drew Huff, Juana Rivero and Melba Perez.

Stewardship

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of parish financial support for 2021 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.

GIVE BY TEXT

You can now make a contribution to IHM with a quick text message! Simply send a text to 888-418-5704. In the message just indicate the amount you would like to contribute. (Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. Example: $25.) Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

PAYPAL

You can conveniently make one-time offertory gifts scanning this QR Code. This code will take you directly to the IHM PayPal account. Please enter your envelope number in the notes field if you have it available

OFFERTORY

December 11-12		
Offertory	$	22,842.00
Electronic Offertory	$	13,341.50
Total Offertory	**$**	**46,183.50**
Religious Retirement	$	1,171.00
December 18-19		
Offertory	$	17,982.00
Electronic Offertory	$	35,104.28
Total Offertory	**$**	**53,086.28**
St. Vincent de Paul	$	21,016.75

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

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

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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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 5

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive is this Wednesday 3:00-8:00 p.m., in the historic church. Visit redcrossblood.org and use code "IHM" to schedule an appointment, or call Nikki VanDerGrinten at 770-986-4996. The cut-off date for donor eligibility was November 8.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

January 7

The Christmas concert by the combined forces of our parish Music Ministry is Friday, January 7 at 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 we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation together in song.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN RETURNS

After a 2-year hiatus, Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume at the 9:00 a.m. Mass in January! Children ages 5-7 will be dismissed from Mass prior the first reading and go downstairs to hear God's Word in a more accessible and engaging format. They will return just before the Eucharist. No registration is required—just send your kids forward when the priest calls them. *We are looking for more adult volunteers to help with this ministry. If interested, please contact Drew Denton in the parish office.*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MORNING OF REFLECTION

January 29

Saturday morning, January 29 will be set aside as a time of prayer, reflection and continuing formation for our liturgical ministers who speak English. (Those who prefer Spanish will meet in coming months.) Invitations will arrive soon. Mark your calendars now!

WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD
JAMES WILLIAM MARTIN
WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE
ORDER OF DEACONS
BY THE MOST REVEREND
GREGORY J. HARTMAYER, OFM CONV.
ARCHBISHOP OF ATLANTA
ON SATURDAY, THE FIFTH OF FEBRUARY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
FOLLOWING EACH ENGLISH MASS
ON FEBRUARY 5 AND 6
AND EACH SPANISH MASS
ON FEBRUARY 12 AND 13

ANNO
DOMINI
MMXXII

The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! Numbers 6:24-26

Please stay in touch!

Visit www.ihmatlanta.org and click "Stay in Touch With Us" under the "Our Church" tab.

And follow us:

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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, January 2

- REMINDER: CHRISTMAS BREAK There will be no faith formation programs on December 19, December 26, or January 2. All programs will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Happy Holidays!
- RECUERDA: VACACIONES NAVIDEÑAS No habrá programas de catequesis el 19 y 26 de diciembre y el 2 de enero. Todos los programas se reanudaran el domingo 9 de enero. !Felices Fiestas!

SYNOD 2021-2023

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, our archdiocese, and around the world.

In the coming weeks, churches throughout the Archdiocese of Atlanta will be hosting "listening sessions." As we prepare to participate in these sessions, the church asks us to reflect on ten themes.

V. CO-RESPONSIBLE IN THE MISSION

Synodality is at the service of the Church's mission, in which all her members are called to participate. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is each Baptized person called to be a protagonist in the mission? How does the community support its members committed to service in society (social and political commitment, in scientific research and teaching, in the promotion of social justice, in the protection of human rights, and in caring for the Common home, etc.)? How do you help them to live out these commitments in a logic of mission? How is discernment about mission-related choices made, and who participates in it? How are the different traditions that constitute the patrimony of many Churches, especially the Oriental ones, integrated and adapted, with respect to the synodal style, in view of an effective Christian witness? How does collaboration work in territories where different *sui iuris* Churches are present?

Please continue to check the bulletin and IHM website for updates.

Please complete the official Archdiocese of Atlanta Synod Survey today:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATLSynodSurvey

Youth Ministry

NET MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

We are so excited to welcome NET ministries to IHM on February 18, 2022! The retreat will be from 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. held in the school gym. We will have fellowship, worship, dinner, and Adoration. It will be a wonderful evening! Save the date and sign-up online today! ihmatlanta.org/net-retreat

YOUTH GROUP

Christmas Break will be from December 18 to January 2. Have a blessed and joyous season! Share the light with the world. We look forward to seeing all the high and middle schoolers back on January 9 at 6:00 p.m. We're excited to welcome all the second-year confirmation teens to their immediate prep! All teens will start in the cafeteria! See you all soon!

BIBLE STUDY (WORD ON WEDNESDAY)

High school Bible Study will be online for the Winter. We look forward to welcoming all high schoolers to the Wednesday evening Word on Wednesday, High school bible study group. To join please just email a request to participate and I will send you a Zoom link. The link will also be included in the weekly email to the parents.

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 Catholics 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.

IHM School

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OPEN HOUSE

January 19

Join us for an **Open House** on Wednesday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. to learn how IHM School students live by our four pillars of *Faith*, *Knowledge*, *Service* and *Integrity*. Please visit our website to confirm your spot today: www.ihmschool.org or email Meaghan Schroeder at admissions@ihmschool.org.

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

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

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Diciembre 11– 12		
Ofertorio	$	22,842.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	$	13,341.50
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Retiro de Religiosos	**$**	**1,171.00**

DONACION DE SANGRE

5 de enero

La donación de sangre programada de la Cruz Roja tendrá lugar este miércoles 5 de enero de 3:00pm a 8:00pm. Para programar una cita debe registrarse en redcrossblood.org. El código de patrocinador: ihm. Las reservaciones se están llenando rápidamente, así que tome medidas ahora para reservar un tiempo conveniente para usted. (Siempre puede cancelar o reprogramar).

Dona Sangre Dona VIDA

CONCIERTO DE NAVIDAD

7 de enero

El concierto de Navidad por todos los ministros de música de nuestra parroquia es este viernes a las 7:00 p.m. aquí en la iglesia. Conserven la Navidad viva en el corazón mientras celebramos el misterio de la encarnación con canciones.

DIA INFORMATIVO

19 de enero

Únase a nosotros para un día informativo de puertas abiertas el miércoles 19 de enero a las 6:00 p.m. para aprender cómo viven los estudiantes de IHM School según nuestros cuatro pilares de Fe, Conocimiento, Servicio e Integridad. Visite nuestro sitio web para confirmar su lugar hoy: www.ihmschool.org o envíe un correo electrónico a Meaghan Schroeder a admissions@ihmschool.org.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es 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 de nuestra parroquia.