

# Dear IHM Parish Family:

It's wonderful to see our young people returning to school at our Catholic school and all the schools that are youth attend. It's great to see our Religious Education programs beginning again. It was a pleasure this past Sunday to walk around and meet our families and children. Whether this weekend in my encounters with our families or this past week when I spoke at school to our Pre-K through 5th grade parents or created a video for our Middle School parents; I reminded all, that parents are the PRIMARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS of their children. We as priests, deacons, church and school faculty and staff assist parents in this very serious endeavor. I and Fr. Robbie thank our families for their commitment.

It's so connected when, this coming weekend in the gospel, Jesus asks Peter and the Apostles: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." It's an acknowledgment by Peter of who Jesus really is. It's also ultimately an acknowledgment by the Church, that as the Body of Christ, this is our call to come and know Jesus as our Savior personally, but also as His Body the Church in community and fellowship. WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH. We are the those who gather to pray and celebrate Eucharist. Who come together to support and encourage one another. As Church, you bring your faith into your families, schools, work and community. We don't leave our faith on church grounds. It's one of the things that's so important. I want that our young people see that the teachings of our church are tied into our journey of faith in relationship with the Lord and one another.

In our world today, there is so much that wants to separate us from our faith or tell us it's not important. I pray that those voices are countered by other voices that speak the TRUTH that only God can speak. The TRUTH that Jesus is THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE. Let's remember the Opening Prayer for this weekend in the 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found."

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Fred Wendel Pastor

# COME AS YOU ARE: SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Scan the QR Code below to become part of a new Small Christian Community at IHM!

Or sign up in person in the narthex after Mass this weekend.

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Fr. Fred Werdel

#### 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 27 - SEPTEMBER 2

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

Sunday, August 27

TWENTY-FRIST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

4:00 p.m. Thomas Kurian † Saturday, August 26 Vigil Masses:

6:00 p.m. Gregorio Nieto †

9:00 a.m. George Thomas Traylor † Sunday, August 27 Masses:

11:30 a.m. Fred Maloof Jr. †

1:30 p.m. Rodolfo Ramirez Suastegui †

5:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

Monday, August 28 8:30 a.m. Smith Family

Memorial; St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29 8:30 a.m. Family of Nancy Norman

The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30 8:30 a.m. Nancy Khougan

Weekday

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31 8:30 a.m. Reilly Jane Roberts †

Weekday 7:00 p.m. Luis Mijares 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, September 1 8:30 a.m. George John Pinto

Weekday

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2 8:30 a.m. Hugo Adams †

Weekday;

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Saturday, September 2 Vigil Masses: 4:00 p.m. Helen E. O'Leary †

6:00 p.m. Maria Alcantara Sunday, September 3 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert N. Azode † 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Duvall † 1:30 p.m. Familia Vázquez

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 Panayioto.

And please pray for the sick: Dr. Phil Jardina, Maria Alcantar, 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

#### ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our faith is lived in parishes and schools, soup kitchens and counseling centers, on street corners and around the dinner table, where people of all backgrounds in every neighborhood of the Archdiocese of Atlanta are served.

Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps support the necessary financial needs of our ministries in the Archdiocese. Your gift touches the lives of the unborn, the student, the educators, the elderly, seminarians and priest, and the homeless and those suffering from injustice.

This year's appeal goal for our parish is \$214,240. As of today, we have not yet reached this goal and are nearly \$57,000 in outstanding pledges! That is \$57,000 that could be coming directly back to the parish. This money can be used on much needed repairs and updates to our campus, to support our many ministries, and to help us live out our mission of continuing the work of Jesus Christ.

We thank everyone who has helped us get this far and we thank you in advance for helping us achieve our goal - and then some! If you have not had the opportunity to make your donation, visit <u>donate.archatla.com</u> to make a donation (registration is not required). Thank you for your generosity and faithful commitment to the Church's mission.



#### **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!

#### NAME THE PARISH AS AN IRA BENEFICIARY

Naming the parish endowment fund as a full or partial beneficiary of your individual retirement account or 401(k) is a simple way to benefit your parish forever. This is easy and costs you nothing during your lifetime. For more information, contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at <a href="mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org">jgreco@cfnga.org</a> or (404) 497-9440. Visit cfgna.org to learn more.

#### **OFFERTORY**

August 19 & 20

Offertory \$ 10,804.50 Electronic Offertory \$ 32,467.71 **Total Offertory** \$ **43,272.21** 

#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

#### PARISH CLERGY

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#### **FOOD DRIVE**

#### This weekend

In case you missed it, IHM's St. Vincent de Paul society will host their bi-annual food drive this weekend. Please bring your canned or boxed donations to Mass this weekend, August 26 or 27, and drop them off at the SVDP truck parked in the upper parking lot. As always, thank you for your generosity!

#### **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 <u>redcrossblood.org</u> to make an appointment (use the code *IHM*). Questions? Please contact Nikki VanDerGrinten (770) 986-4996.

