



IMMACULATE
HEART^{OF}MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH




FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 18, 2022


VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 p.m. Mass for families with small children

5:00 p.m. Mass for families with small children

7:00 p.m. 

9:00 p.m. (Spanish) 

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Masses at 9:00 a.m.[†], 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (Spanish)

 available via livestream at www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream

[†] celebrated without incense

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 24.

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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.

Misa en Español

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 a.m. (except Holy Saturday)
Thursday 6:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Sábado 9:00 a.m. (excepto Sábado Santo)
Jueves 6:00 p.m.

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 offered monthly in church following the Saturday 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:30 p.m. Masses, and 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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Office Hours /Horas de Oficina

Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.


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<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

DECEMBER 17— DECEMBER 25

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

Sunday, December 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Saturday, December 17 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Bessie Abbott †
6:00 p.m. Anuar Chavez y Sara Tello †

Sunday, December 18:

9:00 a.m. Betty Norrell †
11:30 a.m. Jon Francis Eiswerth †
1:30 p.m. All people of the parish
5:00 p.m. Vivian and Irena Lett†

Monday, December 19

Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Manuel Zaa †

Tuesday, December 20

Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-3

8:30 a.m. Marilyn Dugan †

Wednesday, December 21

Advent Weekday; St. Peter Canisius, bishop

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Vi Clement †

Thursday, December 22

Advent Weekday

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

8:30 a.m. George Schuckman †
7:00 p.m. Tomasa Castañon †

Friday, December 23

Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty, priest

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

8:30 a.m. Mary & Devasia Kunnakatt †

Saturday, December 24

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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

No morning confessions

3:00 p.m. All people of the parish
5:00 p.m. All people of the parish
7:00 p.m. All people of the parish
9:00 p.m. All people of the parish
12:00 a.m. All people of the parish

Sunday, December 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

9:00 a.m. All people of the parish
11:30 a.m. All people of the parish
1:30 p.m. All people of the parish

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Mark Jeffrey, Virginia Krawiec, Eduardo Villalobos Cadena, David John Bello, Tom Boyle, Betty Norrell, Edna Deckbar, Christopher Esbensen, Phoebe Davis, Alice Bishop, Doris Koch, David Hiland, Vi Clement, Lydia Esther Suarez Rivera, Dorothy Todd, Don Roux, Linli Yueh Leo, Gloria Armstrong, Fred Hedges, Elizabeth Malloy, Miriam Herrera Lovera, Evelyn Beardsley, Mabel Francis Caron and Elvira McClain.

And please pray for the sick: Mary Edwards, Joseph S. Lechowicz, Jo Ann Morgan, Teresa Gauthier, Nan Nettleman, Blanca Azcuy, Ben Wilson, Phil Jardina, Amos Holcomb, Phyllis Lewis, Pat Howard, Estrella Muñiz, Ryan Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, Richard Yelton, Hiuko Adams, Anne Rutz, Sylvia Dominguez, Dennis Patron, Mark Sebacher, Mary Ann McCullough, Gary Payne, Kenneth Nicolosi and Nelson Paredes.

STEWARDSHIP

Year-end Giving Reminders

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thank you in advance for your generous support of IHM at Christmas. Normally, the Christmas collection provides a significant portion of the funds used all year long to support our many ministries and programs. With December 25 falling on a Sunday this year, the absence of an additional collection for Christmas Day could mean a loss of as much as \$60,000 here at IHM. That, as you know, is more than the salaries of our two priests put together!

For that reason, we ask you to bring *both* your regular Sunday offering *and* a Christmas offering with you to mass this Christmas. And if your circumstances allow you to make any special year-end charitable gifts, please consider including IHM among them.

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.

DEADLINE AND STATEMENTS

Remember the December 31 deadline for charitable gift tax deductions. Contact Rich Plachta at 404-636-1418 ext 245 or rplachta@ihmatlanta.org for information on how to transfer stock or other assets. Checks postmarked in 2022, but delivered in 2023, can be claimed as a deduction in 2022. Statements of contributions to IHM for 2022, 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.

2022 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you made a pledge to the 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal back in February, you should be receiving pledge reminders by mail or email; please do your best to fulfill that pledge before year's end. If you have not yet made your pledge, and your circumstances permit, please do so today by visiting www.archatl.com/appeal and clicking on Make a Gift. Be sure to designate Immaculate Heart of Mary as your parish when you do so.

