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CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD | AUGUST 06, 2023

NOTES FROM FR. FRED

Dear Parish Family:

I'm excited to begin these "Notes from Fr. Fred". As I've shared at Mass, Fr. Robbie, our Deacons, Staff Members, and members of the parish will be invited to also participate in connecting with y'all as we share life together and walk the journey of faith.

Just a few minutes ago, Bishop Ned called me to see how things were going as I return to IHM after so many years of other assignments. I told him how happy I was to be back here, to renew friendships and to meet so many new people. As I write these notes today, I want to share that my reflection will not only be about something from the upcoming weekend Scripture but also a reflection on other aspects of life. In my 74 years, I've had so many awesome opportunities to minister to God's people. I've met many wonderful people. I learned a great deal about myself; and I've come to recognize that God has much more to show me. I've had a very blessed life.

This weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain and reveals to them His glory. Like Moses before them, they encountered the majesty of God. Why leave that? Can't this last forever? Let's stay here! There are accounts of the Transfiguration in all the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. Mixed in with the vision of the Risen Jesus, a prefiguring of the Resurrection, is the reminder that they still have work to do. They've got to come back down the mountain. There's more to come and they will certainly discover what that means!

As we pray together this weekend, may our faith in the RISEN Christ, be a strength that helps us to do what we need to do. May the LIGHT of Christ always scatter any DARKNESS in our lives.

Blessings on the journey,

Fr. Fred Wendel

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no confession this upcoming Thursday, August 10th.

ANUNCIO

No habrá confesiones el próximo jueves, 10 de agosto.

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

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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

AUGUST 06 - AUGUST 12

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

Sunday, August 6

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Saturday, August 5 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Helen E. O'Leary †
6:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

Sunday, August 6 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert N. Azode †
11:30 a.m. Keirri Brennan †
1:30 p.m. Francisca Fuentes †
5:00 p.m. Mr. Nazareth & Mrs. Annie Swamy †

Monday, August 7

Weekday; St. Sixtus II, Pope; St. Cajetan, Priest
Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21

8:30 a.m. Mr. Anthony & Mrs. Rosy Arulddas †

Tuesday, August 8

Memorial; St. Dominic, Priest
Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

8:30 a.m. Mr. Amalanadan Swamy †

Wednesday, August 9

Weekday; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35

8:30 a.m. Antonino & Juanita Deniz †

Thursday, August 10

Feast, St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26

8:30 a.m. Alsino & Natalia Maria Paes †
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, August 11

Memorial
Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28

8:30 a.m. Franklin Fernandez & Lawrence Deniz

Saturday, August 12

Weekday; St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Saturday, August 12 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Doris Valentino †
6:00 p.m. Cristina Diaz Cortes †

Sunday, August 13 Masses:

9:00 a.m. All the people of the parish
11:30 a.m. Livia Mowiser †
1:30 p.m. Olegario Flores †
5:00 p.m. George John Pinto †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Edith M. Ferguson, Stephen Cassidy, Thomas Francis Moran, Luisa Fernanda Vazquez, Caroline Greer, Elva Dominguez, Rodrigo Nieto Vera, Huston Moore, Mary Smith Edwards, Ricardo Mayen, Lucille Gifford, José Bonilla, Raymundo Lung, Jim Knuerr, Juan Butanda, Livia Mowiser, Rita Panayiotto, and Rafael Gonzalez.

And please pray for the sick: Elsie Ortega, Suzanne Wassel, Anna Claire Zickus, Lecie Harrison, Nancy Koughan, Karen Michael, Anthony Paz, Pat Griffin, Liz Stalnaker, Marianne Keller, Mary Anne Shamatta, Holly Holz, Joan Whitcomb, Julian Moon, Sylvia Dominguez, Carmen Berenguer, Paul Galvin, Oscar Ramirez Jr., Marion Conzelmann, Miceli de la O, and Georgina Corripio.

STEWARDSHIP

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

TIME *Talent* TREASURE

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!