#### AIDS WALK ATLANTA

#### September 23

The annual AIDS Walk Atlanta and 5K Run Is coming to Piedmont Park! This year, we are joining the team of *Status:Home*, formerly known as *Jerusalem House*. Go to www.aidswalkatlanta.org to join their team. Don't want to walk or run? Become a virtual walker or donate to the team or a member from IHM. For more information, contact Kathy Parker at mamahou65@aol.com.

#### IHM'S K-2ND GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

The primary goal of the clinic is to instill confidence in dribbling, passing and shooting the ball. The clinic consists primarily of drills and at times the children may play a small scrimmage against each other. The program is focused 50% on skills and 50% games. We will focus on the basics of learning the fundamentals of basketball. Most of the time the kids will be doing activities to learn about basketball and the goal is for them to gain confidence in dribbling, passing and shooting the ball. Visit stacksports.com to complete your registration online. Questions? Contact Tara Marklin (taramarklin@gmail.com) or Erin Wilson (wilsonek0406@gmail.com).

#### IHM'S 3RD-8TH GRADE BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Registrations is now open! Games usually last an hour and are either in the Immaculate Heart of Mary gym or away at other parishes. The program is focused on teaching the kids how to play basketball, modeling good sportsmanship, teamwork and for us all to grow our family fellowship in the church community. Visit <a href="mailto:stacksports.com">stacksports.com</a> to complete your registration online. Questions? Contact Melissa Snipes (<a href="mailto:missile0613@gmail.com">missile0613@gmail.com</a>).

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







# AIDS MINISTRY SUPPORTS CLIENTS AT MERCY CARE HIV/AIDS CLINIC: AN UNTOLD STORY

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 <a href="mailto:jvillegas@solconstructionllc.com">jvillegas@solconstructionllc.com</a> or Laurie Ann Fallon at <a href="mailto:lafallon@gmail.com">lafallon@gmail.com</a> for how to do this.

#### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### RETROUVAILLE—A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

#### September 15-17

Does your marriage need a tune up? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. This may need your time and attention.

Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. Questions? Contact Mus and Rubina at 404.234.6006 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

# FAITH FORMATION

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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

#### **August 26-27**

- In-person classes for all age groups
- Clases presenciales para todos los grados No classes next weekend, September 2-3, Happy Labor Day!

No habrá clases el próximo fin de semana, 2-3 de septiembre. Feliz día del Trabajo!\*

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

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. If you would like to learn more about the process of becoming Catholic, ask questions about the Church, or simply introduce yourself, please drop in! No registration or commitment is required. We look forward to meeting you.



#### 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. No registration is required—just send your children forward when the priest calls them!

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.

#### **COME AS YOU ARE: SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

Have you ever felt alone in a church building full of people? Do you want to build stronger connections with fellow parishioners? A Small Christian Community is a group of 8-12 people who share life and pray together: a little "church" within the Church, where everyone is welcome, and everyone has something to contribute.

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# YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **SEE YOU TODAY!**

First youth group sessions are August 27, teens please come during the usual class times:

- 10:00 a.m. 11:20 a.m. for middle school, lower level
- 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m. for high school- in the cafeteria



#### CONFIRMATION

Thank you so much for attending the parent/teen Open House session on August 20. It was wonderful to see all of you! Please **email Michele a copy of your teen's Baptism certificate** if you have not already (no necessary if Baptized at IHM). Thank you; we are so looking forward to walking with you and your teen along this faith journey!

#### 20/20/20

Parents joining us this year on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for 20 minutes of coffee and socializing, 20 minutes of devo-

tional 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!

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

#### **GIRLS OF GRACE**

A new small group for middle school girls, is set for our first session on September 13th! We will meet in the Lower Level, Youth Lounge, right after early dismissal from IHM. We will run from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Focus: Socializing, creating and deepening friendships, supporting them, giving them an outlet, and helping them to grow healthy relationships with Christ. Sign your girls up today! ihmatlanta.org/gog.

#### THIS SCHOOL YEAR'S OFFERINGS

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

- a monthly Praise & Worship evening for our high schoolers and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- a High School Winter Retreat! at Cove Crest! Jan. 20-21
- Girls of Grace- a devotional for middle school girls

### IHM SCHOOL



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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 <a href="www.gracescholars.org">www.gracescholars.org</a>. Pre-registration for 2024 is open.



### 27 DE GOSTO DE 2023

# VIGÉCIMO PRIMERO 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, <u>por lo menos 2</u> 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 22:19-23 Romanos 11:33-36 Mateo 16:13-20

#### OFERTORIO SEMANAL

#### 19 y 20 de agosto

Ofertorio: \$ 10,804.50 Ofertorio Electrónico: \$ 32,467.71

Ofertorio Total \$ 43,272.21







GRACIAS a nuestra comunidad por su gran apoyo durante los eventos de recaudación de fondos para la renovación de nuestra Iglesia Histórica.

Agradecemos de modo especial, por su tiempo, esfuerzo, y duro trabajo a cada uno de los ministerios y otros donadores por proveer lo necesario para las ventas. Sin ellos, esto no hubiera sido posible!

A pesar de las altas temperaturas, fue posible recaudar casi \$20,000 para este proyecto.

Que Dios bendiga su generosidad!

# 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 Universidad Católica de las Américas en Washington, D.C.

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