



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 16, 2026 • 10:15 AM

WELCOME

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and pray, think and talk, laugh and cry. We believe we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, active in every person and in the world. Join us as we worship God and serve our neighbors.

NEWCOMERS

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

TODAY

8:00 AM • WORSHIP • Christ Chapel

8:45 AM • DONUTS • Bishop Commons

Provided by the Book Clubs & Prayer Shawl

9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

1:00 PM • SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP • Nave

6:00 PM • CELTIC-STYLE WORSHIP • Christ Chapel

GIVING

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



CHILDCARE

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold. This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

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VOLUNTARY • *The Peace May Be Exchanged* • DAN LOCKLAIR

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 410 • *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* • LAUDA ANIMA

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA • S 280 • POWELL

See next page.

The COLLECT *of the* DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The WORD of GOD

*The people
are seated.*

The FIRST LESSON • ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the LORD God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

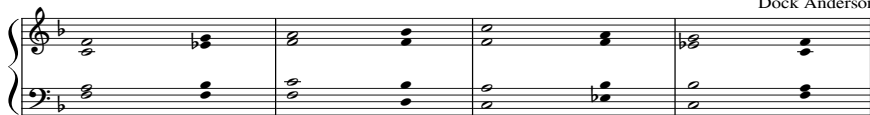
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 67 • DEUS MISEREATUR

Dock Anderson



May God be merciful to us and / bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and / come to us.

Let your ways be known upon / earth, *
your saving health among all / nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O / God; *
let all the peoples / praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for / joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon / earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O / God; *
let all the peoples / praise you.

The earth has brought forth her / increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his / blessing.

2nd half of chant

May God give us his / blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in / awe of him.

The SECOND LESSON • ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 538 • *God of Mercy, God of Grace* • LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

Children are invited to follow the small cross to attend Children's Chapel for a story and prayers during the procession and will return during the Peace. We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the good news into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

*The people
stand as able.*

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people
are seated.*

*The people
stand as able.*

The SERMON • *The Reverend Dr. Bill Murray* • RECTOR

The NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE & CONFESSION *of* SIN

*The people kneel or
remain standing.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

That we all may be one.

Strengthen your Church in every place. Give us courage and joy to truly
and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all lay ministers and pastoral caregivers; for musicians,
teachers, vestries, staff; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Guide our leaders away from cruelty, pride, and fear. Give them wisdom
for the common good and courage to protect the vulnerable. Heal our
divisions, restrain violence, and turn us toward truth, mercy, and dignity in
all the nations of the world.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on the sick, the lonely, the anxious, the addicted, the
unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, and those who suffer from any
grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Comfort all who mourn. Give us hope in the promise of resurrection.
Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Give us grace to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to follow the good examples of all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The people greet
one another in the
name of the Lord.*

*The people
are seated.*

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The HOLY COMMUNION

The OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Just As I Am* • DOCK ANDERSON

Dedicated to Sally and Pete Parsonson, in grateful recognition of their faithful support of the music ministry of Holy Innocents, and to the Choir of Holy Innocents as we begin our shared ministry together.

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH

*The people
stand as able.*



The GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

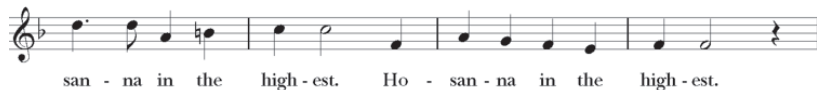
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS • S 125 • PROULX



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; we violated your creation and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with the Holy Innocents, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day
our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The FRACTION & INVITATION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI • S 154 • HURD

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION *to* HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive
Communion. Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. Receive
the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen."
Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is
full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive
a blessing, indicate this by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who
wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