OFFERTORY

December 3 & 4

Offertory	\$ 22,354.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 19,160.49
Total Offertory	\$ 41,514.49
Debt Reduction	\$ 2,598.00

December 11 offertory is not available due to holiday publishing schedule.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection is for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Charities.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

December 19

Hanging of the Greens is Monday, December 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and finishing before 9:00. Come for all of it, or just part of it. On your way home, treat yourself to some hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. Come help prepare our church home for our celebration of Christ's birth!



THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

January 6

The combined forces of our parish Music Ministry will offer a Christmas Concert on Friday, January 6 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 in song. A reception and sing-along will follow in the historic church.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

January 11

Save the date! Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Wednesday, January 11. Cut-off date for this drive is November 16; donating blood at another facility beyond that date disqualifies your participation on January 11.



**American
Red Cross**

FROM THE IHM AIDS MINISTRY

For the past few years, the IHM AIDS Ministry has provided about 150 bags of personal care items to uninsured and underinsured clients living with HIV/AIDS who are treated at the Early Intervention Clinic (EIC) at Mercy Care in downtown Atlanta. We asked the EIC team to tell us about the clients who receive these bags and how they are distributed and used by clients. Here is what the team told us....

"Many of our clients are indigent, homeless, or living with limited income. Even those clients who are employed often have need of assistance. Many live with family members, such as a grandmother who cares for a client's children, in order to avoid being homeless. For these clients, this support is even more substantial and needed."

"The bags received from the IHM AIDS Ministry are distributed daily to clients. They contain personal care items (e.g., bath soap, towels, toothbrushes, shampoo) and household cleaning items (e.g., detergent, dishwashing soap, cleanser). These everyday items are often taken for granted, but to the clients receiving them, they are a Godsend. We are always greeted with such gratitude from those receiving the bags. Every item, from body soap to household cleaner and hair products, is greatly appreciated. We are ever so grateful to the IHM AIDS Ministry for this support to our health care service and our clients."

AIDS Ministry members purchase the items and assemble 20 bags per session 3-4 times per year. If you would like to support this activity—financially or by donating items for the bags—please contact Jose Villegas at jvillegas@solconstructionllc.com or Laurie Ann Fallon at lafallon@gmail.com. Thank you!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PETITION TO REPEAL GEORGIA'S DEATH PENALTY

The Catechism teaches that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person." Mobilizing to repeal the death penalty in our state, where we see it disproportionately affecting the already poor and marginalized, is urgently needed to protect human life and dignity. As members of the Catholic faithful in Georgia, we must work together to ensure that the laws in our state respect all life at every stage. For more information about the work to repeal the death penalty in Georgia and how you can get involved, please visit www.gacadp.org/repeal.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Have you ever considered the possibility of serving God as a priest? Come pray and explore if this could be the vocation God has prepared for you. Join us for our annual Men's Discernment Retreat December 26-27 at Ignatius Retreat House. To register go to calledbychrist.com.

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stay in touch!

Visit www.ihmatlanta.org
and click "Stay in Touch"
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

December 18

- **REMINDER:** There will be no faith formation programs on December 18, December 25, or January 1. All programs will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2023. Merry Christmas!
- **RECUERDA:** No habrá programas de catequesis el 18 y 25 de diciembre y el 1 de enero. Todos los programas se reanudarán el domingo 8 de enero. ¡Feliz Navidad!

CELEBRATING ADVENT

O Antiphons

Since at least the 8th century, the antiphons that accompany the Cantic of Mary, or the Magnificat, in Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours have marked the Church's final countdown to Christmas. Use them to guide your prayers and reflections around the Advent wreath this week.

- o **December 17** – O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!
- o **December 18** – O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!
- o **December 19** – O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!
- o **December 20** – O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!
- o **December 21** – O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death!
- o **December 22** – O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!
- o **December 23** – O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

God of Love,
your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.

For more Advent prayers and activities, including free resources,
Advent calendars and Jesse Trees,
visit: <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent>.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ON BREAK

Reminder the whole Youth Group is on break from December 18-January 2. We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 8. Have a beautiful and peaceful Advent and Christmas Season!

