

## PROTECTING GOD'S PEOPLE

As God's people, we are called to celebrate, promote, and when necessary to defend the life and dignity of every person. We must treat everyone with respect, and do what we can to protect others from harm.

Suspected misconduct with minors by lay church personnel should be reported to the pastor of the parish, the principal of the school, or the head of the Catholic institution involved. Suspected misconduct with minors by a priest, deacon, or religious should be reported directly to the Bishop or Vicar General (P. O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). A form for a *Confidential Notice of Concern*, may be used, and obtained on request from the local pastor, school principal, institution head, or Diocese, or it may be downloaded from the Brownsville Diocese website ([www.cdob.org](http://www.cdob.org))

**Please be aware that it is a state law that anyone who suspects abuse or neglect of a minor must report it to local law enforcement officials or to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at 1-800-252-5400.**

Our faith assures us that we will not be overcome by evil but will overcome evil with good (cf. Rm 12:21).

## PROTEGIENDO AL PUEBLO DE DIOS

Como el pueblo de Dios, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a celebrar, promover, y, si es necesario, defender la vida y la dignidad de todas personas. Tenemos que tratar a cada persona con respecto, y hacer lo posible para asegurar que nunca se dañe a los demás.

Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad, cometida por el personal laico de la iglesia, deberá reportarse al párroco de la iglesia, al director de la escuela, o al encargado de la institución católica en cuestión. Una sospecha de mala conducta con los menores de edad cometida por un sacerdote, diácono, o religioso deberá reportarse directamente al Señor Obispo o al Vicario General al (P.O. Box 2279, Brownsville, TX 78522-2279; 956-542-2501). Una forma para un *Aviso Confidencial de Inquietud (Confidential Notice of Concern)* puede obtenerse a través del párroco local, del director de la escuela, del encargado de la institución, de la Diócesis, o puede bajarse de la página oficial de Internet de la Diócesis de Brownsville ([www.cdob.org](http://www.cdob.org)).

**Por favor recuerde que hay una ley estatal que cualquier persona que sospeche el abuso o la negligencia hacia un menor de edad debe reportarlo a las autoridades oficiales locales o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y Protectores de Texas (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) al 1-800-252-5400.**

Nuestra fe nos asegura que el mal no nos vencerá, pero que venceremos al mal con el bien (cf. Rm 12:21).

## FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and friends, through our monthly Collection for the Poor, many families and individuals, of our area, are receiving some very much needed assistance. These items are an example of what is being provided to families/ persons in need: Flour, Sugar, Oil, Beans, Canned Food, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, etc. ***In the month of December 2024, due to our parishioners generosity, 68 families (145 adults and 70 children) received assistance.*** If you are interested in helping, please bring donations to our Sunday Masses or the parish office, during office hours (Mon.-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.). Now we are affiliated to the Rio Grande Valley Food Bank, and hope to serve our community better. For more information, please call our office. May the Lord reward your generosity and kindness!

## LET'S PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the families and care givers, for the Health Community System, Mary Helen Cano, Maggie Cisneros, Lalita Davila, Francisca Jimenez, Jorge Garcia, Maria Zepeda, Alicia Hernandez, Esthela Gonzales, Olivia Mueller, Guillermo Lara, Sr., Guillermo Lara, Jr., Gloria Rubalcaba, Griselda Ornelas, Debbie Cruz, Brandon Gonzales & Raul Riojas. **If you would like to request for the sick of your family to be included in our weekly list of Prayers for the Sick of Our Community, please call weekly, so that they may be included in this Prayer list..**

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025

### Parish Staff

Rev. Robert Charlton, SS.CC., Pastor  
Rev. John Sawchenko, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Ajit Baliar Singh, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Paulo Lui Voreqe, SS.CC., Parochial Vicar  
Rev. George Gonzalez, PhD, In Residence  
Lou Montes, Secretary  
Blas Hernandez, Handy Man  
Sam Rosales, Sacristan

### Councils

Pastoral Council  
Finance Council  
Scholarships' Committee

### Ministries

Extraordinary. Ministers of Holy Comm.  
CCD Teachers & Assistants  
Choirs: English & Spanish  
Lectors: English & Spanish  
Altar Servers  
Ushers  
Homebound Ministry  
Nursing Home Ministry  
Adoration Committee  
Charity (Food Pantry)

### Prayer Groups

Asamblea, Oración y Alabanza (Español)  
Glory and Praise (English)

### Religious Education

Children's Catechism (CCD)  
Bible Class (English & Spanish)  
Adult Faith Format: English & Spanish  
Sacramental Preparation  
Baptismal Preparation  
Marriage Preparation

### Organizations

Guadalupanas Franciscanas  
I.H.M. Ladies' Club I.H.M. Men's Club  
Caballeros de San Jose  
Knights of Columbus

412 S. "C" Street, Harlingen, TX 78550

(956) 423-0855

Office Hours: 9:00am to 1:00pm  
(Monday thru Friday)

Web-page: [www.ihmc-hgn.org](http://www.ihmc-hgn.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays:

Monday-Friday: 7:00 a.m. Daily Mass  
First Friday: 7:00 a.m. Mass

**Saturdays: 5:30 p.m.** Mass of Anticipation for  
Sunday in English

**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m. Misa en Español,  
12:00 Noon Mass in English

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.  
(12:00 Noon Benediction).