HYMN 321 • *My God, thy Table' Now is Spread* • ROCKINGHAM

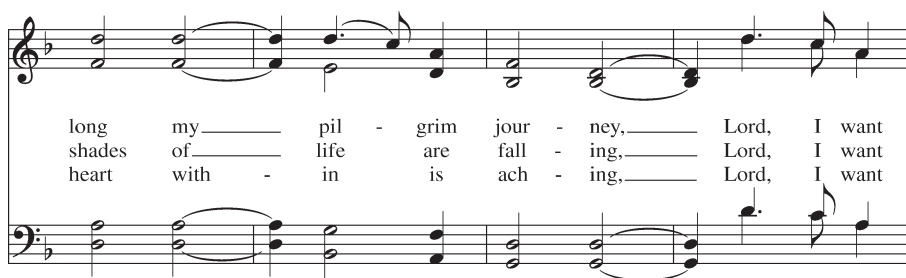
WLP 805 • *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* • SPIRITUAL



1. I want Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want
 2. In my tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); in my
 3. In my sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); in my



Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me); all a -
 tri - als, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); when the
 sor - rows, _____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); when my



long my _____ pil - grim jour - ney, _____ Lord, I want
 shades of _____ life are fall - ing, _____ Lord, I want
 heart with - in is ach - ing, _____ Lord, I want



Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).
 Je - sus _____ to walk with me (walk with me).

SENDING FORTH *of* HOLY COMMUNION

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The people
stand as able.*

BLESSING

HYMN 371 • *Thou Whose Almighty Word* • MOSCOW

The DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY • *Tuba Tune* • CRAIG SELLARS LANG

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Upcoming ADULT FORMATION

August 23 — A Conversation with Dock Anderson

Bill will sit down with our new Director of Music as we hear more of his story, perhaps sing a little, and talk about our hopes and dreams for the music program at HIEC.

August 30 — Invite, Welcome, Connect

Emily Wilkerson, chair of the Welcome Team, will speak with Stewart for a conversation about the many new faces, especially the many young people, joining our community. What are we doing that is working? How can we do even better? How do we help newcomers become involved? And how can those of us who have been here forever do our part to meet them, so no one feels lost?

September 6 — Labor Day Weekend

It will be a surprise! (as in we haven't decided yet...)

September 13 — Episcopal School Sunday

HIES will provide its always-wonderful breakfast. Our forum will include religious education teachers from each division, along with Head Chaplain Dr. Stefanie Taylor. Lower School Chaplain Trey Davis will preach, and we'll enjoy special music from the HIES chorus, instrumentalists, and our adult choir.

September 20 — Building and Renovation Update

Our Building and Renovation Team will update us on the work they have been doing this summer with our architects, led by Hank Houser. The Covenant Group will provide breakfast.

September 27 to November 1 — The Corinthians Conversation

A new six-week class led by Emory faculty begins. We'll explore the issues faced by the church in Corinth and the Apostle Paul's conversations with its members. Paul consistently returns to the "big picture": the Corinthians' embodiment of Jesus. We'll also look to the emotional relationship between Paul and a church in crisis. Finally, we'll ask how their conversation can offer support and guidance to the church today as we navigate the conflicts of the 21st century.

And there's more!

Beginning in September, we'll also offer a Wednesday-night opportunity here at HIEC with friends from Sandy Springs United Methodist Church and Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

How to Read the Bible

SIX WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16–OCTOBER 21

FELLOWSHIP AT 6:30 PM, CLASS FROM 7:00–8:00 PM

The Rev. Larry Varghese, a Hebrew Bible doctoral student at Emory, will lead this six-week course. Larry is a phenomenal teacher with a gift for making biblical scholarship engaging and accessible.

The course will explore the various genres found in Scripture, the differences among English translations and how they came into existence, and the Scripture we have inherited. Blending biblical scholarship with the practical questions congregants commonly encounter, the class will equip us with tools for our own reading and study of the Bible.

Join us for a course in community!