CONFIRMATION

We are very excited to move into the stage of immediate preparation for confirmation starting January 8! All our second-year confirmation preparation teens will begin Decision Point. This will happen in the cafeteria, at 6:00 pm each Sunday, for all of our Catholic school and public-school students all together. Can't wait to do this leg of the journey with you!



CHWC 2023

Where: Richmond, VA

When: June 18-23, 2023

Why: to grow in faith and relationship with Christ while getting to serve those in need as Christ's hands and feet, while making some great memories along the way! Sign-ups are available now! Save your spot today! <https://ihmatlanta.org/chwc>

STRONGER TOGETHER

As you probably already know, the Youth Group is working on supporting different groups in and out of our church community each month this year. This month, the teens will be making some Christmas cards for children and their parents who are in the hospital during Christmas

PARENT FOLLOW-UP

In youth group we are focusing on the season of Advent and holiness. Being holy is about authentically living as the person God created us uniquely to be, which is such a great thing to center ourselves on while we try to prepare ourselves in the Advent season for Christ's second coming. Parents, some follow-up questions that might make for some interesting dinner conversations are:

- In Advent, we are called to prepare for the Savior's coming. How can you prepare with joy?
- Joy radiates. When we are joyful, others see this and crave the same joy. How can you spread your joy to others?

(Remember to answer these questions yourself! Encourage your teen to share their thoughts with you, but open that door by sharing your thoughts too.)

IHM SCHOOL

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IHM
Open House
January 10
6:00 PM



Join us! Register at ihmschool.org

GRACE SCHOLARS

Register now for your 2023 State of Georgia tax credit that benefits Catholic education. GRACE Scholars provides scholarships to children from families with financial need in grades PreK-12 for use at participating schools located in the state of Georgia. Donors will receive a 100 percent State of Georgia tax credit for donations. For more information and to register for 2023, visit www.gracescholars.org.

2023 Tax Credit Limit Increases: Single Filer: \$2500; Married Filing Separately: \$2500; Married Filing Jointly: \$5000. Don't miss out on this tax credit opportunity. Register early!



ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

18 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2022

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.

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 7:10-14
Romanos 1:1-7
Mateo 1:18-24

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Diciembre 3 & 4

Ofertorio	\$	22,354.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	19,160.49
Ofertorio Total	\$	41,514.49
Reducción de Deuda	\$	2,598.00

LAS POSADAS EN IHM

15-23 de diciembre

Este año, tendremos las posadas en nuestra parroquia del 15 al 23 de diciembre. Le invitamos a usted y a su familia para que se unan a esta celebración participando en una noche de *oración, reflexión y diversión*. Preparemos juntos el camino para la llegada del Niño Jesús. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

NAVIDAD EN INMACULADO CORAZÓN DE MARÍA

VIGILIA DE LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

NOCHEBUENA, SÁBADO 24 DE DICIEMBRE

3:00 p.m. Misa para familias con niños pequeños (inglés)

5:00 p.m. Misa para familias con niños pequeños (inglés)

7:00 p.m. Misa (inglés)

📺 9:00 p.m. Misa (español)

📺 12:00 a.m. Misa (inglés)

LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

DOMINGO 25 DE DICIEMBRE

9:00 a.m. Misa (inglés)

11:30 a.m. Misa (inglés)

1:30 p.m. Misa (español)

📺 significa Misa disponible por transmisión en vivo en www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream.

No habrá confesiones el sábado 24 de diciembre

MINISTERIO DE PAREJAS

El Ministerio de Parejas invita, no sólo a los matrimonios casados por la iglesia, sino a todas las parejas de la comunidad, para que se unan al nuevo grupo que va a comenzar. La misión de este ministerio es ayudar a las parejas a fortalecer su relación y su vida familiar, proporcionándoles los recursos y la información que necesitan en su caminar. Para más información, por favor visita nuestra mesa en el nártex después de misa.

RETIRO DE BIENVENIDOS (C.R.S.P.)

Primer retiro de Bienvenidos (C.R.S.P) para hombres: 20 a 22 de enero, 2023

Primer retiro de Bienvenidos (C.R.S.P) para mujeres: 27 a 29 de enero, 2023

Donación por persona: \$50

Para más información, por favor de contactar a Ana Romero al (470) 899-2860 o Froylan Tenorio al (678) 818-8258

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de Nuestra Parroquia.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para las caridades Católicas.