



IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

NOTES FROM FR. FRED

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On Monday the 28th of August, we had our Parish Leadership Dinner in the “Historic Church”. Most of our ministry leaders were able to attend. We started with prayer, then a dinner. After our dinner, I gave a presentation for about an hour. I invited the leaders to leave their tables and pull their chairs up to the front to be around myself at the podium. I felt it important that we come closer together as I shared news about the parish. Most especially, I wanted to speak to some of my ideas for the future of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Having interviewed our Parish Staff and reviewed their job descriptions, I spoke of how pleased I was with our staff and their commitment to the parish and its mission. I also spoke to areas that I felt we needed to give more attention, with the hope of eventually adding a couple more staff positions. The two positions I’m most focused on currently are: Director of Parish Ministries and Director of Communications. Coordinating our ministries, working with leaders in the parish community, encouraging, assisting, recruiting, expanding and improving communications around the parish is very important to me. I so very much want us to continue to build up this community of faith. More information will come on these ideas as we move into the future. I look forward to more ideas on how we can serve our church better within and outside in the greater community.

I also brought people up to date on the renovation of the historic church. At the present time we have approximately \$2.7 million raised in cash and pledges. The cost of the project will be \$4.1 million. We’ve received permission to borrow up to \$1.5 million. My intention is to come back to you, the parish, and invite those who have not contributed, to please consider doing so. I’d also like that we consider expanding the pledge drive from 3 years to 5 years with the hope that you might be open to raising your pledged amount with a longer time to complete your commitment. Although I come into the parish after the initial pledge drive has been completed, I do believe this is a very worthy project. It’s exciting to think that IHM might finally have its own parish center and a nice one at that!

Again, thank you all for your prayers and commitment to this faith community. **DON’T FORGET OUR PARISH PICNIC COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER 23rd!** We’re going to have a DUNK TANK for Fr. Robbie and myself. Come and enjoy the opportunity to put us in the water!

Fr. Fred Wendel

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

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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

SEPTEMBER 10 - SEPTEMBER 16

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

Sunday, September 10

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Saturday, September 9 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Reilly Jane Roberts †
6:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

Sunday, September 10 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Kathleen Valley Parker †
11:30 a.m. Richard Valentino †
1:30 p.m. Juan Carlos Ramirez Vibiano †
5:00 p.m. George John Pinto †

Monday, September 11

Weekday

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

8:30 a.m. John "Jack" Rowley †

Tuesday, September 12

Weekday

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

8:30 a.m. All the people of the parish

Wednesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 6:20-26

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

8:30 a.m. Communion Service
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, September 16

St. Cornelius, Pope; St. Cyprian, Bishop
Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday, September 16 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Charles & Magdalena Talbot †
6:00 p.m. All the people of the parish

Sunday, September 17 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Carlene Bollinger †
11:30 a.m. Jon Eiswerth †
1:30 p.m. Kailyn Amadasun †
5:00 p.m. Helen E. O'Leary †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Emmanuela Querubin Robb, Arturo Rafael Valdovinos, 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 Panayioti.

And please pray for the sick: Belinda Skelton, Mandy Wilson, Rufino Solis, 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, Joan Whitcomb, Julian Moon, Sylvia Dominguez, Carmen Berenguer, Paul Galvin, Oscar Ramirez Jr., Marion Conzelmann, Miceli de la O, and Georgina Corripio.

STEWARDSHIP

Fulfilling the PROMISE!

THANK YOU to the hundreds of parishioners who have made pledges to transform our historic church into a parish hall where the IHM community will gather and grow together for generations to come!

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, called *Fulfilling the Promise*, seeks to raise \$4.1 million for this renovation. Pledges currently total \$2.2 million.

WE HAVE RECEIVED a total of \$817,000 in pledges from over 300 families. This is a tremendous progress! Thank you!

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.

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. This will help ensure that we move forward soon to begin construction.

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.



HAVE YOU REMEMBERED IHM IN YOUR WILL?

Leaving assets to the parish through your will enables you to help IHM long into the future, without affecting your cash flow now. For more information, contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation at jgreco@cfnga.org or (404) 497-9440. Visit cfnga.org to learn more.

OFFERTORY

Due to the holiday printing schedule, the collection totals are not available at this time.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection is for our Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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

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WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

Every first Tuesday of the month

Join us every first Tuesday of the month at 2:45 p.m. in the lower level to pray the rosary. Feel free to bring your little ones. We will have instruction sheets and extra rosaries, don't be afraid to join us if you are new to praying the rosary!

IHM MEN'S GROUP

September 11

Prepare to be amazed as we introduce you to the incredible return of our beloved Pastor, Fr. Fred! Get ready to kick-start an unforgettable 2023-2024 season with the IHM Men's Group on September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level. Contact Joe Harrison at joe.harrison14305@gmail.com to RSVP.

NO CONFESSIONS NEXT THURSDAY

September 14

So that Fr. Fred and Fr. Robbie may attend an ongoing formation retreat, there will be no confessions at IHM on Thursday, September 14. Thursday confessions will resume September 21. Please keep Fr. Fred and Fr. Robbie in your prayers.

BLOOD DRIVE

September 13

Our Red Cross blood drive is this Wednesday, September 13, from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the lower level. To schedule and appointment, scan the QR code and select IHM as your location. Questions? Contact Nikki VanDerGrin-ten at (770) 986-4996.



