



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 20, 2023

NOTES FROM FR. ROBBIE

Dear Parish Family,

As we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary this past Tuesday, I found myself struck by two beautiful images of motherhood that I witnessed in the week leading up to our celebration.

Last week I spent a few days visiting my sister, brother-in-law, and baby niece in South Carolina. When I arrived, my sister passed my niece to me so I could say hi and hold her, and before I could even pick her up, she immediately started crying and grasping for my sister! My sister laughed and told me “Sorry, bro... she’s in that stage where she only wants me and nobody else!”

When I returned from my trip last Sunday, I was talking to one of our families after Mass in the Narthex, and the mother of the family shared with me how sad she is to be sending her oldest daughter off to college this week, knowing how difficult this first experience of distance and separation will be for her.

There is perhaps no greater bond of love and intimacy than the one shared between a mother and her child. How profound is it, then, that when our Lord took on human flesh some 2,023 years ago, His first experience of the human condition was the unconditional love of a mother? Can we even begin to imagine the joy in Mary’s Immaculate Heart when the separation ended, and She was reunited with her Son forever in Paradise?

The sacred relationship between Jesus and Mary illustrates the unmistakable reality that ours is an incarnational faith. The Divine Presence is a physical, tangible reality... one that is experienced together and shared among the baptized.

Father Fred and I share a common desire to begin this new parish calendar year on a mission to foster a greater sense of community and togetherness here at IHM. Through the motherly intercession of our Patroness, let’s pray that our community can become an even clearer reflection of the closeness shared between our Lord and His Mother, worshiping, and praying together in new and beautiful ways, clinging always to the Divine Presence here in our midst.

God love you,


JMJ+

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

AUGUST 20 - AUGUST 26

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

Sunday, August 20

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Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Saturday, August 12 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Manuel Zaa †
6:00 p.m. Juana Bernales †

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 †

Monday, August 21

Memorial; St. Pius X, Pope
Judges 2:11-19; Matthew 19:16-22

8:30 a.m. Juan Barajas †

Tuesday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Judges 6:11-19; Matthew 19:23-30

8:30 a.m. George John Pinto †

Wednesday, August 23

Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

8:30 a.m. Mary Smith Edwards †

Thursday, August 24

Feast; St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

8:30 a.m. Mark Jeffrey Sr. †
7:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

Friday, August 25

Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40

8:30 a.m. John Francis Eiswerth †

Saturday, August 26

Weekday;
Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Saturday, August 19 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Thomas Kurian †
6:00 p.m. Gregorio Nieto †

Sunday, August 20 Masses:

9:00 a.m. George Thomas Traylor †
11:30 a.m. Fred Maloof Jr. †
1:30 p.m. Rodolfo Ramirez Suastegui †
5:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Gloria Diane Sharp, Richard Valentino, Liz Stalnaker, 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, and Rita Panayiotou.

And please pray for the sick: Elsie Ortega, Suzanne Wassel, Anna Claire Zickus, Lecie Harrison, Nancy Koughan, Karen Michael, Anthony Paz, Pat Griffin, 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

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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

August 12-13

Offertory	\$ 8,368.50
Electronic Offertory	\$ 12,243.13
Total Offertory	\$ 20,611.63

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend’s second collection is for *The Georgia Bulletin*.

Next weekend’s second collection will be for our Parish Debt Reduction Fund.

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AROUND THE PARISH

OUR PARISH HISPANIC MINISTRIES will host their **final taco sale** this weekend, **August 20**. Join us following all Masses to raise funds for the renovation of the historic church into a lovely new parish hall. Plan now to enjoy the good food for a great cause.

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 on one of these dates and drop it off at the SVDP truck parked in the upper parking lot.

BLOOD DRIVE

September 13

The next Red Cross blood drive will take place September 13 from 3:00 - 8:00 PM in the lower level of the church. Go to redcrossblood.org to make an appointment (use the code *IHM*). For additional information, contact Nikki VanDerGrinten (770) 986-4996

AIDS WALK ATLANTA

September 23

AIDS Ministry invites all parishioners to the 3K Walk or 5K Run beginning and ending at Piedmont Park. We are joining the team of *Status:Home*, our longtime partner formerly known as *Jerusalem House*. Please visit www.aidswalkatlanta.org, click **Join a Team** and follow instructions. Don't want to walk or run? Become a virtual walker to raise money from family and friends or donate to the team or a member from IHM. For more information, contact Kathy Parker at mamahou65@aol.com.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETRouvaille—A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

September 15-17

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program contact Mus and Rubina at (404) 234-6006 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

WORKING IN ST. VINCENT'S VINEYARD

As Vincentians have come to know, our Neighbors in Need come from all backgrounds and circumstances. Single mothers who were struggling to make ends meet without spousal support. Grandmothers who were forced to pay for funerals of murdered family members. Families facing eviction due to paperwork snafus. Mothers living in one room temporary lodging with three kids.

However, a veteran in distress who reaches out for help is a special situation.

He is an army veteran who had some mild health problems that prevented him from holding a job. Fortunately, he was accepted into a higher-level job training program, sponsored by the VA. This cyber-security training program guaranteed him a job once completed. That's the good news.

The bad news was he had no money to pay his rent and was facing eviction when he reached out for help. He owed back rent due to several months of non-payment.

Our Vincentian spoke to him at length about his situation. They documented his training and spoke to his landlord. They said some prayers together too.

Since the veteran was days from graduating with a job offer in hand, the Vincentian recommended we go above our normal guidelines to help avoid eviction. The veteran was able to gather 80% of the amount owed, and St. Vincent de Paul covered the rest, knowing he would not be evicted and can be financially stable moving forward.

