



IMMACULATE
HEART OF MARY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Happy Mother's Day!
¡Feliz Día de la Madre!



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 9, 2021

PRAY WITH THE HOLY FATHER FOR AN END TO THE PANDEMIC

Pope Francis has called for a global marathon of prayer during the month of May for an end to the pandemic. Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 PM Rome time (noon EDT) at https://youtu.be/4Rb7_WdNIZY. Each day has a different prayer intention related to the pandemic. The English-language list of shrines and prayer intentions can be found at <https://bit.ly/3gMANYS>.

After the recitation of the Rosary on May 1, the Holy Father offered this prayer:

Under your protection we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
In the present dramatic situation, full of sufferings and anguish
we have recourse to You, Mother of God and our Mother,
and we seek refuge under your protection.

O Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes to us in this pandemic,
and comfort those who are lost and weeping for their dead loved ones,
buried sometimes in a way that hurts the soul.

Mother of God and our Mother, beg for us from God, Father of mercy,
that this hard trial end and that a horizon of hope and peace return.
As in Cana, intervene with your divine Son, asking him to comfort
the families of the sick and victims and to open their hearts to trust.

Protect the doctors, nurses, health personnel and volunteers
who are on the front lines and put their lives at risk to save other lives.
Accompany them in their heroic toil and give them strength and health.
Be close to those who assist the sick night and day
and to the priests who, with pastoral concern and evangelical commitment,
try to help and support everyone.

The full text of the Holy Father's prayer can be found at https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/it/prayers/documents/papa-francesco_preghiere_20210501_preghiera-finepandemia.html.

**SUNDAY MASS
DISPENSATION TO END**

Now that vaccines are widely available, Archbishop Hartmayer believes it is time to begin bringing people physically back to church.

Effective the weekend of Pentecost, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will end, except for those at high risk and those who might pose a risk to others. Read the Archbishop's letter [here](#).

Beginning on Pentecost, May 22-23, reservations will no longer be necessary for masses at IHM.

However, we will continue to observe simple and prudent protocols for the safety of all:

The church is sanitized by electrostatic fogger before every liturgy.

Church air is constantly purified by bi-polar ionization.

Families residing together sit together; households are separated by 6 ft.

Face masks are required for everyone age 3 and older.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mass in English

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

Misas en Español

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.
Sabado: 6:00 p.m.
Domingo: 1:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Available by appointment with a priest

Confesiones

Disponible por cita con un sacerdote.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9-10:00 a.m. and 6-7:00 p.m.

Adoración al Santísimo

Jueves 9-10:00 a.m. y 6-7:00 p.m.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 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.

Office Hours /Horas de Oficina

Closed until further notice

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PARISH INFORMATION

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 www.facebook.com/IHMAtlanta

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Bulletin Notices: Please submit your request by email **10 days** in advance to msoren@ihmatlanta.org. Envíe su anuncio por correo electrónico **10 días** antes a: msoren@ihmatlanta.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

MAY 8 – MAY 16

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

Sunday, May 9

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

Saturday, May 8 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 9

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
1:30 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
5:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Monday, May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

7:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena

Saturday, May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Saturday, May 15 Vigil Masses:

4:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

Sunday, May 16

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
11:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
1:30 p.m. Mother's Day Novena
5:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

PRAYERS/ORACIONES

Please pray for our loved ones who have died, especially: Victor Ortiz, Joseph Gilsdorf, Nigiste Abrene, Jane Iredale, Angelina Spsychalski, Edward Swahn, Jane Nied, Angel Luis Serrano, Marianne Spruck, Donald Spruck, Benjamin Cardenas, Ralph Stephen, Steve Galvin, Patricia Spurrell Perulero, Woody Chilson, Phyllis Merrill, Robert Skehan, Jake Leonard, Margarita Fernandez, Narcisca Fernandez, Esther Strout, Marie Zabbia Brown, Ignacio Herrera Martinez, Magda Rios, Leonie Lacroix, Carmen Tovar, Andy Sutherland, Margarita Santiago and Agnes Lucy Cassidy.

And please pray for all the sick, especially: Diane Gilsdorf, Christian Banks, Kevin Farrell, Margaret Rogers, Teresa Gernazian, Robert E. Smith, Will Broxterman, Dinorah Cassola, Susy Ebbecke, Miguel Castrejón, Galbina Hernandez Betsy Gavin, Pat Mallinson, Lynn Campbell, Sarah Sweeney, Lynn Simmons Moises Tellez, Terry Weaver, Kate Phillips, Dona Maynard, Tony Vecin, Rick Knoll, Betty Ann Pete, Polly Phillips, John Phillips and Diego Castellanos.

STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU to the hundreds of households who have responded with a pledge to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, either during Mass or by mail or online!

WE HOPE FOR A RESPONSE from every Catholic household to the Appeal each year. If you have not yet had an opportunity to make your pledge to the 2021 Appeal, please be generous in your response. For more information, and to donate online, go to www.appeal.archatl.com.