IHM WELCOME RECEPTION

September 17

New to IHM? We are hosting a reception for new parishioners on Sunday, September 17, at 2:45 p.m. in the lower level. Please plan to join us! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

September 17

Want to be an Altar Server? Please attend 1 of 2 upcoming training sessions on Sunday, September 17 after the 9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. Mass. For more information, contact Phil Barreca at pbarreca@ihmatlanta.org.

Please stay in touch!

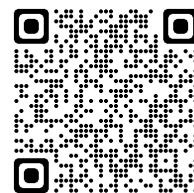
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Click "Stay in Touch" under the "Our Church" tab.



CALLING ALL ADULT VOLUNTEERS!

Scan the QR code and find out how you can help at the IHM Picnic! There will be multiple opportunities for you to volunteer. Don't wait, join our IHM Picnic Team now!



IHM YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Interested in meeting other young adults or young married couples to build fellowship with? Come by our table at the Annual Picnic and get connected! We look forward to seeing you! Scan the QR code for more details.



EMBRACE MEETINGS

September 12 - Grieving Process

October 10 - Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness

November 14 - Coping

December 5 - Holidays & Keepsakes

All meetings are held in the teen lounge and open to any family that has suffered the loss of a bay through miscarriage, stillborn or infant loss. Questions? Contact Gail Schaffer at goshaffer@gmail.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

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

September 9 & 10

- In-person classes for all age groups
- *Clases presenciales para todos los grados*

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ? “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 meets weekly 10:15 to 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!

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

We look forward to seeing all our Middle Schoolers in the lower level at 10:00 a.m.—11:20 a.m. and our High Schoolers in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. this Sunday, Sept 10.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All high schoolers are welcome to join us each Wednesday evening in the Lower Level, Youth Lounge for an open discussion on Sunday's scriptures. We look forward to lively discussion and PIZZA of course!



20/20/20

Parents, need a place to connect? Pray? Connect to God more? 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!

FRIST PRAISE & WORSHIP

DATE set for September 11! 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Lounge! Come to lift your voices high or just enjoy the uplifting music! *Open to high schoolers and 8th graders only.*



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.

CONFIRMATION

Thank you so much for attending the parent/teen Open House session on August 20. It was absolutely 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! All joy!

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.

AFTER SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

IHM School's After School Program is looking for staff for the upcoming school year. Candidates should be 18 years or older and enjoy being around children. Previous experience working around children is preferred, but not required. This is a great position for high school seniors, college students, or adults wishing to earn extra income. A background and drug screening will be required. Contact John Schmarkey, ASAP Director, at 404-636-4488 or jschmarkey@ihmschool.org.

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

Ezequiel 33:7-9
Romanos 13:8-10
Mateo 18:15-20

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Debido al día festivo, los totales del ofertorio no estarán disponibles.

NOTAS DE PADRE FRED

Hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

El lunes 28 de agosto, tuvimos nuestra Cena de Liderazgo Parroquial en la "Iglesia Histórica". La mayoría de nuestros líderes ministeriales pudieron asistir. Comenzamos con la oración, luego una cena. Después de nuestra cena, hice una presentación durante aproximadamente una hora. Invité a los líderes a dejar sus mesas y levantar sus sillas hacia el frente para estar a mi alrededor en el podio. Sentí que era importante que nos acercáramos más mientras compartía noticias sobre la parroquia. Muy especialmente, quería hablar de algunas de mis ideas para el futuro de nuestra parroquia. También hablé de áreas en las que sentí que necesitábamos prestar más atención, con la esperanza de eventualmente agregar un par de puestos de personal más. Las dos posiciones en las que estoy más enfocado actualmente son: Director de Ministerios Parroquiales y Director de Comunicaciones. Coordinar nuestros ministerios, trabajar con líderes en la comunidad parroquial, alentar, ayudar, reclutar, expandir y mejorar las comunicaciones alrededor de la parroquia es muy importante para mí. Tengo muchas ganas de que continuemos construyendo esta comunidad de fe. Más información vendrá sobre estas ideas a medida que avancemos hacia el futuro. Espero con interés más ideas sobre cómo podemos servir mejor a nuestra iglesia dentro y fuera de la comunidad en general.

También puse a la gente al día sobre la renovación de la iglesia histórica. En la actualidad tenemos aproximadamente 2.7 millones de dólares recaudados en efectivo y promesas de contribuciones. El costo del proyecto será de \$4.1 millones. Hemos recibido permiso para pedir prestado hasta \$1.5 millones. Mi intención es volver a ustedes, la parroquia, e invitar a aquellos que no han contribuido, a que por favor consideren hacerlo. También me gustaría que consideráramos expandir la campaña de compromiso de 3 años a 5 años con la esperanza de que puedan estar abiertos a aumentar su cantidad prometida con un tiempo más largo para completar su compromiso. Aunque regreso a la parroquia después de que se haya completado la campaña inicial de compromiso, creo que este es un proyecto muy valioso. ¡Es emocionante pensar que IHM finalmente podría tener su propio centro parroquial!

Una vez más, gracias a todos por sus oraciones y compromiso con esta comunidad de fe. ¡NO OLVIDE NUESTRO PICNIC PARROQUIAL EL 23 DE SEPTIEMBRE! Vamos a tener un TANQUE DE INMERSIÓN para el Padre Robbie y para mí. ¡Ven y disfruta de la oportunidad de meternos en el agua!

Padre Fred Wendel



SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de nuestra parroquia.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de la Arquidiócesis.