



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 7, 2023

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear friends in the Lord,

As many of you know, this spring brought two significant and unforeseen departures from our parish staff. The tragic death of my friend Richard Plachta, our finance director since 2015, was followed closely by the retirement of Jeff Bush, IHM's longtime liturgy and music director.

I set to work immediately searching for candidates for these two critical positions in parish life. If we had had the luxury of time, I would certainly have involved a number of parishioners in these searches and interviews. But because of the urgency, I could only call upon the Holy Spirit to guide these processes and to help the very best people discern a vocation to come join us at IHM.

The Holy Spirit did not disappoint! We received many applications from around the country for each position, several of whom would be a wonderful addition to any parish team. But we are exceptionally blessed that the Spirit led two ideal candidates right to our door:

Philip L. Barreca will be IHM's new Director of Liturgy and Music. Phil holds a BA in music with an emphasis on voice and an MA in music education with an emphasis on choral conducting. He has served in Catholic liturgy and music for 27 years in two states. For the last nine years he has been Director of Music and organist at St. Andrew Church in Roswell. He is a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Chorus. Phil is already known to many at IHM, as he has been accompanying school Masses, weddings and quinceañeras here for several years. (He also speaks Spanish.) Phil will begin his ministry with us on June 5.



Phil Barreca

Craig W. Greer is our new Director of Finance and Administration. Craig holds a BS in accounting and has over 20 years of experience in management and business administration. He is the husband of Peggy Greer and the father of Sarah Jo Takacs, both teachers at IHM School, and an active member of St. Pius X parish in Conyers. Craig began his work with us earlier this week.



Craig Greer

Please join me in welcoming Phil and Craig to their ministries as you meet them over the coming weeks and months. And join me in thanking the Lord for being attentive to our need and holding IHM close to his heart.

Your brother in Christ's word and work,



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>



www.facebook.com/IHMatlanta



@IHMatl



@ihmatlanta

Bulletin Notices: Please submit your request by email **10 days** in advance to dnieto@ihmatlanta.org.

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

MAY 7-13

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

Sunday, May 7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14: 1-12

Saturday, May 6 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Doris Valentino †

6:00 p.m. José Luís Jimenez †

9:00 a.m. Carlene Bollinger †

11:30 a.m. Jon Francis Eiswerth †

1:30 p.m. For the people of the parish

5:00 p.m. Joan Hart Karst †

Sunday, May 7 Masses:

Monday, May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

8:30 a.m. Wilma Piraquive

Tuesday, May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

8:30 a.m. Wadner Piraquive Sr.

Wednesday, May 10

St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

8:30 a.m. Holy Souls Purgatory

Thursday, May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

8:30 a.m. Arturo Hernandez

7:00 p.m. Fernando & Yolanda Muñoz

Friday, May 12

Easter Weekday; St. Nereus and Achilleus

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

8:30 a.m. Manuel Zaa †

Saturday, May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 14

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8; 14:17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

Saturday, May 13 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Mothers' Day Novena

6:00 p.m. Mothers' Day Novena

Sunday, May 14 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Mothers' Day Novena

11:30 a.m. Mothers' Day Novena

1:30 p.m. Mothers' Day Novena

5:00 p.m. Mothers' Day Novena

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: Sylvia Dominguez, Carmen Berenguer, Paul Galvin, Julie Coleman, Oscar Ramirez Jr., Michael McGlynn, Rita Panayioti, 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, and Amos Holcomb.

Fulfilling the PROMISE!

THANK YOU to the hundreds of parishioners who attended the receptions following the Masses last weekend to learn more about our vision to transform our historic church into a parish hall where the IHM community will gather and grow together for years to come. If you were unable to come for the presentation, see Father Al's video message at <https://vimeo.com/823363985>.

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, called *Fulfilling the Promise*, seeks to raise \$3 million for this renovation. The good news is that thanks to the generosity of just 66 households, we've already raised \$1.6 million! That's about 53% of our goal!

FUNDS RAISED NOW will be combined with the approximately \$500,000 raised over the years through the *Finish in Faith* campaign, which have been held in reserve for this project.

PLEDGE MATERIALS have been mailed to every registered household. Extras are available in the church narthex and at the parish office.

YOUR PLEDGE will help bring us closer to realizing this vision! If you haven't already done so, please think and pray about a gift to *Fulfilling the Promise* that is right and meaningful for you, and return a pledge form this week by mail or by placing it in the collection basket at Mass. This will help ensure that we keep our momentum going and can move forward soon to begin construction.

THANK YOU for your good stewardship of IHM!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving can help you support your parish when you are traveling or homebound. If you are not presently using a form of electronic giving, please contact your bank or visit our parish website for more information.

