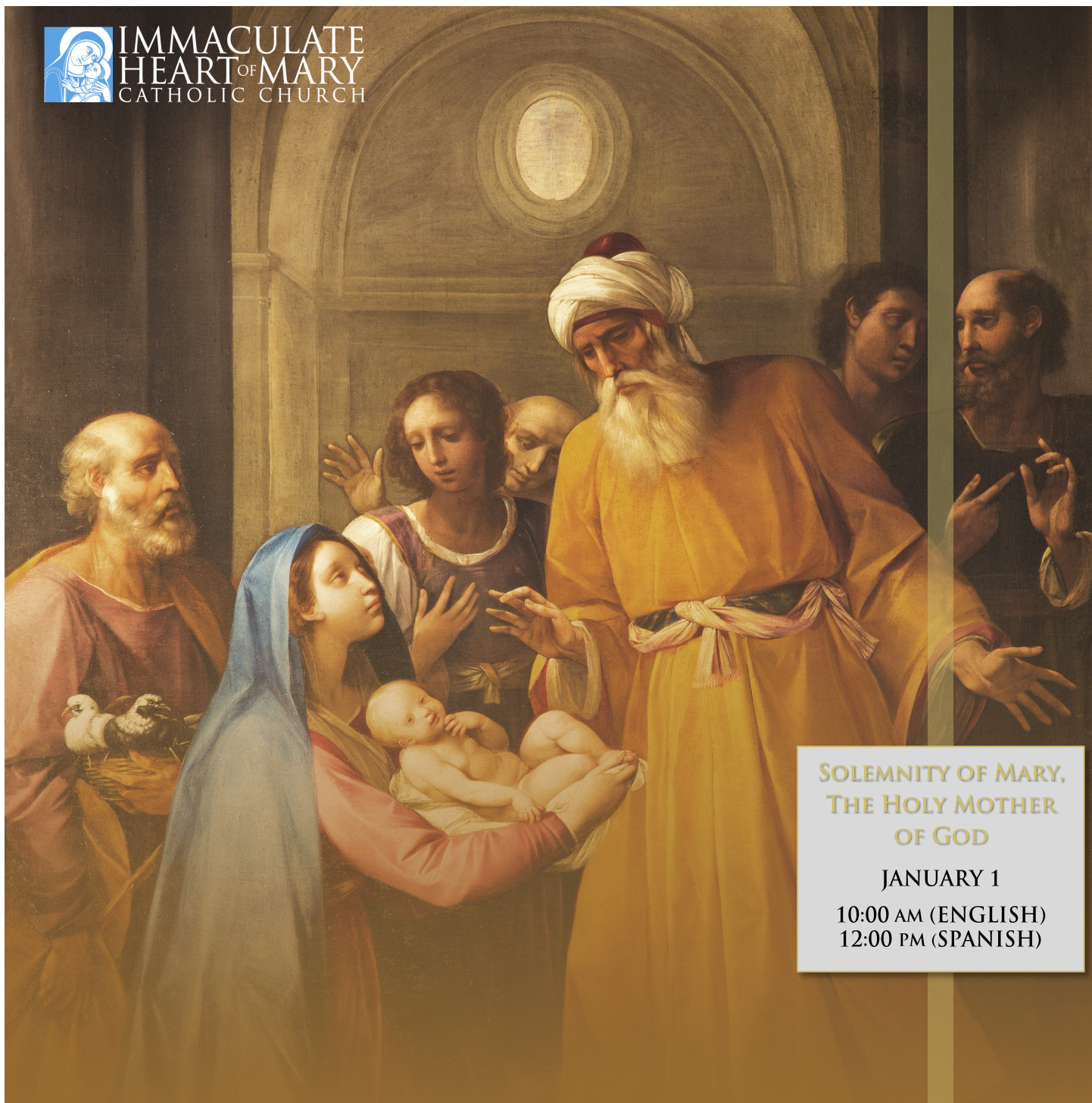




IMMACULATE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD

JANUARY 1

10:00 AM (ENGLISH)
12:00 PM (SPANISH)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | DECEMBER 31, 2023

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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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

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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

DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 06

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

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
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, January 01

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

Tuesday, January 02

St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

8:30 a.m. Kevin James Farrell †

Wednesday, January 03

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

8:30 a.m. David Westwood

Thursday, January 04

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

8:30 a.m. Samuel Karoki †
7:00 p.m. Eutanacia †

Friday, January 05

St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51

8:30 a.m. Kathy Cotta

Saturday, January 06

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11

8:30 a.m. Doyle Willard Boggs Jr. †

Sunday, January 07

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Saturday, January 06 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Ann Barrelle †
6:00 p.m. Luis Jesus Duarte †

Sunday, January 07 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Cile Gierhahn †
11:30 a.m. Piedad Castro Ramirez
1:30 p.m. All people of the parish
5:00 p.m. Alistair Pinto †

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: Jaime Piedrahita, Kent Williams, Andrew Patch, Olvy Tirtawijada, Lydia McGrew, 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

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 jgreco@cfnga.org or (404) 497-9440. Visit cfnga.org to learn more.

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.

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.



TIME Talent TREASURE

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!](#)

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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THE HOLY FAMILY: THE REAL STORY

In the midst of everyday living, our families may seem more like the infamous television Simpsons than the Ned Fladers' clan living up the street. Imagine the pressure of living in the same neighborhood as the Holy Family two thousand years ago. Perhaps they seemed like such a perfect family! But looks can be deceiving. Jesus's family, Joseph and Mary and Son, may have come across as more dysfunctional than divine when their friends and neighbors gathered to talk about family values in little Nazareth.