GIVING OPTIONS

During the present public health crisis, your parish support is needed more than ever! If you have not already done so, please consider:

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through our electronic giving program, you authorize a specified amount of money to be electronically transferred from your checking, savings or credit card to the parish account. You also specify the frequency of the transfer.

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!

GIVEPLUS MOBILE

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app for free. If you are already giving electronically, use the same log in credentials for this mobile app.

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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF IHM!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' commandment is that his disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

OFFERTORY

Collection numbers 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 the Catholic Communications Campaign.

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COUNSELING

Fee-based Professional Counseling is available in the Maloney Center at IHM for individuals, couples and families. Contact Mariane-la Matheus, M.Ed. at 678-310-8122.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

Monsignor Al and Father Carlos will offer a novena of Masses for the intentions of our mothers, living and deceased, beginning this weekend. If you would like to participate in this novena, please submit your mother's name on the form enclosed with your May church envelopes. Extras are available in the church narthex.

Blessed Mother Mary,
on this day when we honor all mothers,
we turn to you.
Never has it been known
that anyone who sought your intercession
was left unaided by grace.

Dear Mother,
thank you for your "Yes"
to the invitation of the angel,
which brought heaven to earth
and changed human history.
You opened yourself to God's word,
and the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us.

Dear Mother,
intercede for all of our mothers.
Ask your Divine Son
to give them the grace of surrendered love,
so that they might join with you
in giving their own "Fiat."
May they find daily strength to say yes
to the call to the sacrificial love,
the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.
May their love and witness
be a source of great inspiration for all of us
called to follow your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 12

The next Red Cross blood drive will take place this coming Wednesday, May 12 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. In order to schedule an appointment you must sign up at redcrossblood.org - sponsor code **ihm**. Slots are filling up fast, so take action now to reserve a time convenient for you. (You can always cancel or reschedule). Contact Nikki VanDerGrinten, 770-986-4996, for assistance if needed. Strict Covid guidelines will be observed. Free Covid antibody testing will be done on all donations. The Red Cross will expand its testing to include sickle cell trait screening on all donations from self-identified African American donors.



CLOTHING DRIVE

May 22-23

IHM's St Vincent de Paul Society will host their bi-annual clothing drive for those in need the weekend of May 22-23. Please bring your donations to mass and drop them off at the SVdP truck in the upper parking lot. A SVDP member will be there to collect the items before and after each mass. As always, thank you for your generosity!



MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES MISSION TRIP 2021

Have you ever considered going on our Mustard Seed missions? Now is your chance to give it a try - **virtually**. Due to COVID-19, our missionaries are unable to visit Mustard Seed Communities, but MSC needs our help more than ever! Our 16th Annual mission trip will support the MSC 2021 mission program, Race for the Residents (R4R) Join us on our virtual trip of 6 weekly sessions where we will experience the aspects of a mission trip in Jamaica & the Dominican Republic while raising critical funds for Mustard Seed Communities. To join our virtual mission team or make a donation to our team go to: www.mustardseed.com/goto/IHMAtlanta

Please stay in touch!

Visit www.ihmatlanta.org
and click "Stay in Touch With Us"
under the "Our Church" tab.

And follow us:



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille is a program for couples with marital problems who want help, those who are considering marriage separation, and those who are already separated or divorced. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. A willingness to work on your marriage is the primary requirement. Both husband and wife are required to attend the program. For more information about our upcoming VIRTUAL Retrouvaille Weekend programs, contact: Andy and Lilly at 770.912.4743 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org.

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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

THANK YOU!

Our school year has come to an end in Faith Formation. Thank you to all of the catechists who adapted to a new learning environment with such faithful resilience this year, and to all of the families who remained committed to their children's religious education in spite of the challenges. We look forward to seeing you again in August!

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

Between April 24 and May 15, 124 children from our parish will receive their First Holy Communion. We are always proud of our first communicants, but we rejoice in a special way with this year's group, who overcome the challenges of the pandemic with an extra degree of patience and faithfulness. Congratulations! May this encounter with the Risen Lord fill you with grace and strengthen your families in faith, hope, and love.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are!" – 1 John 3:1

FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT 2021-2022

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will open to returning students this week. Enrollment for new students will begin May 17. Online enrollment will be available for all programs: G.I.F.T. (K-5th Grade), Edge (Middle School Youth Ministry) and Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry), as well as sacramental preparation classes. Keep in mind:

- ♦ Preparation for First Holy Communion is a two-year process that typically occurs in 1st and 2nd grade.
- ♦ Preparation for Confirmation is also a two-year process that typically occurs in 9th and 10th grade.
- ♦ Students who attend Catholic schools still need to enroll for sacramental preparation at the parish, even though they will receive the majority of their formation at school.

Questions? Please contact any member of our Faith Formation staff. We look forward to welcoming you back for what we hope will be a fuller, in-person school year in 2021-2022.

THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM NEEDS YOU

It is a joy to see more familiar faces returning to church as vaccinations take effect! Plans are already underway for next year's faith formation programs. We pray that a full return to in-person learning will be possible for the 2021-2022 school year, which will require a full team of passionate, faithful, and reliable adult volunteers. If you are interested in any of our ministries, whether elementary school catechesis, youth ministry, or sacramental preparation, please contact us (information on sidebar above). We look forward to meeting you!

