



IMMACULATE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 23, 2023

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends in the Risen Lord,

The Church knows how to celebrate! It fills the deep night of Holy Saturday with the Light of Christ that shatters the darkness. The great Easter Vigil is followed by Sunday after Sunday of reflections on the triumph of light over darkness and life over death.

In the morning on Easter Sunday we began a 50-day celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord among his stunned disciples. Their unapologetic proclamation becomes a lens that opens ever wider to let in ever more revealing light. We are grateful for the story of Thomas, who is so like us; for the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus; for voice of the Good Shepherd; for Jesus' declaration that he is "the way, the truth and the life"; and for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

It is well for us to remember that those who first heard the Easter proclamation were in exactly the same position relative to the risen Christ as we are. Their faith was based on the apostolic witnesses, who experienced Jesus as alive, and believed in him as Lord and Messiah. It is no more difficult or easy for us to make this the center of our lives than it was for those who first believed.

Whether the proclamation "Christ is risen!" is spoken in amazement in Aramaic or written with quills on vellum in Latin, or tapped out in a tweet, the reality remains precisely the same: Our lives as baptized people must validate this proclamation. The life of Christ who is risen has been given to us. We must receive it wholly and live it daily. Wherever we find ourselves, there we are. And there is where salvation is possible.

We have 50 days to celebrate all of this. We have a lifetime to ponder it.

Easter peace!

GOD of all creation,
your goodness and glory
shine forth
through everything
you have made.

Through the light of faith,
help us to see this world,
our common home,
not as a resource
to dominate and exploit,
but as a gift
to be cherished
by all generations.

Prompted by your Spirit,
we ask this in the name
of Jesus, through whom
all creation was made,
and who is Lord
for ever and ever. Amen.

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.
Sábado: 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.

IHM School/Escuela de IHM

404-636-4488

Website/Sitio Web

<http://www.ihmatlanta.org>



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Avisos de Boletín: Envíe su anuncio por correo electrónico **10 días** antes a dnieto@ihmatlanta.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

APRIL 23 - 29

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

Sunday, April 23

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35

Saturday, April 15 Vigil Masses:

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

Sunday, April 16 Masses:

9:00 p.m. Carlene Bollinger †
11:30 a.m. Frank Wilder †
1:30 p.m. Deacon Richard Johnson †
5:00 p.m. Manuel Zaa †

Monday, April 24

Easter Weekday; St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20

8:30 a.m. Jon Francis Eiswerth †

Wednesday, April 26

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40

8:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Pierce, OP

Thursday, April 27

Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51

8:30 a.m. Reshma Family
7:00 p.m. Josefina Gonzalez Morales

Friday, April 28

Easter Weekday; St. Peter Chanel
Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59

8:30 a.m. Msgr. Richard Lopez

Saturday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Saturday, April 29 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Louis Lett †
6:00 p.m. Lorenzo Corripio †

Sunday, April 30:

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert N. Azode †
11:30 a.m. All the people of the parish
1:30 p.m. Anuar Chavez †
5:00 p.m. Ciaran O'Flherty †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Fr. Tom Stegman, SJ, Richard Plachta, Joseph Lechowicz, Mark Sebacher, 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, and Doris Koch.

And please pray for the sick: Paul Galvin, Julie Coleman, Oscar Ramirez Jr., Michael McGlynn, Rita Panayiotou, Marion Conzelmann, 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, Nan Nettleman, Blanca Azcuy, Ben Wilson, Phil Jardina, Amos Holcomb, Estrella Muñoz, Ryan Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, Richard Yelton, and Hiuko Adams.

STEWARDSHIP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

IN LOVING MEMORY

Honor your loved one this Easter season and help your parish. When you make a gift to the parish endowment fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, they are remembered forever and the parish benefits forever. Got to cfгна.org to support the parish.

