



IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 19, 2023

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear IHM family,

Our parish is now 65 years old—still younger than me! And unlike me, it shows no signs of decline—only robust growth and renewed energy as we recover together from years of pandemic.

2023 will be a great year for IHM. Last November, many of you provided feedback about the opportunity to transform our historic church into a lovely parish hall. I'm pleased to report that 93% of respondents to the survey were in favor of moving forward with plans to renovate the historic church.

The Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, and you, our parish family, agree that it's now time to fulfill the promise made when the *new* church was built in 2008.

In the early weeks of this year, I summoned a building review committee to look at the architectural plans for the renovation developed in 2009 and to update them to ensure they meet our parish's current needs. We'll be sharing more soon on what you can expect to see in the new parish hall.

We've also formed a capital campaign committee, chaired by Nancy Koughan, to implement a fundraising campaign designed to engage and inspire the participation of every member of our parish, as we build on the tradition of generosity and sacrifice of those who built this historic church 65 years ago and those who built the new church nearly 15 years ago.

Many of you have cherished memories of baptisms, first communions, confirmations, weddings and funerals that took place in the historic church through the decades—not to mention Sunday Mass and confessions!

But longtime parishioners and newcomers alike are often surprised to learn how often the historic church is still used today! It is home to retreats, adult faith formation, leadership dinners, St. Vincent de Paul Society programs, senior luncheons, community and ecumenical gatherings, IHM School fundraisers, receptions after weddings and funerals, and much more—on a daily basis.

It will be wonderful to welcome those ministries—and more!—into a setting with working, accessible bathrooms, up-to-date sound and lighting and comfortable, state-of-the-art heating and air!

There will be much more information to come. But today I ask you only to begin to pray for the success of this undertaking.

The last several years have reminded us all what a gift it is to be able to gather. Join me in thanking God for all the ministry meetings, the sacramental celebrations and the community gatherings that will take place in this renovated hall through the parish's *next* 65 years. God bless you!

Your brother in Christ's word and work,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR DEACONS!

We celebrate with our wonderful deacons, whose anniversaries of ordination all fall in February:

Deacon Erik Wilkinson was ordained February 4, 2017

Deacon James Martin was ordained February 5, 2022

Deacon Bob Hauert was ordained February 6, 2010

Deacon Bernardo Buzeta was ordained February 7, 2015

Ad multos annos!

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 5:30 p.m.

Confesiones

Sábado 9:00 a.m. (excepto Sábado Santo)
Jueves 5:30 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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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

FEBRUARY 18— FEBRUARY 26

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

Sunday, February 19

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Saturday, February 18 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. All people of the parish
6:00 p.m. Catechumens & Candidates

Sunday, February 19 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Carlene Bollinger †
11:30 a.m. Catechumens & Candidates
1:30 p.m. Sacerdotes difuntos †
5:00 p.m. Manuel Zaa †

Monday, February 20

Weekday

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29

8:30 a.m. John H. Franz †

Tuesday, February 21

Weekday

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37

8:30 a.m. Mary Nguyen thi Soan †

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

7:00 a.m. The people of the parish
8:30 a.m. The people of the parish
12:00 noon Midday Prayer
5:00 p.m. The people of the parish
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
8:30 p.m. The people of the parish

Thursday, February 23

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

8:30 a.m. Alana Chavez †
7:00 p.m. Javier del Carmen Navarrete

Friday, February 24

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 a.m. Andres Gifford

Saturday, February 25

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Saturday, February 25 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Doris Valentino †
6:00 p.m. All people of the parish

Sunday, February 26 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert N. Azode †
11:30 a.m. Aida Di Soria †
1:30 p.m. Catalina Herrera †
5:00 p.m. Jefre Monteiro †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Paul Skehan, Betty Connell, Christine Burns, Donald Weber, Bob Andrews, Lorenzo Corripio, Arnold D'Amico, Phyllis Lewis, Pat Howard, Ben McGraw, 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 and Fred Hedges.

And please pray for the sick: Miceli de la O, Jim Brennan, Georgina Corripio, Charleigh Strickland, Suzanne Wassel, Luisa Fernanda Vazquez, Michael Somer, Ann Marie Wickson, Mary Edwards, Joseph S. Lechowicz, Jo Ann Morgan, Teresa Gauthier, Nan Nettleman, Blanca Azcuy, Ben Wilson, Phil Jardina, Amos Holcomb, Estrella Muñiz, Ryan Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, Richard Yelton, Hiuko Adams, Anne Rutz, Sylvia Dominguez, Dennis Patron and Mark Sebacher.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



SERVING MORE THAN 1,000,000 CATHOLICS, the mission of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord, and grow all of north and central Georgia in faith, hope, love and service to others. Each of us is commissioned to serve and take action by imitating Jesus, nourished by the Eucharist and eager to do the work of God.

