

# FOREVER I WILL SING YOUR *goodness.*

PSALM 89



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 24, 2023

## 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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## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

## MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

DECEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 30

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

### 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. Michael James O'Brien Sr. †  
6:00 p.m. Eulogio Duarte †

#### Sunday, December 24 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Paul Roamba †  
11:30 a.m. All people of the parish  
4:00 p.m. Walter F. Domis †  
6:00 p.m. All people of the parish  
8:00 p.m. All people of the parish

### Monday, December 25

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00 a.m. All people of the parish  
10:00 a.m. All people of the parish  
12:00 p.m. All people of the parish

### Tuesday, December 26

#### Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

8:30 a.m. Archbishop James P. Luke †

### Wednesday, December 27

#### St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

8:30 a.m. Mary Kutty & Devasia Kunnakattu †

### Thursday, December 28

#### The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

8:30 a.m. Phil Jardina  
7:00 p.m. Octavio Suarez Cervantes †

### Friday, December 29

#### Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

8:30 a.m. Tom Moran †

### Saturday, December 30

#### Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

### Sunday, December 31

#### THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

#### Saturday, December 30 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Bob Briggs †  
6:00 p.m. All people of the parish

#### Sunday, December 31 Masses:

9:00 a.m. All people of the parish  
11:30 a.m. All people of the parish  
1:30 p.m. All people of the parish  
5:00 p.m. No Mass

## PRAYERS/ORACIONES

**Please pray for our loved ones who have died:** Rich Yelton, Sylvia Dominguez, 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, and Liv Helen Teverino.

**And please pray for the sick:** Nancy Koughan, Emily Flores, Terry Weaver, Theresa Agyekum, Wick Warren, Mary Anne Shamatta, Padre Jorge Presmanes, Gabriel Guerra, Elizabeth Fletcher Pyles, Rosa Maria Esquivel Baca, Carmen Berenguer, 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**  
**GIVE TODAY**  
**GIVE TODAY**



### 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 Debt Reduction.

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

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### NOTE FROM FR. FRED

Dear IHM Parish Family:

Fr. Robbie, the Deacons, Staff and I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year. We are grateful for your prayers, support and generosity and the opportunities we have to be "Church" with one another. Another year has passed quickly. May 2024 bring blessings but also strength in any struggles you may experience. Let us continue to pray with and for one another.

*Fr. Fred Werdel*

### HOLIDAY HOURS

Our office will be closed from December 24 to January 01. A staff member will be present in the office on Wednesday, December 27, and Friday, December 29, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for any emergencies. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 02. Mary Christmas!

### 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 [swhite@ihmatlanta.org](mailto:swhite@ihmatlanta.org).

### 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](http://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](mailto: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!

### 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 de Paul 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 DePaul, reach out to Javier Lerch via email at [fjlerch@gmail.com](mailto:fjlerch@gmail.com)

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

#### FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

The Five First Saturdays devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and expiate for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of both impious and indifferent men. Join us the first Saturday of every month, starting with 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.

**Please stay in touch!**

Visit [www.ihmatlanta.org](http://www.ihmatlanta.org)

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

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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)

## FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

### December 24

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. 23- Jan. 1. Merry Christmas! We hope your home and hearts are full of joy and hope!

### 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 last minute 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 9-14<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

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 December 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 session Dec. 29)**



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IHM School prays that your Advent journey has been full of renewal and excitement as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We invite you to attend our final open house on January 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP through our website, [www.ihmschool.org](http://www.ihmschool.org), or send an email to Meaghan Schroeder: [admissions@ihmschool.org](mailto:admissions@ihmschool.org).

*Merry Christmas!*



24 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

CUARTO 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)

## 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

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38

## OFERTORIO SEMANAL

### Ofertorio

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

## VIGILIA DE ORACIÓN

4 DE ENERO  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## NAVIDAD EN IHM

### Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

sábado, 23 de diciembre  
4:00 PM - Inglés  
6:00 PM - Español

### Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

domingo, 24 de diciembre  
9:00 AM - Inglés  
11:30 AM - Español

### La Natividad del Señor

domingo, 24 de diciembre  
4:00 PM - Inglés  
6:00 PM - Inglés  
8:00 PM - Español  
11:30 PM - Preludio Musical - Inglés

### Solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor

lunes, 25 de diciembre  
12:00 AM - Misa de Medianoche- Inglés  
10:00 AM - Inglés  
12:00 PM - Español



## SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para la el Fondo de Reducción de Deuda de nuestra parroquia.

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