Thanks to the generosity of our IHM parishioners, we were able to help this veteran avoid eviction and give him a fresh chance to make his way forward with financial stability. Knowing the sacrifices these veterans have made for our country, going the extra mile was an easy choice.

If a parishioner needs help, they can call (678) 892-6163. If you would like more information about volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, contact Javier Lerch via email at fjlerch@gmail.com.

THE WAY

August 22-24

The Way is a healing retreat for female survivors of abuse. A three-day guided meditation and prayer experience for women whose abuse by other has deeply affected their heart, mind, body and soul. Team retreat team consists of professional counselors, a priest and volunteers who are all well formed and grounded in the truth, so even if you are not Catholic, the steps you take during this retreat will help you to move forward in truth on your journey to peace. Application deadline is September 14. To request your application or get additional information, contact Sue Stubbs at (404) 920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com.

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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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Word for Children offers children, ages 4-7, the opportunity to hear God's Word in an accessible and engaging format. We will once again offer the children's liturgy during 9:00 am Mass throughout the school year, beginning on Sunday, September 10.

If you have questions about this ministry or would like to volunteer as a children's liturgy leader, please contact Drew Denton in the parish office.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Our Sunday morning adult group will resume meeting on August 27, 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the IHM School Library. Join us for this weekly hour of prayer, reflection on the scriptures, and sharing faith with fellow parishioners. All are welcome.

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

SEE YOU TODAY!

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 in the lower level of the church
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for high school- in the cafeteria.

Only one parent is necessary, but both 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.** Please **bring a copy of your teen's Baptism certificate** with you even if your teen was Baptized at IHM. Thank you; see you soon!

FIRST PRAISE & WORSHIP DATE set for **September 11th!** 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Lounge! Come to lift your voices high or just enjoy the uplifting music!



20/20/20

Parents, get ready! The school year is here! Please think about joining us this year on Friday mornings 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! Our **first gathering will be August 25 at 8:00 a.m.** in the lower level, teen lounge. See you there!

THIS 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 - 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.

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GRACE Scholars is a Georgia nonprofit charity and is a Student Scholarship Organization (SSO) that provides scholarships to financially deserving families who would not otherwise be able to send their children to Catholic school.

Many IHM School students have benefited from GRACE Scholars over the years! To learn how to re-direct a portion of your income taxes for a "dollar for dollar" tax credit that benefits Catholic education, visit www.gracescholars.org. Pre-registration for 2024 is open.



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 2 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

Isaías 56:1, 6-7
Romanos 11:13-15, 29-32
Mateo 15:21-28

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

12 y 13 de agosto

Ofertorio:	\$ 8,368.50
Ofertorio Electrónico:	\$ 12,243.13
Ofertorio Total	\$ 20,611.63

NUESTRA ULTIMA KERMES tomara lugar este domingo, **20 de agosto**. Igual que en las ventas previas, se venderán tacos y otros antojitos después de todas las misas para recaudar fondos para la renovación de la iglesia histórica en un hermoso salón parroquial. ¡Ven y disfruta de la buena comisada para una gran causa!

CAMPAÑA DE RECOLECCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS

19, 20, 26 y 27 de agosto

La sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl (SVDP) de IHM organizará su colecta de alimentos bianual para ayudar a los necesitados. Traiga sus donaciones enlatadas o en caja en una de estas fechas 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.

DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

13 de septiembre

La próxima campana de donacion de sangre de la Cruz Roja se llevara a cabo el 13 de septiembre de 3:00 a 8:00 p.m. en la planta baja de la iglesia. Para registrase, visite redcrossblood.org y utilice el código IHM. Para mas informacion, contacte a Nikki VanderGrinten al (770) 986-4996.

CAMITA POR EL SIDA 2023

23 de septiembre

El Ministerio del SIDA invita a todos los feligreses a participar en la Caminata por el Sida, la cual comienza y termina en Piedmont Park. Este año, nos uniremos al equipo de *Status:Home*, nuestro socio desde hace mucho tiempo antes conocido como *Jerusalem House*. Vista www.adiswalkatlanta.org y has clic en *Unirse a un Equipo* y sigue las instrucciones. No quieres caminar o correr? Dona al equipo o a un miembro de IHM. Para mas información, contacta a Kathy Parker por correo electrónico mamahou64@aol.com.

EL CAMINO

22-24 de agosto

El Camino es un retiro de sanación para mujeres sobrevivientes de abuso. Una meditación guiada de tres días y una experiencia de oración para mujeres cuyo abuso por parte de otros ha afectado profundamente su corazón, mente, cuerpo y alama. El equipo de este retiro esta formado por consejeros profesionales, un sacerdote y voluntarios que están bien formados y cimentados en la verdad. Los pasos que tomes durante este retiro te ayudaran a avanzar en la verdad en tu viaje hacia la paz interna. La fecha limite de registración es el 14 de septiembre. Para procesar tu aplicación, comunícate con Sue Stubbs al (404) 920-7554.

PREPARACION PARA LA FIESTA DE NUESTRA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Te gustaría ofrecer un baile tradicional durante la celebración de nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe? Te gustaría ayudar durante esta celebración? Para mas información, por favor de contactar a David Nieto al (404) 636-1418 x 229 o por correo electrónico dnieto@ihmatlanta.org.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para "The Georgia Bulletin," el periódico de la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para el Fondo de Reducción de Deuda de nuestra Parroquia.