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 29 & 30

Offertory	\$ 7,901.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 12,021.70
Total Offertory	\$ 19,922.70

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Monsignor Albert W. Jowdy
ajowdy@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 235

Parochial Vicar

Father Robbie Cotta
rcotta@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 228

In Residence

Father Jean Ikanga, S.V.D.

Deacons

Deacon Bob Hauert (retired)
bhauert@ihmatlanta.org

Deacon Erik Wilkinson
ewilkinson@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 230

Deacon James Martin
jmartin@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 241

Deacon Bernardo Buzeta
bbuzeta@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 233

STAFF DIRECTORY

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

Fatima Barajas
fbarajas@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 221

Parish Secretary

Silvia Maldonado
smaldonado@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 240

Director of Finance & Administration

Craig W. Greer
cgreer@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 245

Bookkeeper

Katehana Arttime
kartime@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 243

Director of Faith Formation

Drew Denton, Ph.D.
ddenton@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 223

Faith Formation Coordinator

Alicia Guerrero
aguerrero@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 227

Youth Minister

Michele McPheely
mmcpeely@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 222

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant

Veronica Thimann
vthimann@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 236

Director of Liturgy and Music

Phil Barreca

Liturgy & Music Program Assistant

Shelly White
swhite@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 232

Hispanic Ministries & Communications Coord.

David Nieto
dniето@ihmatlanta.org Ext. 229

Director of Operations

Dennis O'Leary
doleary@ihmatlanta.org
404-636-4488 Ext. 335

AROUND THE PARISH

A MESSAGE FROM JEFF BUSH

Dear IHM Family,

As was announced on the Octave of Easter I have retired from my position as Director of Liturgy and Music at IHM. While I look forward to what is in store for me in the future, I will miss IHM terribly. For 20 years I've called IHM my home, and I think in many ways it will always be that. You have blessed me with robust singing (a music director's dream) and supported me in prayer. We've laughed together, cried together and made unforgettable memories together. Keep on being who you are and what makes IHM such a great place to call home!

God bless you all!

Jeff

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Monsignor Al and Father Robbie will celebrate a novena of Masses for the intentions of our mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother's Day, May 14. If you would like to participate in this novena, please submit your mother's name on the form enclosed with your May church envelopes. Extras are available in the church narthex.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

May 13-14

Join us for our clothing drive to benefit our neighbors in need. This is a great opportunity to declutter your closet and give back. Please bring your donations to Mass next weekend and drop them off at the SVDP truck in the upper parking lot.

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.

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

May 19

All young adults of the parish (21+) are invited to a social at the rectory on Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own Charcuterie Board to share, and at the end of the night we'll vote on a winner! Beverages will be provided. Plan to park at the parish and walk carefully across Briarcliff to the rectory.



IHM WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEWCOMERS

May 20

New to the parish? Please join us at the Newcomers Welcome Reception on Sunday, May 20, in the lower lever of the church after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to meeting you and getting to know you and your family better.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 24

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. By donating blood, you are helping patients survive surgeries, cancer treatments, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Our next Red Cross blood drive will be Wednesday, May 24, 3:00-8:00 p.m. in the historic church. To register, please go to redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code IHM. The cut-off date for donor eligibility for this drive was March 29.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK SUPPER

May 28

The Pentecost International Potluck Supper will be Sunday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the historic church, hosted by the RCIA community. Bring a double portion of your favorite family recipe to share with everyone. We hope to see you there! RSVP using the online form at <https://ihmatlanta.org/pentecost>.



WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

As Pope Francis reminds us, parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." In the hope of providing spiritual support and better communicating resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort called "Walking with Moms in Need." We invite you to join us as we embark on this effort. 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.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

DISCERNMENT MASS

May 13

Do you feel God may be calling you to serve as a priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta? 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.

ARCHDIOCESAN CHOIR CONCERT

June 11

The Archdiocesan Choir is hosting a concert of sacred music on Sunday, June 11, at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 p.m. called "Songs of Faith." The concert will feature music from multiple genres from the Chant to Gospel and Hymnody to Haugen. Admission is free but a love offering will be taken to help offset the cost of the event.

FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Director

Drew Denton
ddenton@ihmatlanta.org
Ext. 223

Coordinator

Alicia Guerrero
aguerrero@ihmatlanta.org
Ext. 227

Youth Minister

Michele McPheely
mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org
Ext. 222

Faith Formation Program Assistant

Veronica Thimann
vthimann@ihmatlanta.org
Ext. 236

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

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 7. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



FAITH FORMATION 2023-2024: ENROLLMENT OPENS NEXT WEEK!

Enrollment for the 2023 - 2024 school year is now open to *returning* students. 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 this week. 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!

