



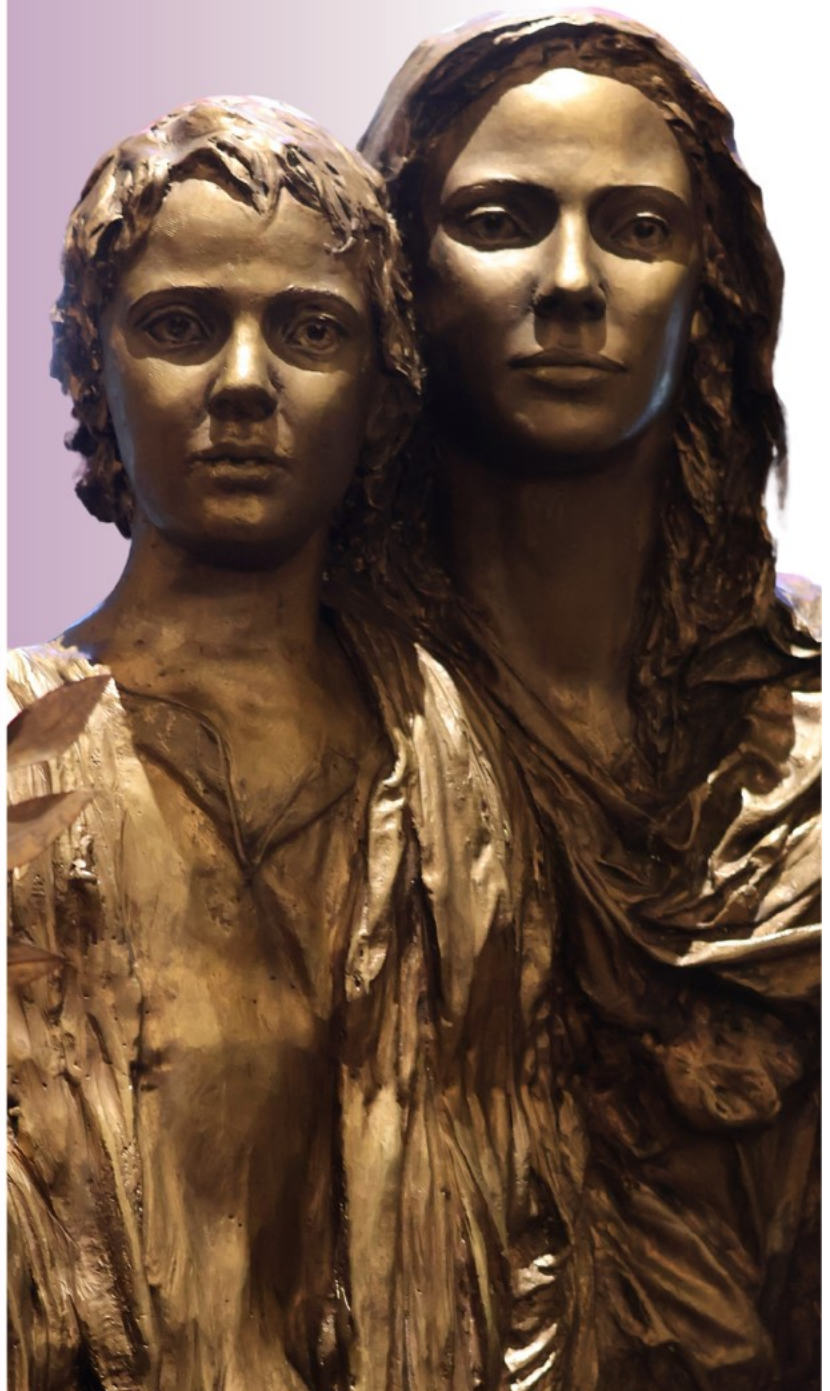
IMMACULATE  
HEART<sup>OF</sup>MARY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# LET'S FINISH STRONG

HELP US REACH OUR 2023  
OFFERTORY GOAL



**GIVE TODAY**  
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 03, 2023

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## 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)

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

### Confesiones

Sábado 9:00 a.m. (excepto Sábado Santo)

Miércoles 6:00 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](mailto:dnieto@ihmatlanta.org).

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Report abuse of children and vulnerable persons : **1-888-437-0764**

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

DECEMBER 03 - DECEMBER 09

Saturday Vigil Masses are livestreamed at [www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream](http://www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream).