SAVE THE DATE

Say the Word
una Palabra tuya

SOUTHEAST CATECHIST CONFERENCE 2021
AUGUST 12-15, 2021

A virtual conference brought to you by these Province partners: Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Raleigh, Savannah

Link coming soon

OFFICE OF FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
VIRTUAL CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our Confirmandi! It was a wonderful moment to watch each of you be confirmed by Archbishop Hartmayer! We in faith formation and your church family are all so proud of you! Don't forget to check the photos out on the website!



SENIORS

Congratulations 2021 Seniors! We would like to honor you with recognition on the church website and Graduation Mass on May 16 at 5:00 p.m.



(Reservations will need to be made in advance, starting on May 10.) Please fill out the online form at <https://ihmatlanta.org/graduation-recognition> and submit it by May 10 to be included in the senior slideshow! We are looking forward to celebrating your high school career!

YOUTH GROUP

We had wonderful End of the Year Celebration this past Sunday! Parents and teens thank you for helping to make challenging year run smoothly! Please remember the registrations for the next school year will be live online, under the Faith Formation tab, starting April 30. Registration ends in July.

IHM SCHOOL

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IHM Class of 2017

SAVE THE DATE

May 13, 2021
1-2:00 P.M.

IHM SCHOOL LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

May 19

Stock up for Summer Reading at the Used Book Sale on Wednesday, May 19. This one-day sale will be held outside in front of the Historic Church. Stop by to shop anytime between morning carpool and 5PM. The school library is accepting donations of your used books through May 10. You may drop off your donations in the school lobby. All proceeds from the sale support the IHM School Library.



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

Disponible por cita con un sacerdote.

MATRIMONIOS

Llamar al Padre Carlos Ortega y hacer cita para hablar de los requisitos, por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Llamar a la parroquia por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada

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 es una Terapeuta Certificada en Salud Mental en el Estado de Georgia y en Terapia de Juego a Nivel Nacional y 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

Hechos 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Juan 4:7-10
Juan 15:9-17

OFERTORIO SEMANAL

El total recaudado de ofertorio no esta disponible en este momento.

GRACIAS!

Nuestro año escolar en Formación de Fe ha llegado a su fin. Gracias a todos los catequistas que se adaptaron a un nuevo entorno de aprendizaje con tan fiel resiliencia este año, y a todas las familias que siguieron comprometidas con la educación religiosa de sus hijos a pesar de los desafíos. ¡Esperamos verlos de nuevo en agosto!

REACH FOR EXCELLENCE

Reach for Excellence es un programa que brinda oportunidades y recursos financieros limitados a estudiantes de quinto grado de básica. Ofrecen sesiones en verano y cursos los sábados durante el año académico, este programa 100% gratuito y desarrolla las habilidades educativas, sociales y de liderazgo que cada estudiante necesita para tener éxito en la escuela secundaria, la universidad y más allá. Hay volantes con más información en el nártex para los interesados.

DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

Miércoles 12 de Mayo
Inmaculado Corazón de Maria organizara una donación de sangre este miércoles 12 de mayo de 3:00pm a 8:00pm en la Iglesia Histórica. Tenga en cuenta que tendrá que hacer una cita para participar en esta donación y que no se aceptaran personas que lleguen sin cita. Haga su cita hoy! Visite www.redcrossblood.org e ingrese el código del patrocinador: **ihm**.

¡APOYA EL VIAJE DE MISIÓN!

Echa un vistazo a algunas joyas y regalos católicos muy bonitos en: www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop. Hay toneladas de artículos de regalo de gran precio para la primera comunión, confirmación, graduación o cualquier otro día significativo! Sólo tiene que utilizar nuestro código parroquial: **IHMATLANTA** en el checkout y el 50% de las ganancias se destinarán a apoyar nuestro viaje de misión juvenil! ¡Gracias!

LA DISPENSACIÓN DE MISA DOMINICAL TERMINA

Ahora que las vacunas están ampliamente disponibles, el arzobispo Hartmayer cree que es hora de regresar físicamente a la iglesia.

Efectivo el fin de semana de Pentecostés, la dispensación de la obligación para asistir a la misa dominical terminará, excepto para aquellos en alto riesgo y aquellos que puedan representar un riesgo para los demás.

A partir de Pentecostés, 22-23 de mayo, las reservas ya no serán necesarias para misas en IHM.

Continuaremos observando protocolos sencillos y prudentes por la seguridad de todos:

La iglesia se desinfecta con nebulizador electrostático antes de cada liturgia.

El aire se purifica constantemente por ionización bipolar.

Las familias que viven juntas se sientan juntas; los hogares están separados por 6 pies.

Se requieren mascarillas para todos los mayores de 3 años.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

La segunda colecta de este fin de semana será para la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul de nuestra parroquia.

La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para la Campaña de Comunicaciones Católicas.