OFFERTORY

July 29 & 30

Offertory	\$ 7,946.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 32,157.30
Total Offertory	\$ 40,103.30

July 22 & 23

Offertory	\$ 8,933.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 10,792.00
Total Offertory	\$ 19,725.00

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

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

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AROUND THE PARISH

FOOD DRIVE

August 19, 20, 26, and 27

IHM's St. Vincent de Paul society will be hosting their bi-annual food drive to help feed the hungry. Please bring your canned or boxed donations to Mass on 08/19, 08/20, 08/26 or 08/27 and drop it off at the SVDP truck parked in the upper parking lot. A SVDP member will be there to collect the items before and after each Mass during these two weekends.

MARIAPOLIS 2023

September 2-4

IHM is hosting this year's Mariapolis retreat, organized by the Focolare. Mariapolis is an event that invites people of all backgrounds to spend 3 days together, putting into practice the Gospel message of reciprocal love. Open to all ages, it includes inspiring presentations, prayers, outings, hiking, service projects and games. Visit [MARIAPOLIS 2023- The Joy of Deepening our Interior Life | Cognito Forms](#) to complete your registration. For more information, contact atlanta.w@focolare.us or call (301) 385-1706.



SAVE THE DATE
09/23 11:30AM

**IHM's annual PARISH PICNIC will take place
September 23!**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RESCUE ATLANTA

September 9

Join Archbishop Hartmayer, Bishop Shlesinger, and over 1,200 people for a powerful and life-changing day! Rescue Atlanta is a unique event focused on experiencing the message of the Gospel in a new way. Encounter the Lord and be inspired through engaging preaching by Fr. John Riccardo of Acts XXIX, music from Damascus Worship, table discussion and fellowship, and adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Come to know more deeply, and be transformed by, the love Jesus has for you!

Registration is open to all adults (18+) - whether you do or don't go to church. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. The goal of Rescue Atlanta is transformation through a renewed encounter of the Gospel in order to be mobilized for mission.

Fr. Fred will cover the registration fee for IHM parishioners who register. To receive a refund, bring proof of registration to the office. Visit [Rescue Atlanta](#) to register online.

FROM THE AIDS MINISTRY

For the past few years, the **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. In April youth group members assisted the Ministry with assembly of the bags. 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 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 God send. 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 about 3-4 times per year. If you wish 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.

AIDS WALK ATLANTA

September 23

For the 2023 Walk/Run, AIDS Ministry is partnering with Status:Home (formerly Jerusalem House). As the oldest and largest provider of permanent housing in Atlanta, Status:Home provides residents a continuum of housing options, healthcare resources, and supportive services that contribute to overall self-sufficiency.

IHM parishioners are invited to register as walkers, virtual walkers or for the 5K run on the Status:Home team. Visit www.aidswalkatlanta.org, click on *Join a Team*, and follow the steps indicated. Don't want to walk or run? Please donate to the team or a member from IHM. For additional information, please contact Kathy Parker at [mahou65@aol.com](mailto:mamahou65@aol.com). Thank you!

Please stay in touch!

Visit www.ihmatlanta.org

Click "Stay in Touch" under the "Our Church" tab.



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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

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? "COME AND SEE" WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin in August. In the meantime, if you would like to learn more about the process of becoming Catholic, register for this year's group, ask questions about the Church, or simply introduce yourself, please contact Drew Denton in the parish office: ddenton@ihmatlanta.org.



SYNOD 2021-2024

The conversation that began last year in our parish—and in other parishes around the world—will continue this October at the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. The preparatory document for this *universal phase* of the Synod Process has identified three priorities:

- **A communion that radiates:** *How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?*
- **Co-responsibility in Mission:** *How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?*
- **Participation, Governance, and Authority:** *What processes, structures, and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?*



Over the next several weeks, this page will include some recommended reflection questions on each theme, to help us prepare our hearts and guide our prayers for the work that the Holy Spirit will accomplish at the upcoming Synod.

COMING UP AT THE AQUINAS CENTER

Pope Francis recently recognized as *venerable* Mother Mary Lange, founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious order open to African American women.

Why Venerable Mother Mary Lange Matters

Speaker: Shannen Dee Williams, Associate Professor of History, University of Dayton
Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Location: Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This free event includes dinner, but registration is required. Register at aquinas.emory.edu



YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTRATION

The 2023-2024 school year's youth group programming registration is closed. If you have missed the registration, please email mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org.