### Sunday, December 03

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

#### Saturday, December 02 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Mary Wearing †

6:00 p.m. Teresa Garcia †

#### Sunday, December 03 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Jim, Barbara, and James †

11:30 a.m. Margaret McClain Ethridge †

1:30 p.m. Celedonia Luna †

5:00 p.m. Linda Lino †

### Monday, December 04

Advent Weekday; St. John Damascene

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

8:30 a.m. Thomas Kalathil †

### Parish Penance Service at 7:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 05

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

8:30 a.m. Smith Family

### Wednesday, December 06

Advent Weekday; St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

8:30 a.m. Liv Teverino †

### Thursday, December 07

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

8:30 a.m. Dr. Bill Jann †

7:00 p.m. Diane Morrow

### Friday, December 08

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

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

### Saturday, December 09

Advent Weekday; St. Juan Diego

Is 30:19-21; 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday, December 10

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

#### Saturday, December 09 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Mary Wearing †

6:00 p.m. Alfredo Villanueva Hernandez †

#### Sunday, December 10 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Carlene Bollinger †

11:30 a.m. All people of the parish

1:30 p.m. Julia Felipe Vazquez & Antonio Valdez Felipe †

5:00 p.m. Liv Teverino †

## PRAYERS/ORACIONES

**Please pray for our loved ones who have died:** Jean Paris, Pedro Ramirez Cortez, Ann Barrelle, Niurka Rosales, Jesus Ramirez, Jesus David Ramirez, Paul Rouamba, Caroline Newton, Catherine Arsenault, Cathy Lynch, Alice Bishop, Mary Wearing, Russell Frankofsky, Dr. William Jann, Armando Lerch, Liv Helen Teverino, Ron Tomajko, and Cameron Underwood.

**And please pray for the sick:** Rosa Maria Esquivel Baca, Carmen Berenguer, Sylvia Dominguez, Oaklynn Siler, Paul Galvin, Cesar Berenguer, Lewis Kropp, Betsy Gavin, MaryHelyn Luse, Roberto Rodriguez, Ruben Puerta, Belinda Skelton, Mandy Wilson, Rufino Solis, Dr. Phil Jardina, María Alcántar, Elsie Ortega, Suzanne Wassel, Anna Claire Zickus, Lecie Harrison, Nancy Koughan, Karen Michael, Anthony Paz, Pat Griffin, and Marianne Keller.



## STEWARDSHIP



### #IGIVECATHOLIC

If you haven't already done so, please consider donating to our *iGiveCatholic* fund. Your contribution will help us purchase energy star appliances for our soon to be renovated Historic Church. To make a contribution, simply [visit our site](#). We invite you to pray and discern what God is putting on your heart and help us reach our goal.

### 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

#### November 25 & 26

Offertory	\$ 9,998.00
Electronic Offertory	\$ 11,600.97
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 21,598.97</b>

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

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

Next weekend's second collection will be for the National Retirement Fund for Religious.

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## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Our Lady promised to assist all those who will practice the First Saturday Devotion with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death. To practice the First Saturday Devotion, one must go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the Rosary, and meditate on one or more of the mysteries. Join us the first Saturday of every month for 8:30 a.m. Mass and stay afterwards to pray the rosary and meditate on the mysteries. Confession is available after Mass. Questions? Call the parish office.

## WOMEN'S CLUB ROSARY GROUP

### FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Join the IHM Women's Club every first Tuesday of the month and grow in love with the rosary. Meetings take place at 2:45 p.m. in the lower level of the Church. IHM school parents are able to pick up their children directly from the sidewalk at 3:20 p.m. and walk to their car after praying the Rosary. Instruction sheets and extra rosaries will be available, don't be afraid to join if you are new to praying the rosary!

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

### December 11 & 12

You are all invited to join our Hispanic Community in a communal, cultural, and faith-filled gathering to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe! This year's celebration will take place *Monday, December 11*, and *Tuesday, December 12*, starting at 7:00 p.m. This is a free event and open to the public. To learn more about the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, visit [ihmatlanta.org/feast-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe](http://ihmatlanta.org/feast-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe).

## CHRISTMAS AT IHM

### · THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ·

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 p.m. Mass for families with small children  
6:00 p.m. Mass for families with small children ☒  
8:00 p.m. (Spanish) ☒  
12:00 a.m. ☒

### · THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY ·

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Masses at:  
10:00 a.m. † ☒  
12:00 p.m. (Spanish) ☒

☒ available via livestream at [www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream](http://www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream)  
† celebrated without incense

## CREATIVE HANDS

The Creative Hands Ladies knit and crochet scarves and hats for the homeless, as well as baby hats, blankets and other items for newborns. The items are gathered each year and donated in the fall. This fall, together with a small knitting group from the Central DeKalb Senior Center, Creative Hands donated over 100 items to the Cross Roads Community Soup Kitchen and to Sacred Heart Church in downtown Atlanta. In addition, more than 100 blankets, little hats, and other newborn items were donated to Grady Hospital. If you would like to join Creative Hands or need additional information about this ministry, please contact Betty Molloy at [elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net](mailto:elizabethmolloy@bellsouth.net).



**Please stay in touch!**

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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](mailto:bachner@juno.com)

### ADVENT OPEN HOUSE

**December 10**

The Advent Open House is back! On Sunday, December 10, families with young children are invited to come celebrate the season in the historic church, following the 9:00 Mass. We will have special Advent crafts and treats. All are welcome.



*God of Love,*

*your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.*

*He is a sign of your love.*

*Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,*

*as we wait and prepare for his coming.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.*

For more Advent prayers and activities, including free resources, Advent calendars and Jesse Trees, visit: <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent>.