READING THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH

6 SESSION

WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM

SEP. 16, 23, 30, OCT. 7, 14, AND 21

**HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MT.
VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND SANDY
SPRINGS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

805 MOUNT VERNON HWY, ATLANTA, GA 30327



FACILITATED BY:

REV. LARRY VARGHESE

HEBREW BIBLE SCHOLAR

DOCTORAL STUDENT, EMORY UNIVERSITY

Let's admit it, the Bible can be tricky to read sometimes! In this 6-week course, you will learn more about some of the Bible's most challenging features, including its language, organization, context, history, and diverse writing styles. Along the way, you will develop perspectives that will help you read even the most difficult passages in Scripture with greater understanding. The goal of the course is not only to help you better appreciate what the Bible is and how the Bible works, but also to read it on your own with greater confidence and insight.

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Musical Note

Today, the Choir of Holy Innocents will premiere my new setting of *Just as I Am* during the 10:15 AM service.

The piece grew out of a conversation with **Betsy Donnelly** about Charlotte Elliott's beloved text and the ways music can shape our experience of faith. After hearing the completed anthem, Betsy graciously suggested that I dedicate it to **Sally and Pete Parsonson** in recognition of their faithful support of the music ministry at Holy Innocents, and to the Choir of Holy Innocents as we begin our shared ministry together.

It is my prayer that this new setting will be a blessing to our parish for years to come, and I hope you'll join us in worship as we share this special musical offering.

Dock Anderson, *Director of Music*

Give to Our Local Food Pantries

Want an easy way to support our friends at Community Assistance Center and Solidarity Sandy Springs? Stop by the table near the fireplace, where you'll find purple reusable donation bags and suggested shopping lists. Take a bag home, use it as a reminder while you grocery shop, and return it filled with items to help provide for families in our community. Every donation makes a difference!

They especially need:

Cereal and granola, peanut butter + jelly, pasta + spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes,

canned goods (fruit, tuna, chicken, vegetables), soup, easy meals (ramen, mac & cheese, microwavable rice packets), diapers (sizes 5 and 6), deodorant, shampoo, and soap.

Register for Children & Youth Programming

Registration is open for the 2026–2027 program year at Holy Innocents! From our youngest children through high school seniors, we look forward to another year of learning, serving, growing in faith, and spending time together. Scan the appropriate QR code below to register for the year:



Children's Ministry
NURSERY–5TH GRADE



Youth Ministry
6TH–12TH GRADE

Children's Book Drive

Support one of our own Holy Innocents youth, Andrew Jimenez, as he collects children's books for his Eagle Scout project! We're looking for new or gently used books appropriate for elementary-age readers. Donations can be placed in the collection box in Bishop Commons.

Contact: Andrew Jimenez
(andrewethanjimenez@gmail.com)

Sign Up for Foyers

Make new friends and deepen your connections at Holy Innocents through Foyers! Small groups of parishioners gather throughout the year for casual dinners, conversation, and fellowship. Sign up at the Welcome Desk, where brochures with additional information are available.

Contact: Phyllis Weisser
(pcweisser@yahoo.com)

Seersucker Sunday

AUGUST 30

Celebrate one of the final Sundays of summer in true Southern style! Seersucker Sunday is quickly becoming a Holy Innocents favorite, so wear your favorite seersucker to church on August 30 and join in the fun.

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Newcomers' Dinner

SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00 PM

Join the Holy Innocents' Church Clergy, Vestry, and Welcome Team for a Dinner Party in your honor! Enjoy delicious food, friendly faces, and good conversation as we gather in community and make new friends.

Hosted by Meredith & Terrell Johnson
5600 Whitner DR., Atlanta, GA 30327

We can't wait to welcome you! RSVP online.

GROUPS

Men of HI: Third Friday Breakfast

AUGUST 21, 7:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

Contact: Charles Crosby (charles@corepm.net)

HIYA: Pool Party

AUGUST 29, 12:00–4:00 PM • PRIVATE RESIDENCE

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to kick off college football season at a pool party at Jenny Cantrell's home! Join us on Saturday, August 29, from 12:00–4:00 PM for an afternoon of swimming, snacks, football, and great company. Bring your towel, sunscreen, and a friend!