YOUR GIFT TO THE 2023 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL helps make this mission possible by supporting the ministerial, outreach, education, formation, and discipleship work of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please give prayerful consideration to your pledge to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal.

REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE SURPASS OUR PARISH GOAL, all funds donated by our parishioners will be returned to IHM to help us maintain and expand our ministries of worship, faith formation and outreach.

LEARN MORE about the Annual Appeal and donate online at www.archatl.com/appeal.

STEWARDSHIP

TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

More than 30,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands left homeless after a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services is supporting emergency relief efforts led by local partners in both Syria and Turkey. Our gifts will help provide safe shelter, food, clean water and hygiene supplies. Donate now at www.crs.org

ELECTRONIC GIVING

E-giving helps you support your parish when you are traveling or homebound. If you are not presently using a form of electronic giving, please contact the parish Business Manager, Rich Plachta, who can answer your questions.

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!

OFFERTORY

February 11 & 12

Offertory	\$ 11,669.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 14,628.13
Total Offertory	\$ 26,297.13

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for the "Georgia Bulletin".

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KEEPING LENT AT IHM

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22. Lent begins with the imposition of ashes made from last year's blessed palm branches. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during:

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (Spanish)
 - 8:30 a.m. Mass 
 - 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer
 - 5:00 p.m. Mass
 - 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer
 - 8:30 p.m. Misa (Spanish) 

 indicates a Mass that will be livestreamed

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE is offered on the Saturdays of Lent at 9:00 a.m. and on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Our Lent Penance Service is Monday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Monsignor Al and Father Robbie will have the assistance of many neighboring priest confessors, so this is your best opportunity to experience the healing of Reconciliation before Easter.

There will be no confessions during the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be observed on Fridays, February 24 through March 31, at 7:00 p.m. in English and at 8:00 p.m. in Spanish.

FISH FRIES will be offered by the IHM Men's Group on each of the Fridays of Lent, February 24 to March 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Meals will be available for dining in or take-out. You can preorder your meals on the parish website. Come keep your Lenten abstinence from meat in the company of your parish family!

SVDP RECRUITMENT DISPLAY IN THE NARTHEX

Be sure to visit St. Vincent DePaul's recruitment display for new members in the Narthex this weekend. Please take a brochure and contact them for more information about how you can share in SVdP's mission of spiritual growth through service to the poor and the voiceless.

JOB OPENING: FULL-TIME BILINGUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

IHM has an immediate opening for a full-time bilingual Administrative Assistant. This position's duties include, but are not limited to, office reception, telephone answering, disseminating and gathering information, office equipment, supplies ordering and receiving, maintaining and updating parish records and providing administrative support to other staff members including the Pastor. Qualified candidates will possess fluency in both English and Spanish orally and written, working knowledge of MS office suite, organizational skills, attention to detail and working knowledge of the Catholic Faith. Please send resume to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Parish, Attn: Richard Plachta, Business Manager, 2855 Briarcliff Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329 or email to rplachta@ihmatlanta.org.

MUSTARD SEED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

IHM parish is reaching out to all adults and children age 15 and older interested in attending a mission trip to Mustard Seed in the Dominican Republic this summer July 9-15. This is a 6-day trip full of service, prayer and fellowship with the residents and staff of Hogar Immanuel which is home to 48 children and young adults with disabilities. Spanish language skills are not required. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the group size will be limited to 16 missionaries. If interested, please attend an informational meeting on Monday, February 20 at 7:30pm via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/2254655542>. If you cannot attend, please email Susy Alfonso at salfons@emory.edu or call 404-307-7453

VIRTUS TRAINING

The next IHM VIRTUS Protecting God's Children session will be held Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Lower Level. Coffee and snacks will be available. This is one of the Archdiocese of Atlanta's requirements for Safe Environment compliance. Please go to www.virtus.org to pre-register for the class. For more information, please contact Nancy Koughan at nkoughan@comcast.net.

EMBRACE MEETING

February 27

The February meeting will focus on Coping and Grief, 6 Central Needs of Mourning and Emotional Roller Coaster. The meeting will be from 7:30pm-8:30pm in the teen lounge/church nursery and is open to any family that has suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss. Contact Matt and Gail Schaffer at goshaffer@gmail.com or 678-206-7835.

Please 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

Sunday, February 19

- In observance of President's Day, there will be no Faith Formation classes this weekend.
- Debido al Día de los Presidentes, no habrá programas de catequesis esta fin de semana.