## SACRAMENTS

**Confessions:** Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. (or by appt.)

**Baptisms:** On first Sunday of every other month.  
Please, contact the parish office, ahead of time, for a copy of the policy and information on classes. Parents and sponsors of this parish need to attend the Baptismal Prep. Classes here, before receiving a letter to be sponsors & the Certificate of Attendance.

**Marriage:** Engaged couple needs to make an appointment with the pastor, at least six months before the intended wedding date.

**Quinceañeras: (Not a Sacrament)** Candidates need to be members of IHM, attend Sunday Mass (regularly) and CCD Classes for the last two years, at this parish. Please, no exceptions.



**SATURDAY, January 4th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**  
 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
 In Thanksgiving  
 +Genoveva Delgado  
 +Jesus Pena

**SUNDAY January 5th**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord/Epifanía Del Señor**

**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**  
 +Juan O. Luna  
 +Regino & Maria +Gonzalez  
 +Edna Grimaldo  
 +Gregoria Ruiz  
 +Rosa Ruiz

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**  
 Pro Populo

**MONDAY, January 6th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 +Priest Fr. Horst Pietralla  
 +Maria E. Trevino (Birthday)  
 Debbie Cruz (Birthday)

**TUESDAY, January 7th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For the Homeless

**WEDNESDAY, January 8th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For Parish Families

**THURSDAY, January 9th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 For Priestly Vocations

**Friday, January 10th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
 +Maria Gonzalez

**Saturday, January 11th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**  
 +Petra Pena  
 +Pedro Pena  
 +Coach Jesse David Longhofer

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD**  
**January 5, 2025**

Following the both the bright star in the western sky and centuries of wisdom from their tradition, the magi traveled from distant lands to search of the newborn king. What had been revealed to only a few nearby shepherds had now been made manifest to people from foreign nations. Today, two thousand years later, and here, many thousands of miles from Bethlehem, we celebrate that the Lord's birth has been made known all around the world for all time. O come, let us adore him!

Journeys play a prominent role in the readings for Epiphany. Isaiah describes the day when caravans from near and far will be drawn to a radiant Jerusalem. The psalmist tells of kings from even the most distant nations who will come to pay the Messiah homage. Paul insists that the Gentiles are invited into the same body with the same promise of salvation. Finally, we hear the familiar words of Matthew, telling the story of the magi's long journey to see the newborn king. Let us listen to God's word, aware that we too make our own personal journey to the Lord.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY**  
**5 de enero de 2025**

Siguiendo una estrella brillante en el firmamento occidental y contando con siglos de sabiduría en su tradición, los magos viajaron desde tierras lejanas en busca del rey recién nacido. Lo que se había revelado solamente a unos cuantos pastores en las cercanías se ha hecho manifiesto ahora a personas de naciones extranjeras. Hoy, después de dos mil años y aquí, a miles de millas de Belén, celebramos que el nacimiento del Señor se ha dado a conocer alrededor del mundo y por siempre ¡Vengamos y adoremos al Señor!

Los viajes juegan un papel prominente en las lecturas de la Epifanía. Isaías describe el día en que habrá caravanas desde lugares cercanos y lejanos dirigiéndose a una Jerusalén resplandeciente. El salmista habla de reyes que vendrán desde las naciones más distantes a postrarse ante el Mesías. Pablo insiste en que los paganos son invitados a formar parte del mismo cuerpo y con la misma promesa de salvación. Finalmente escuchamos las palabras de Mateo, que nos son ya familiares, en su narración de la larga travesía de los magos para ver al rey recién nacido. Escuchemos la palabra de Dios conscientes de que también nosotros hacemos nuestra propia travesía personal hacia el Señor.

**CHURCH NEWS**

*thank you*

A big **Thank you** to Ms. Rosie Pena, Parents and CCD children that participated in the Christmas Nativity Program.

**NO CCD**

**Sunday, Jan. 5th**  
 Classes will resume on Jan. 12th

**ASAMBLEA, ORACION Y ALABANZA (GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPAÑOL)**

Todos los Martes, a las 6:30 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

**REUNION DE CABALLEROS DE SAN JOSE**

Jueves, 9 de enero, las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

**REUNION DE GUADALUPANAS**

Domingo, 12 de enero, a las 9:30 a.m., en el edificio de la escuela

**LADIES' CLUB MEETING**

Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m., at the O.L. of Guadalupe Room (School Bldg.)

**K. OF C. GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, January 18th, at 9:00 a.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST BY THE GUADALUPANAS**

Sunday, January 19th  
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,  
 at the San Juan Diego Rm./School Bldg



**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE AND CONFESSIONS**

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

**5:30 p.m. Mass in English (Saturday)**  
**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**  
**12:00 Noon Mass in English**

**DAILY MASS (Monday thru Friday):**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

**CONFESSIONS:** Sat. at 4:00 p.m.

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

**7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

**7:00 a.m. Mass; 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon (12:00 Noon Benediction).**