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 Drew Denton at ddenton@ihmatlanta.org.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Congratulations to all children receiving their First Holy Communion at our English Masses this weekend! May this encounter with the Risen Lord fill you with grace and strengthen your families in faith, hope, and love.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are!"
— 1 John 3:1

First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 1:30 Spanish Mass next Sunday, May 14.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

After many months of prayer and discernment, our current group of adult *neophytes* were just initiated into the Catholic Church this Easter! If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or possibly becoming Catholic, a new class of adult inquirers will be forming at IHM this summer. There are no expectations or commitments at the beginning of this process—everyone is welcome to attend and learn more. Email Drew Denton to be added to the contact list for next year's group: ddenton@ihmatlanta.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

Look for the registration for next school year's youth group programming (including confirmation registration), which is live on the church website now! You can find it at this link: ihmatlanta.org/faith-formation-early-enrollment-2023

MASS IN HONOR OF GRADUATING SENIORS

May 21 will be our Mass in Honor of High School Graduates. All high school seniors who would like to be recognized can submit their photos and information by May 13. After the Mass there will be a reception for the seniors and their families including cake, punch, and a photo station in the lower level of the church. Submit your information here: <https://ihmatlanta.org/graduation-recognition>

CONFIRMATION

The day is almost here! May 8, Confirmation! Teens arrive at 5:00 p.m., Sponsors arrive at 5:30 p.m. Mass starts at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you! A reception will be held after in the historic church with light refreshments- cake, punch, cookies and coffee.

20/20/20

Parents- all high school and middle school parents! Come one, come all, join us for our weekly devotional on Wednesdays in the Lower Level, Youth Lounge, 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! Our last meeting for this school year will be May 17.

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 and needed to help host VBS at the parish this summer! June 26-30, please go to this link for more information: ihmatlanta.org/vbs



"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be."

John 14:3

IHM SCHOOL

2-Time National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence • www.ihmschool.org



The 7th Annual IHM Soaring Eagle Road Race was a huge success. The weather was beautiful, the crowd was excited and the fun was over the top. This year's race had hundreds of enthusiastic participants—both two-legged and four-legged! Iggy even got in on the action high-fiving participants as they entered the finish area.

After the finish line, racers and their families enjoyed inflatable slides and bounce-houses, face-painting, snacks, beverages, and games. Once lucky winner won a drawing for a Yeti cooler.



ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

7 DE MAYO DE 2023

QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

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 6:1-7
1 Pedro 2:4-9
Juan 14:1-12

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

29 & 30 de abril

Ofertorio	\$	7,901.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	12,021.70
Ofertorio Total	\$	19,922.70

¡UNA CORDIAL BIENVENIDA!

Philip L. Barraca será el nuevo Director de Liturgia y Música de IHM. Phil tiene una licenciatura en música con énfasis en voz y una maestría en educación musical con énfasis en dirección coral. Phil ha servido en la liturgia y música católica durante 27 años. Durante los últimos nueve años, ha sido Director de Música y organista de la Iglesia St. Andrew en Roswell. Phil es miembro de Coro de la Orquesta Sinfónica de Atlanta y del Coro de Cámara. Phil ya es conocido por muchos en Inmaculado Corazón de María, ya que ha estado acompañando misas escolares, bodas y quinceañeras aquí durante varios años. Phil comenzará su ministerio con nosotros el 5 de junio.



Phil Barreca



Craig Greer

Craig W. Greer es nuestro nuevo Director de Finanzas y Administración. Craig tiene una licenciatura en contabilidad y más de 20 años de experiencia en administración. Craig es el esposo y Peggy Greer y el padre de Sarah Jo Takacs, ambas maestras en nuestra escuela y miembros activos de la parroquia St. Pius X en Conyers. Craig comenzó su trabajo con nosotros a principios de mayo.

COLECTA DE ROPA DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

13 y 14 de mayo

Únase a nosotros el 13 y 14 de mayo para una colecta de ropa que beneficiará a los miembros de nuestra comunidad que lo necesitan. Donar su ropa usada en buen estado nos ayudará a proveer para aquellos que la necesitan. Esta es una oportunidad para ordenar su armario y ayudar a los necesitados. Traiga sus donaciones a Misa el 13 y 14 de mayo y déjelas en el camión de San Vicente de Paul estacionado en el estacionamiento superior.

REUNION SOCIAL PARA JOVENES ADULTOS

19 de mayo

Todos los adultos jóvenes de la parroquia (21 años) están invitados a una reunión social en la rectoría el viernes, 19 de mayo, a las 7:30 p.m. ¡Traiga su propia tabla de charcutería para compartir y al final de la noche votaremos por un ganador! Se proporcionarán bebidas. Planee estacionarse en la parroquia y cruzar la calle hasta la rectoría.



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.