



IMMACULATE
HEART^{OF}MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Third Sunday of ADVENT



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 17, 2023

2855 Briarcliff Road NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30329

Through worship, education, and
service, we continue the work of Jesus.

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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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Bulletin Notices: Please submit your request by email **10 days** in advance to dnieto@ihmatlanta.org.

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

DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

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

Sunday, December 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Saturday, December 16 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Michael James O'Brien Sr †

6:00 p.m. Eulogio Duarte & Ana Lopez †

Sunday, December 17 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Dr. Robert N. Azode †

11:30 a.m. Jon Eiswerth

1:30 p.m. Guillermo Guerrero

5:00 p.m. Viviana & Irena Lett †

Monday, December 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:30 a.m. Juan Barajas †

Tuesday, December 19

Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Manuel Zaa †

Wednesday, December 20

Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:5-25

8:30 a.m. Danielle Rouamba

Thursday, December 21

Advent Weekday; St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

8:30 a.m. Joyce Orman †

7:00 p.m. Estela Mendoza †

Friday, December 22

Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

8:30 a.m. Jean Verlander †

Saturday, December 23

Advent Weekday; St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27;

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 23 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Doris Valentino †

6:00 p.m. Jorge E. Pedrazo †

Carmen J. Garcia †

Sunday, December 24 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Paul Rouamba †

11:30 a.m. Walter Domis †

1:30 p.m. All people of the parish

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

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Francisco Jimenez, 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: Padre Jorge Presmanes, Gabriel Guerra, Elizabeth Fletcher Pyles, 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, and Lecie Harrison.

STEWARDSHIP

LET'S FINISH STRONG

HELP US REACH OUR 2023
OFFERTORY GOAL



GIVE TODAY
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HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

The Offertory, or Collection, at Mass is an integral part of the liturgy, not just because it is the primary means by which the parish receives financial support from parishioners, but because it is also an expression of our gratitude to God for the many blessing we have received.

It is your support that makes it possible for our parish and ministries to function. Without your contribution, we would not be able to carry on our mission. [Please consider taking the next step and help us finish this year strong!](#)

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 back today

OFFERTORY

Due to the 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 our Parish Debt Reduction.

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CALLING ALL MINISTERS FOR MASS

We will once again be doing manual sign ups for the Christmas Liturgies. If you are interested in serving at any of the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or New Years Day Masses, please sign up on the schedule sheets that are posted in the Minister's Room now. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly White via email at swwhite@ihmatlanta.org.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

December 19

Hanging of the Greens is Tuesday, December 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and finishing before 9:00 p.m. Come for all of it, or just part of it. All are welcome to join us in decorating the Church for Christmas!

BLOOD DRIVE

January 10

The next IHM blood drive will take place Wednesday, January 10, from 3:00 - 8:00 PM in the lower level room of the church. Please schedule an appointment: sign up at redcrossblood.org - sponsor code *ihm*, or call Red Cross 800-733-2767. Any problems, call Nikki VanDerGrinten 770-986-4996. Remember, you can always cancel or reschedule.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

January 14

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference." In hopes of providing spiritual support and better communicating resources to local pregnant moms and families in need, our parish is joining a nationwide effort entitled: "Walking with Moms in Need." We invite all parishioners to join us as we embark on this effort to serve mothers in need in our community. For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Michele McPheely (mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org). Our next meeting will be January 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Maloney Center, please feel free to join us and learn more!

GIRLS OF GRACE

Our Girls of Grace, middle school devotional group, really blessed a family this year for Christmas! They are truly the hands of Christ- making cards, getting gifts, wrapping them, all with joy and love in their hearts.



CHRISTMAS AT IHM

· THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY ·

SUNDAY, 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 ·

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Masses at:

10:00 a.m. † ☞
12:00 p.m. (Spanish) ☞

☞ available via livestream at www.ihmatlanta.org/livestream
† celebrated without incense

WORKING IN ST. VINCENT'S VINEYARD

Here we are, deep into Advent and the building anticipation of the celebrations surrounding the birth of Christ. The Poor, whom we serve, are also feeling gratitude for the help they have recently received from IHM St. Vincent DePaul via the Thanksgiving and Christmas efforts so firmly supported by our parish.

However, not all are free from worry, anxiety, and stress during this season. Being among The Poor in 2023 can mean facing hunger, eviction, and loss of dignity. These issues are multiplied when small children are at risk.

You see, the grinding issues of The Poor never take a holiday. The eviction courts run full time in December.

A recent Neighbor in Need faced eviction with her 5 children under the age of 6. She was also expecting a new baby too. Our Vincentian first met her to better understand her needs, with eviction being imminent. At a follow up call, the Vincentian learned she had split with her unmarried partner, taken 4 of the 5 kids, and had relocated to a different apartment.

Fortunately, she had a stable government job. However, it paid far less than her former partner had made, and she needed help with the first month's rent. She plans to work overtime to earn more money, but doing so puts pressure on her for childcare while she works. With the eviction no longer hounding her, our Vincentian prioritized getting her food and clothing vouchers as well as a half month payment towards her rent.

Her long-term stability is in doubt. Her job plus her tenacity to get up every day and face the grinding nature of poverty should serve her well. Thanks to the ongoing tremendous support from our IHM parishioners, we were able to keep her, and the children housed, fed, and clothed for the short term.