SAVE THE DATE

First youth group day sessions are August 20, parents and teens please come during the usual class times: 10:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. for middle school and 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for high school - in the cafeteria. Only one parent is necessary, but all parents are welcome!

CONFIRMATION

The next round of sessions for confirmation prep begins on August 20 (including our Catholic school teens and parents). We look forward to meeting with the teens and parents for the first time all together in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

20/20/20

Parents, get ready! The school year is here! Please think about joining us this year on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. for 20 minutes of coffee and socializing, 20 minutes of devotional time, and 20 minutes of prayer. It's a wonderful way to start your day!

NEXT SCHOOL YEAR'S OFFERING

In the 2023-2024 school year we will be continuing the groups you have already seen in youth group:

- Edge (middle school youth group, Sunday morning).
- Life Teen (high school youth group, Sunday evening).
- Confirmation prep group (sophomores or older, Sunday evening).
- 20/20/20- a devotional for our parents (Thursday morning).
- High School Bible Study (Wednesday evening).
- CHWC - the summer mission trip camp for high schoolers.

Next year, we will also be adding:

- A monthly Praise & Worship evening for our high schoolers and 8th graders.
- Girls of Grace—a devotional for middle school girls.

CHWC - CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP 2023

Catholic Heart Work Camp 2023 was a huge success! Thank you for your prayers. It was a wonderful trip! Please see photos on our website (youth ministry tab, under pictures) or on our Facebook page. Look for sign-ups in October for the coming summer's camp.

IHM SCHOOL

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— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart.
You have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year we implore your mercy:
Bless the students, teachers and staff of IHM School
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.
Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom, understanding and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.
Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Para celebrar una misa de XV en IHM, la joven debe de estar registrada y ser miembro activo, tener los sacramentos de Bautizo y Primera Comunión, así como estar inscrita para recibir su Confirmación. Comuníquese con Alicia Guerrero en la oficina.

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 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

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pedro 1:16-19
Mateo 17:1-9

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

29—30 de julio

Ofertorio:	\$ 7,946.00
Ofertorio Electrónico:	\$ 32,157.30
Ofertorio Total	\$ 40,103.30

PROGRAMA DE FÚTBOL DE IHM

El Programa de Fútbol de IHM está abierto a niños de Pre-K a 8vo grado. Visita nuestra pagina web o comunícate con Víctor Díaz (SoccerIHM@gmail.com) para mas información. **Inscripciones finalizan el 12 de agosto.**

CAMPAÑA DE RECOLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS

19, 20, 26 y 27 de agosto

La sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl de IHM organizará su campaña bianual de alimentos para ayudar a los necesitados. Por favor, traiga sus donaciones enlatadas o en caja a la Misa el 19, 20, 26 o 27 de agosto y déjelas en el camión de SVDP localizado en el estacionamiento superior. Un miembro de SVDP estará allí para recoger los artículos antes y después de cada misa durante estos dos fines de semana.

RESCUE ATLANTA


9 de septiembre

¡Únete al Arzobispo Hartmayer, al Obispo Shlesinger y a más de 1,200 personas y experimenta un día inolvidable que cambiara tu vida! *Rescue Atlanta* es un evento único enfocado en experimentar el mensaje del Evangelio de una manera nueva. Encuentra al Señor e inspírate a través de la predicación del Padre John Riccardo, música en vivo, el compañerismo, y la adoración de nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento. ¡Se transformado por el amor que Jesús tiene por ti!

Las inscripciones están abiertas para adulto mayores de 18 años. Invita a tu familia, amigos, compañeros de trabajo y vecinos. El objetivo de *Rescue Atlanta* es la transformación a través de un encuentro renovado del Evangelio.

Padre Fred cubrirá el costo de la registración para los feligreses de IHM que se registren. Para recibir un reembolso, lleva la prueba de tu registración a la oficina.

Este evento es en inglés. Al registrarte podrás reservar tus audífonos para la interpretación simultánea al español, sin costo alguno. Vista [Rescue Atlanta](#) para completar tu registrarte en línea.



DÍA DE CAMPO PARROQUIAL

Nuestro **DÍA DE CAMPO PARROQUIAL** de este año tomara lugar el **23 de septiembre** a partir de las 11:30 a.m. Asegúrate de reservar la fecha y acompañarnos en este día lleno de diversión, música y juegos!

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será 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.