Consider the rumor they must have heard that Mary and Joseph's marriage began with a crisis pregnancy and a fiancé who was ready to call off the engagement. Quiet arrangements were made; a wedding took place. Today's experts would rate the long-term chances of the survival of their marriage as slim indeed. Then, to make matters worse, as Mary entered those final weeks before birth, another problem arose. She and Joseph had to travel about ninety miles on foot to be with his extended family in Bethlehem, in what is now the West Bank. Pregnancy was no excuse. The trip proved difficult. There was an emergency birth with no familiar womenfolk to attend to the frightened young mother. Still, the joy of this firstborn child swaddled in her arms must have been a sign that all would be well. Or would it?

The fledgling family, about to return to Nazareth, received a threat against the life of their infant child. Again responding to a dream, Joseph, in a desperate move to protect his family, whisked them off to Egypt. Hearing reports that they had gone from homelessness to refugee status, members of the house of Bethlehem would have been less than impressed with the idealism of this dream-driven young family. Wait til the people in Nazareth hear about this!

We don't know much about the next twelve or so years—what kind of report cards Jesus may have received or growing pains he would have encountered—but we do have a clue that his teen years might have been as challenging for Mary and Joseph as they are to 21st century parents. The line, "Child, why have you treated us like this?" (Luke 2:48) might resonate with parents' co-mingling of relief and anger as they confront children who once were lost but now are found. The scene in the Temple is proof that adolescent angst up against parent protectiveness is not a recent issue. Yet, the strength of families is forged as much out of the fires of crisis as the Kodak moments of our lives.

Mary, the mother of the young-adult Jesus, had to prod him a bit to get on with his vocation. When he resisted, she insisted. "[Son,] they have no wine." (John 2:3). Because Mary was a widow, Jesus would have her sole support, yet she encouraged him to move on with his mission. The treasures she had pondered in her heart for thirty years would see them through the most difficult and tragic time yet to come. She probably watched, wondered and worried as the neighbors and various crowds alternately embraced, then rejected her son and his radical lifestyle. Did she ever doubt that he was on the right track? Then her greatest fears were realized as the ultimate tragedy materialized: the death of her beloved child. There is no greater parental pain. As she had cradled him at his first breath, she was with him at his last; her family as torn apart as her heart. Just as Simeon had predicted.

The Holy Family scrapbook of memories would have included all those moments—from lullabies to painful good-byes. Mary, Joseph and Jesus experienced fear and disappointment, disagreement and disaster. But they were sustained by moments of deep love and joy. And by their faith. We do ourselves a great disfavor to think they were not like us. For as God was in their midst, so too, God is with us. Emmanuel. The promise of the Incarnation assures us that it is in loving each other through troubles and triumphs that we become holy families.

BLOOD DRIVE

January 10

Have you registered? Our next 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. Remember, you can always cancel or reschedule.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED

January 14

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](mailto:Michele.McPheely@ihmatlanta.org) by calling our office or via email 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!

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM IHM: FREE ACCESS TO WORLD ON FIRE

Are you looking for something spiritually nourishing to watch during the Christmas season? Our parish has a subscription to Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire video library. This streaming service includes dozens of homilies, lectures, interviews, and award-winning documentary series such as Bishop Barron's Catholicism and Catholicism: The Pivotal Players. To sign up for free access to these videos, use the QR code below or visit ihmatlanta.org/bishop-barrons-word-on-fire-library.

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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 31

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!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

The Liturgy of the Word for Children (ages 4-7) will resume at 9:00 am Mass, beginning on January 7. This ministry has been growing rapidly, and we need more volunteers! Adults who have been cleared through the Safe Environment process (VIRTUS) are welcome to help as leaders or assistants. Teenagers looking for service hours are also welcome to assist. If you are interested in helping children hear the Word of God in this accessible and engaging format, contact [Drew Denton](#) by calling the office or via email ddenton@ihmatlanta.org.



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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>

PING PONG & PRAISE

All high schoolers and young adults (19-29) welcome! We look forward to coming together again on January 29!

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!

CHWC

It's time to register for Catholic Heart Work Camp! 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 (120 hours of credit given), 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 that will last a lifetime!



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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!

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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 10th starting at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP through our website, www.ihmschool.org, or send an email to Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org.

Merry Christmas!

Open House



ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

31 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

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)

MATRIMONIO

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 (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

Si 3:3-7, 14-17a
Col 3:12-21
Lc 2:22-40

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Ofertorio

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



¡ FELICIDADES JOVENES!

Queremos felicitar a estos jóvenes de nuestra parroquia por sus logros y gran esfuerzo. Elissa Álvarez-Mendoza a completado su enteramiento básico de las Fuerzas Armadas de Estados Unidos, donde continuara su crecimiento profesional. Hirvin Galeana Cruz se a graduado y a recibido su bachillerato en contabilidad y planea continuar con su maestría. Son un gran orgullo e ejemplo para los demás. ¡Les deseamos los mejor en todos sus logros!

RETIRO DE INVIERNO

Marque sus calendario y regístrese hoy! Todos los estudiantes de secundaria son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros para un retiro de invierno en Cove Crest el 20 y 21 de enero! Tendremos música en vivo, hermosos paisajes, caminatas, fogata por la noche y Adoración al Santísimo. No te pierdas esta hermosa oportunidad! Visita nuestra pagina web para registrarte: ihmatlanta.org/high-school-winter-retreat



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 la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de nuestra parroquia.