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

April 15 & 16

Offertory	\$ 9,011.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 14,785.50
Total Offertory	\$ 23,796.50

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

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

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AROUND THE PARISH

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be “islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference.” In hopes of providing spiritual support and better communicating resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: “Walking with Moms in Need.” We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this effort to serve mothers in need in our community. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Michele McPheely at mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org or Deacon James Martin at jmartin@ihmatlanta.org.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

April 27

The Catholic-Orthodox Initiative of the Aquinas Center invites you to a presentation about the Marriage Liturgical Practices in our respective faith traditions with Dr. Gabriel Radle, Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, 3431 Trickum Road, Marietta, on Thursday, April 27, with refreshments and socializing beginning at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required and closes Monday, April 24!



IHM SOARING EAGLE ROAD RACE

April 29

Join us the morning of Saturday, April 29 for a 5K, 1K and Tot Trot. The race will start at IHM's Historic Church, wind through the neighborhood and finish on the IHM back field. Walkers, strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. This event is open to the entire community. Go to <https://www.ihmschool.org/soaringeagleroadrace> and complete the online race registration form to participate.



EMBRACE MEETING

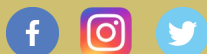
May 15

Embrace Ministry welcomes families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriages, stillbirth or infant loss. Embrace Ministry surrounds all families, regardless of faith, with God's love through compassionate support. The next meeting will take place May 15 from 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the teen lounge/nursery. For more information, please contact Matt and Gail Schaffer at goschaffer@gmail.com.

Please stay in touch!

Visit www.ihmatlanta.org and click “Stay in Touch” under the “Our Church” tab.

And follow us:



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 24

Donate blood and save a life! The next Red Cross blood drive will be May 24, 3:00-8:00 p.m. in the historic church. Anyone planning to participate must avoid donating at another site as of March 29 in order to be eligible to give on May 24.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

May 5-7

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond.

If improving your marriage is important to you, reach out today. For information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend, May 5-7, please contact Mus and Rubina at 404-234-6006 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

DISCERNMENT MASS

May 13

Do you feel God may be calling you to serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta? You are not alone. Come meet other men considering the same possibility at our monthly Discernment Mass. Go to calledbychrist.com/events for more information. These events are reserved for men who are high school seniors and older. If you have any questions, please contact Vocations Director Father Rey Pineda at rpineda@archatl.com or 404-920-7460.

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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, April 23

- All classes will meet at their normal time this week.
- Todas las clases se reunirán en su horario normal esta semana.

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 ybs@ihmatlanta.org.

Child Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/child-registration

Adult Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/adult-registration

Teen Registration

www.ihmatlanta.org/teen-registration



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 7. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year opens for returning students this week. Enrollment information will be communicated in their current classes. For new students, enrollment opens on May 10. Links to the online enrollment form will be posted here in the bulletin and also on the parish website. If you're returning, we look forward to another wonderful year with your family. If you're new to the parish, or to our program, we can't wait to meet you.

Who is eligible to receive First Holy Communion?

In accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines, a student may be considered eligible to receive the Eucharist next year if he or she:

- Is a baptized Catholic who attends Mass regularly
- Is in the 2nd grade or older
- Received religious education during the 2022-2023 school year, either at a Catholic school or in a parish program (i.e., our G.I.F.T. program)
- Is also enrolled in religious education for the 2023-2024 school year, either a Catholic school or a parish program

Who is eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

In accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines, a student may be considered eligible to receive Confirmation next year if he or she:

- Is a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion and attends Mass regularly
- Is in the 10th grade or older
- Received religious education during the 2022-2023 school year, either at a Catholic school or in a parish program (i.e., Life Teen)
- Is also enrolled in religious education for the 2023-2024 school year, either at a Catholic school or a parish program (Life Teen)

THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM NEEDS YOU

Plans are underway for next year's programs. We are looking for passionate, faithful, and reliable adult volunteers to help the kids of our parish draw closer to Christ. If you are interested in any of our ministries, whether it's elementary school catechesis, youth ministry, or sacramental preparation, please contact us (information on sidebar above). We look forward to meeting you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Only the middle school group will meet this Sunday in the Lower Level from 10:00 a.m. - 12:25 a.m. High schoolers preparing for confirmation will be on retreat, so there will be NO high school youth group included for the first-year teens.