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

June 26-30

Registration is now open to all children entering Pre-K through 5th grade in the fall. Registrants do not have to be IHM parishioners. Teens (Grades 6-12) and adults are also encouraged to register as volunteers. Questions? Email vbs@ihmatlanta.org

Child Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/child-registration

Adult Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/adult-registration

Teen Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/teen-registration



THE LETTER MOVIE SCREENING

IHM Church Lower Level**Monday, March 13****7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m**

We are happy to announce that IHM will be holding a community screening of *The Letter*, a film by the Laudato Si' Movement featuring Pope Francis among five leaders representing the voices of indigenous people, the youth, the poor, and the wildlife of our planet. A period of discussion and reflection will follow the movie.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this unique movie event! For more info, go to <https://www.theletterfilm.org/>



RITE OF SENDING

This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending at our 6:00 Saturday and 11:30 Sunday Masses. During this rite, we ask those preparing for baptism to write their names in the Book of the Elect, acknowledging that Christ has called them by name to live as his disciples. We also recognize our baptized candidates, those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Pray for our catechumens and candidates as they take this next step into the fullness of faith!

YOUTH MINISTRY

POST RETREAT UPDATE

Prayers of thanks for a wonderful retreat! We had 55 attendees at our recent middle/high school day retreat. My favorite thing I heard during the retreat was, "I felt God here." Special thanks to Deacon James for leading us in Adoration and to the NET missionaries for all their work. All praise and glory to God! He is good!



CONFIRMATION

Reminder: No session this week in observance of President's Day. Enjoy!

Reminders: please make sure that your teen's Sponsor Form has been turned in and that progress is being made on their Saint selection, which is due by February 26.

Follow-up (dinner discussion with parents): Ask your teen if there is something you can pray about for them, or even better pray about with them!

YOUTH GROUP

Reminder: No session next week in observance of President's Day. Enjoy! We look forward to seeing you all on February 26.

CHWC- CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP 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>



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LIGHTING THE WAY FOR A SAFE FUTURE AT IHM SCHOOL

We had a great start to our Fund-a-Cause efforts at the fabulous "Sail Away" Gala & Auction last Saturday!

This year's endeavor is to provide extra levels of security in and around the school.

The safety of our students is of utmost importance at IHM, and we encourage all families to donate.

Learn more about IHM School's plan to enhance security on campus and how you can support the cause at www.ihmschool.org/fund-a-cause. Support Options by scanning the QR code.



Debit or Credit Card Payment
(Closes Tuesday, February. 28, 2023)

19 DE FEBRERO DE 2023

SÉPTIMO DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

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 5:30 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

Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corintios 3:16-23
Mateo 5:38-48

OFERTORIO SEMANAL



Febrero 11 y 12


Ofertorio	\$	14.669,00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	11.628,13
Ofertorio Total	\$	26.297,13

MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

22 de febrero

La Cuaresma comienza con la imposición de las cenizas hechas con las palmas bendecidas del año pasado. El Miércoles de Ceniza es un día de ayuno y abstinencia. Las cenizas se distribuirán durante::

- 7:00 a.m. Oración de la Mañana
- 8:30 a.m. Misa (Ingles) 
- 12:00 p.m. Oración del Mediodía (Ingles)
- 5:00 p.m. Misa (Ingles)
- 7:00 p.m. Oración de la Tarde (Ingles)
- 8:30 p.m. Misa 

 indica una misa que se transmitirá en vivo

EMBRACE

Febrero 27 a las 7:30pm

Embrace se reúne una vez al mes, con el fin de apoyar padres que han perdido un bebe durante el embarazo o después de nacer. Próxima reunión será el 27 de Febrero a las 7:30. Temas a discutir

1. El duelo y como manejarlo.
2. Las 6 necesidades centrales del duelo.
3. La montaña rusa emocional.

OFERTA DE TRABAJO: ASISTENTE ADMINISTRATIVO BILINGÜE DE TIEMPO COMPLETO

IHM tiene una vacante inmediata para un asistente administrativo bilingüe de tiempo completo. Los deberes de este puesto incluyen, pero no se limitan a, la recepción de la oficina, la atención telefónica, la difusión y recopilación de información, el equipo de oficina, el pedido y la recepción de suministros, el mantenimiento y la actualización de los registros parroquiales y brindar apoyo administrativo a otros miembros del personal, incluido el párroco. Los candidatos calificados tendrán fluidez tanto en inglés como en español de forma oral y escrita, conocimiento práctico de los programas de Microsoft, habilidades de organización, atención a los detalles y conocimiento práctico de la fe católica. Envíe su currículum a la Parroquia Católica Immaculate Heart of Mary, Attn: Richard Plachta, Business Manager, 2855 Briarcliff Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329 o envíe un correo electrónico a rplachta@ihmatlanta.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 "Georgia Bulletin", el boletín de la arquidiócesis.