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

December 17

REMINDER: There will be no faith formation programs on December 17, December 24, or December 31. All programs will resume on Sunday, January 7, 2023. Merry Christmas!

RECUERDA: No habrá programas de catequesis el 17, 25 y 31 de diciembre. Todos los programas se reanudarán el domingo 7 de enero. ¡Feliz Navidad!

CELEBRATING ADVENT

From ancient centuries, the *O Antiphons* have marked the Church's final countdown to Christmas. Use them to guide your prayers and reflections around the Advent wreath this week.

December 17 – O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 – O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 – O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 – O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 – O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death!

December 22 – O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 – O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

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>.



YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

There will be no Youth Group from Dec. 16 to Jan. 1.

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 lasting impact? Look no further than Catholic Heart Work Camp! The time to register is NOW!!! We are going to Louisville, June 9-14th, 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

Winter
Youth
Retreat



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 January!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

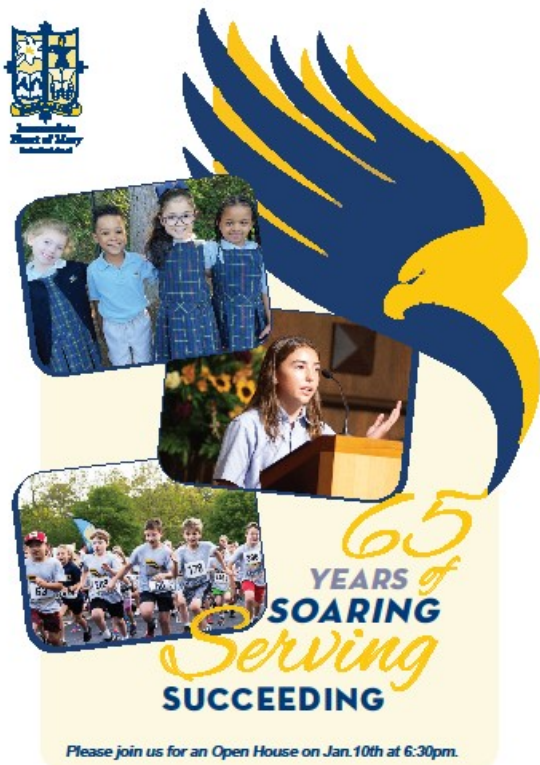
All high schoolers are welcome to join us each Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Level, Youth Lounge for an open discussion on Sunday's scriptures. Looking forward to lively discussion and snacks of course! (No session on Dec 20 & 27)

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! (No sessions on Dec 22 & 29)

IHM SCHOOL

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Immaculate Heart of Mary School would like to invite you to *see how our students have been Soaring, Serving and Succeeding for the past 65 years.* Join us for our second Open House on **January 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Take this opportunity to have a student-led tour and learn more about the admissions process.

Please RSVP through our website, www.ihmschool.org or send an email to Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org. Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

Deseamos invitarles a ustedes a descubrir como los estudiantes de IHM vuelan, sirven y triunfan por los últimos 65 años. Acompáñanos en nuestro segundo día informativo el 10 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. Aprovechen esta oportunidad para hacer una visita guiada por los estudiantes y aprender más sobre el proceso de admisión.

Por favor, RSVP a www.ihmschool.org o con Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org o por teléfono al 404-636-4488. Esperamos verlos ahí!

17 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

TERCER 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 una 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)

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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

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Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Ofertorio

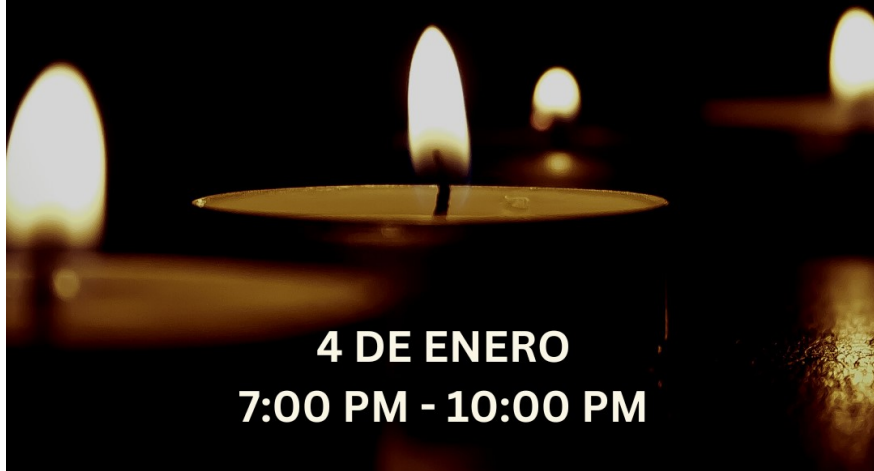
Debido al horario de la imprenta, los totales del ofertorio no estarán disponibles.

LAS POSADAS EN IHM

Este año, tendremos las posadas en nuestra parroquia del 16 al 23 de diciembre. Le invitamos a usted y a su familia para que se unan a esta celebración participando en una noche de *oración, reflexión y diversión*. Preparemos juntos el camino para la llegada del Niño Jesús. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



VIGILIA DE ORACIÓN



SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl.

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