### ON THE DISMISSAL OF CATECHUMENS

We have resumed the ancient tradition of *dismissing catechumens* from our 11:30 Mass each Sunday. Catechumens are adults or older children who are preparing to be baptized, confirmed, and welcomed to the Eucharist at Easter. They have already made a public commitment to the church and are thus recognized as a part of our community. As such, they have a distinct role to play in our worship. While they cannot yet participate in the Eucharist, they do participate fully in the Liturgy of the Word, and so we invite them to continue reflecting on God's Word together in a separate place during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Indeed, in the early centuries of the church, the Liturgy of the Word was also known as the Liturgy of Catechumens.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

We will be holding Confirmation classes for adults on Wednesday nights, beginning in December. Classes will take place in the lower level of the church, 7:00- 8:30 p.m. These classes are not for people who are becoming Catholic (see sidebar) but rather for Catholic adults who, for whatever reason, never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Participants who meet the requirements and are adequately prepared will be confirmed in April. To enroll or learn more, please contact Drew Denton: [ddenton@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:ddenton@ihmatlanta.org).





## YOUTH MINISTRY

### YOUTH GROUP

This Sunday we look forward to seeing our middle schoolers for Edge at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level; and our high schoolers for Life Teen will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you all back after your Thanksgiving break!

### WINTER RETREAT

Mark your calendars and **register today!**

**All high schoolers welcome** to join us for a Winter Retreat at the beautiful Cove Crest! January 20-21! Live music, missionary led, beautiful scenery, waterfall hike, camp fire in the evening with s'mores, and Eucharist Adoration! Don't miss this beautiful opportunity!

<https://ihmatlanta.org/high-school-winter-retreat>



### CHWC

**Looking for a great Christmas gift?** Something that won't add clutter to your home and will have last impact? Look no further than Catholic Heart Work Camp! The time to register is NOW!!! We are going to Louisville, June 9-14<sup>th</sup>, but the planning is already rolling! This is an opportunity open to all high schoolers, you don't want them to miss this amazing week to serve, connect, and deepen their faith! Attending a

fun, faith based camp, is one of the 3 highest factors in helping teens develop a lasting deep connection to God and their faith! Give them a gift at Christmas that will last a lifetime!

### PING PONG & PRAISE

We had another lovely evening of songs, scripture, and community! All high schoolers and young adults (19-29) welcome! We look forward to coming together again in December!

### HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All high schoolers are welcome to join us each Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Level, Youth Lounge for an open discussion on Sunday's scriptures. Looking forward to lively discussion and snacks of course! (No session on Dec 6)

### 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!

## IHM SCHOOL

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# 2024 Registration is Open Now!



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APPLICATION QR CODE

### GRACE SCHOLARS

**Register before January 1<sup>st</sup>!**

GRACE Scholars is a state of Georgia Student Scholarship Organization (SSO). Taxpayers can contribute to GRACE in exchange for a 100% tax credit – that's a *dollar for dollar* credit! Donations become scholarships for students with financial need to attend a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. You can specify which school(s) you would like your donation to be sent to.

Questions? Please email [askgrace@gracescholars.org](mailto:askgrace@gracescholars.org) or call (404) 920-7900.

**School Application:** same as above.



03 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

## 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

Miércoles 6:00 p.m.  
Sábados 9:00 a.m.  
(o con cita previamente acordada con uno de nuestros Sacerdotes)

## CONFESIÓN Y UNCIÓN

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

Is 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7  
1 Co 1:3-9  
Mc 13:33-37

## OFERTORIO SEMANAL

**Noviembre 25 y 26**

Ofertorio	\$	9,998.00
Ofertorio Electrónico	\$	11,600.97
<b>Ofertorio Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>21,598.97</b>



## EL SERVICIO PENITENCIAL DE ADVIENTO

es el lunes, 4 de diciembre, y comenzará a las 7:00 p.m. Nuestros sacerdotes contarán con la asistencia de varios confesores vecinos para celebrar el Sacramento. Haga de esta noche de sanación una parte de su preparación para la Navidad.

## LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN

, la fiesta patronal de los Estados Unidos y un día de precepto, es el 8 de diciembre. Honra a la madre del Redentor en la Misa de las 8:30 p.m. en español.

**LA MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE** es el martes, 12 de diciembre, a las 8:00 p.m. Acompañenos a celebrar a la Emperatriz de las Américas.

**POSADAS:** Acompañe a María y José a pedir posada empezando el sábado, 16 de diciembre y continuando por ocho noches. Habrá obras, cantos, bailes y botanas. Los esperamos!

## CELEBRACIÓN GUADALUPANA

La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe tomara lugar el 11 y 12 de diciembre. Los invitamos a celebrar la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe con nosotros y ser parte de esta gran celebración!

### LUNES 11 DE DICIEMBRE

7:00 PM - PROCESIÓN  
8:00 PM - CELEBRACIÓN  
11:00 PM - MAÑANITAS  
1:00 - 6:00 AM - VIGILIA Y  
ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

### MARTES 12 DE DICIEMBRE

6:00 PM - CANTOS MARIANOS  
7:00 PM - PROCESIÓN  
8:00 PM - SANTA MISA  
9:00 PM - CELEBRACIÓN

*Celebración Guadalupeana*  
11 Y 12 DE DICIEMBRE

## 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 el Fondo para los Religiosos Jubilados.