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THE WISE STILL SEEK HIM



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD | JANUARY 07, 2024

DEAR LORD,
WITH THANKSGIVING WE ENTRUST OUR YEAR TO YOU.
WHATEVER IT HOLDS, WHOEVER WE ENCOUNTER, WHEREVER WE TRAVERSE.
WHAT YOU SUPPLY IS GIFT.
MAY OUR COMINGS AND GOINGS BE ALIGNED WITH YOUR WILL.
AMEN.

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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

JANUARY 07—JANUARY 13

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

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 †

Monday, January 08

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 13:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

8:30 a.m. Richard Wilkinson †

Tuesday, January 09

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

8:30 a.m. Ann Barrelle †

Wednesday, January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

8:30 a.m. Marie Versane

Thursday, January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

8:30 a.m. All people of the parish
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, January 13

Weekday; St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

Saturday, January 13 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Catherine Arsenault †
6:00 p.m. Lorenzo Corripio †

Sunday, January 14 Masses:

9:00 a.m. Ron Tomajko †
11:30 a.m. Armando Lerch †
1:30 p.m. All people of the parish
5:00 p.m. Harold Hingos †

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died: Olivia Tirtawidjaja, 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, 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

RENEW YOUR PROMISE

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 making a donation today and help us start 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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MEN'S GROUP

January 09

The Men's Group will hold their first meeting of 2024 on Tuesday, January 9, in the historic church. If you are new to the parish, or have drifted away, this is a great way for you to get involved. Email joeharrison14305@gmail.com to RSVP or if you have any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE

January 10

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Our next blood drive will take place Wednesday, January 10, from 3:00—8:00pm in the lower level of the church. To sign up, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767 and use the sponsor code *IHM*. 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, please contact [Michele McPheely](mailto:Michele.McPheely@ihmatlanta.org) by calling our office or email mmcpheely@ihmatlanta.org. Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 14, at 3:00pm in the Maloney Center.

CHILI COOK-OFF

January 27

Dust off your crock pots and cauldrons for a chili cook-off on Saturday, January 27, from 11:00am—2:00pm. Team up with other members or invite a first timer out. If you don't want to cook, come out and have some fun! Email tim.p.hoffman@gmail.com or visit signupgenius.com/go/IHMMensChiliCookoff to register.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace the same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.

STEP INTO THE LIGHT

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” — Isaiah 60:2

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady's request for the First Saturday devotion. In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart...I shall come to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays.” Join us every first Saturday of every month, starting with 8:30am Mass, and stay afterward to pray the rosary and meditate on the mysteries.

WOMEN'S CLUB ROSARY GROUP

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Join the IHM Women's Club every first Tuesday of every month and grow in love with the rosary. Meetings take place at 2:45pm in the lower level of the church. IHM school parents are able to pick up their children directly from the sidewalk at 3:20pm 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!

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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

EPIPHANY BLESSING 20+C+M+B+24

The numbers represent the year (2024).
The letters represent both the names of the
Magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar) and
the phrase

"Christus Mansionem Benedicat,"
which is Latin for
"May Christ Bless the House."



Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Explore the goodness, truth, and beauty
of the Faith with Bishop Robert Barron.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM IHM: FREE ACCESS TO WORD 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

We are very much looking forward to seeing all our teens this weekend! January 7th all groups return. Middle school 10:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. in the lower level. High school 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the lower level, and Immediate Confirmation Prep 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. See you all soon!

WINTER RETREAT

Mark your calendars and register today, registration closes January 8th at 6:00 p.m.! 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, make a New Year's resolution! Looking for a way to connect to your faith more? Pray? To know God better? 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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FINAL

Open House

January 10
6:30pm

IHM
Catholic School

We would like to invite the parishioners of IHM to *See how our students have been Soaring, Serving and Succeeding for 65 years!* Join us for our final Open House on January 10 at 6:30pm. 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.

7 DE ENERO DE 2024

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

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. Preguntas? Llame a Alicia Guerrero.

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

Is 16: 1-6
Ef 3: 2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

Ofertorio

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

DAR UN PAZO HACIA LA LUZ

Qué extraño es pensar que, si no fuera por las indicaciones de Herodes, los reyes magos no habrían sabido dónde encontrar a Jesús. No eran judíos, no sabían nada de las antiguas profecías. Fue Herodes quien convoco a los sabios. Fue Herodes quien señaló el camino; con motivos ocultos, ciertamente, pero, de todos modos, este es el papel que desempeñó. Fue Herodes quien hizo posible la Epifanía.

“Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora,” escribe el profeta (Isaías 60:3). Un rey puede permanecer en las sombras, sospechando de la luz; puede imaginar tontamente que puede arrebatarla del cielo para conservarla como posesión suya y, al descubrir que la luz no puede ser gobernada, llegar a detestarla e incluso tratar de extinguirla de una vez por todas.

Pero todos sus grandes diseños quedarán en nada porque no hay ningún rey tan poderoso que pueda ver en la oscuridad. E incluso un hombre como Herodes, un hombre tan celoso que buscó matar a Dios, no puede evitar el amanecer.

La Epifanía marca la manifestación de Cristo a los gentiles. Es una celebración de la verdad que llega a lugares donde no se esperaba que llegara, del brillo que ilumina rincones del mundo que hace mucho tiempo estaban relegados a la sombra. Es un recordatorio de que la batalla ya está ganada, la noche ha terminado. Lo único que nos queda es decidir: ¿daremos un paso hacia la luz?

“Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor y en ti se manifiesta su gloria.” — Isaías 60:2

RETIRO DE INVIERNO

20-21 de enero

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 regístrate: ihmatlanta.org/high-school-winter-retreat

DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

10 de enero

Cada dos segundos alguien en Estados Unidos necesita sangre. Es esencial para cirugías, tratamiento de cáncer, enfermedades crónicas y lesiones traumáticas. Ya sea que un paciente reciba sangre completa, glóbulos rojos, plaquetas o plasma, esto solo es posible cuando una persona hace un donación. Nuestra próxima campaña de donación de sangre se llevara a cabo el miércoles, 10 de enero, de 3:00—8:00pm en el nivel inferior de la iglesia. Para regístrate, visita redcrossblood.org o llama al 800-733-2767 y usa el código IHM.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Aunque los magos no sabían a dónde los llevaría la estrella de Belén, confiaron en que Dios estaría con ellos en el camino. Abracemos todos la misa fe mientras emprendemos el viaje que Dios ha planeado para nosotros este año.

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 la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de nuestra parroquia.