NEXT WEEK

We look forward to seeing all the youth group on April 30 for our final get-together of the school year! We'll meet in the gym from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for a pizza, ice cream, and sports party!

CONFIRMATION

Session: formation sessions are complete!

Retreat: just completed this weekend!—praise God for His goodness! The retreat was beautiful. See the website for pictures on Monday!

Important Dates: May 1, 5:00 p.m. rehearsal - for both teens and sponsors. May 8, Confirmation! Teens arrive at 5:00 p.m., Sponsors arrive at 5:30 p.m., Mass starts at 6:00 p.m.

20/20/20

Parents! Come one, come all! Join us for our weekly devotional on Wednesdays in the Youth Lounge in the Lower Level from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. 20 minutes of coffee time, 20 minutes of devotional, 20 minutes prayer. It's a great way to model for your teens how you can make God a priority in your life! See you soon!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP 2023

Where: Richmond, VA

When: June 18-23

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>

VBS

Teens are wanted to and needed to help host VBS at the parish this summer from June 26-30! See the link below for more information: ihmatlanta.org/vbs



IHM SCHOOL

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Last week IHM school sent teams from 3rd through 7th grades to the Archdiocesan Battle of the Books. Students have been reading all year to prepare for this “Jeopardy-style” competition against other Catholic schools around the metro area. All the teams represented IHM very well at the Battle and we are very proud of them.

We're so proud of you!



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

Hechos 2:14,22-33
1 Pedro 1:17-21
Lucas 24:13-35

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Febrero 15 y 16

Ofertorio	\$	9,011.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	14,785.50
Ofertorio Total	\$	23,796.50

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS DINÁMICOS

Buscamos adultos dinámicos que quieran compartir su fe con los niños, jóvenes y adultos de nuestra parroquia. Si estás interesado en alguno de nuestros programas de catequesis, ya sea en la escuela primaria, catequesis juvenil, o preparación sacramental para adultos, favor de llamar a Alicia Guerrero al 404-636-1418 ext. 227 para más información. ¡No se necesita experiencia!

PROCESO DEL RICA

El proceso del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) no termina con la recepción de sacramentos en la primavera. Las sesiones de formación para los que buscan a Cristo, ¡continúa todo el año!

Este es un llamado para las familias con hijos mayores de 7 años sin bautizar y/o adolescentes que no han hecho la Primera Comunión, así como para aquellos adultos que necesiten prepararse para recibir cualquiera de los tres sacramentos de la iniciación Cristiana (Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucaristía). Llamen a Alicia Guerrero al 404-636-1418 ext. 227 para inscribirse. Mas detalles del proceso se publicarán en las siguientes semanas.

CAMINANDO CON MAMÁS NECESITADAS

Las mamás embarazadas y madres con necesidades están en nuestra parroquia y vecindarios. Con la esperanza de brindar apoyo espiritual y comunicar mejor los recursos a las madres embarazadas locales y las familias necesitadas, nuestra parroquia se une a un esfuerzo nacional titulado: "Caminando con las Madres Necesitadas." Para obtener más información y asegurarse de recibir noticias y actualizaciones, comuníquese con Michele McPheely via correo electrónico mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org o Diácono James Martin jmartin@ihmatlanta.org.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP 2023 (CAMPAMENTO JUVENIL)

18-23 de junio

Catholic Heart Work Camp es una increíble experiencia de una semana para adolescentes, donde se enfocan en el servicio, la conexión, y el amor a los demás. Esta experiencia brinda a los grupos de jóvenes oportunidades de servicio para restaurar hogares, alimentar a los hambrientos, brindar alegría a los ancianos y discapacitados. Para obtener más información sobre el campamento, visite ihmatlanta.org/chwc.



CARRERA Y CAMINATA DE SOARING EAGLE

29 de abril

La carrera comenzará en frente de la iglesia histórica y continuará por los alrededores del vecindario y terminará en el campo de IHM. Los ganadores serán anunciados durante la fiesta que tomará lugar después de la carrera. Este evento está abierto para toda la comunidad. Para registrarse, visita ihmatlanta.org/soaring-eagle-road-race.



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 el Fondo de Reducción de Deuda de nuestra parroquia.