Contact: Megan Atkinson
(matkinson@holynnoccents.org)

Coffee for Parents of Young Children

AUGUST 30, 9:00-10:00 AM • PARLOR

Parents and caregivers of children aged 4 and under are invited to a cozy coffee hour to connect and get to know one another. This gathering is open to members, newcomers, and families baptized within the last three years. No agenda, just coffee, hot breakfast, conversation, and community.

Contact: Renee Stephens
(rstephens@holynnocents.org)

Prayer Shawl

SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00-8:30 PM • PARLOR

The Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers this fall to knit and crochet shawls that are given to those who are ill or grieving. Not working on a prayer shawl? Bring your needlepoint, cross-stitch, mending, or another project and enjoy an evening of crafting and conversation. All are welcome!

Contact: Cammie Ives
(cammieives@gmail.com)

Men of HI: Braves Game

SEPTEMBER 13, 1:35 PM

Cheer on the Atlanta Braves with the Men of HI! Join us for an afternoon of baseball, fellowship, and fun at Truist Park. Tickets are \$33 each, and space is limited to 30 participants. Reserve your spot today! Payments may be made online or by cash/check in the office.

Contact: Pat Chesser
(patrickchesser@outlook.com)

CCG: Sandwich Build

SEPTEMBER 27, 11:15 AM • PARISH HALL

Please join us after the 10:15 AM service to help make sandwiches for our unhoused siblings at Church of the Common Group. If you would like to help deliver the lunches and

worship with our friends, we will leave at 12:15 PM and will return to HIEC after the service.

Contact: Robin Hickey
(hickeys5040@gmail.com)

BOOK CLUBS

Reading Connections

AUGUST 10, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

The August Women's Reading Connections meeting will be held on Monday, August 10. The group meets in the Inglett Hall Small Conference Room C, at 6:00 PM. The meeting begins with light refreshments and the book discussion begins at 6:30 PM. This month's book is *The Meeting of Air and Water* by Sharon Lacour. The story begins in 1923 with a young girl named Dolores and explores themes of love, family secrets, and the creative spirit within the rich backdrop of Cajun culture and the Louisiana landscape.

Contact: Michelle Driscoll
(dris1296@yahoo.com)

Men's Dinner & a Book

SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 PM, and the book is *Stolen Focus: Why You Can't Pay Attention—and How to Think Deeply Again* by Johann Hari. Rolf Meinhold is hosting. We will be meeting at Holy Innocents Church. If you would like to attend, please contact Jeremy Webber for details. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Acolyte Training Party

AUGUST 16, 9:00-10:00 AM

Join for breakfast and acolyte training! Students in grades 6–12 are invited to learn—or refresh—the basics of serving as an acolyte at Holy Innocents. Whether you're new to serving or have years of experience, this is a great opportunity to connect with other acolytes and prepare for the year ahead. RSVP on Realm.

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Sr. Youth Group

AUGUST 16, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Our Sr. Youth Group (9TH–12TH grade) is meeting after worship for lunch, community, and real conversation. Lunch is free, and friends are always welcome. We'll hang out, eat together, and talk about what it looks like to live out your faith in real life. RSVP on Realm.

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Jr. Youth Group

AUGUST 16

Calling all 6TH–8TH graders! Join us Sunday, August 16th from 4:00–6:00 PM for our first Jr. youth group gathering of the school year! We're kicking things off with a giant water slide, outdoor games, indoor games, food, and plenty of fun. Come hang out, reconnect with friends, and start the year together! Don't forget to invite a friend and bring a towel. RSVP on Realm.

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GLOW

SEPTEMBER 9 DINNER AT 5:30 PM

PROGRAM 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Come and GLOW with us on Wednesday, September 9TH as we kick off a new year with a focus on spiritual renewal and grounding. In a world full of noise and busyness, this is a wonderful opportunity to slow down and help kids reconnect with God through simple but powerful spiritual practices. Children will explore four core spiritual disciplines that we'll build on all year long and they'll get to take home a fun, hands-on reminder they create themselves! For kids in PreK-5TH grade. Come hungry for food, fun, and faith!

We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill or Stewart, who take turns being on-call. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email CoH@holyinnocents.org

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