

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)

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).

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 October 2024, due to our parishioners generosity, 43 families (99 adults and 26 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, Regina Peña, Angela Paita, Mary Helen Cano, Maggie & Ramon 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. **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



**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
December 1, 2024**

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

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).

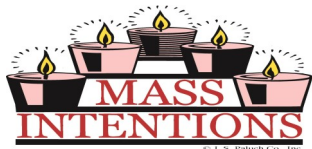
SACRAMENTS

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.



TODAY'S WORD OF GOD December 1, 2024

On this first day of December, this first day of the season of Advent, and this first day of a new liturgical year, we are reminded that our relationship with the Lord can always begin anew. Even as we prepare for the coming of Jesus as an infant on Christmas night, we can also make this season an opportunity to receive him more deeply into our hearts and make him more central to the way we live our lives. Let us resolve to give Jesus a new birth in our heart as we prepare for the celebration of his birth into the world.

The readings on this first Sunday of Advent cover Christ's three comings. Jeremiah prophesies that God will send a Messiah, who will bring righteousness and justice to the world. Paul prays that Christ may permeate the hearts of the Thessalonians, increasing their love for each other and for all. Finally, Jesus tells his disciples that one day he will come again in glory to redeem all those who stand virtuously before him. May we be reminded that Christ came into this world two thousand years ago, will do so again at the end of time, but also continually comes into our world through our hearts.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 1 de diciembre de 2024

En este primer día de diciembre, primer día del tiempo de Adviento y primer día de un nuevo año litúrgico se nos recuerda que nuestra relación con el Señor siempre puede tener un nuevo comienzo. A la vez que nos preparamos para la venida de Jesús Niño en la noche de la Navidad, también podemos aprovechar este tiempo como una oportunidad para recibir a Jesús más profundamente en nuestro corazón y hacerlo así más esencial en nuestro modo de vida. Hagamos la resolución de hacer renacer a Jesús en nuestro corazón al prepararnos para la celebración de su nacimiento en el mundo.

Las lecturas en este primer domingo de Adviento incluyen las tres venidas de Cristo. Jeremías profetiza que Dios enviará un Mesías, que traerá la justicia y el derecho al mundo. Pablo ora para que Cristo penetre el corazón de los tesalonicenses y aumente el amor mutuo entre ellos y hacia los demás. Por último, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que llegará el día en que él volverá glorioso para redimir a todos los que comparezcan virtuosamente ante él. Recordemos que Cristo vino al mundo hace dos mil años y que vendrá de nuevo al final de los tiempos, pero que viene continuamente a nuestro mundo en nuestros corazones.

WINNERS OF THE NOV. 24, 2024 ANNUAL PARISH DRAWING

1st Prize: Estella Martinez , 2nd Prize: Rosario Ramirez , 3rd Prize: Omero Sanchez, 4th Prize: Cassandra Montemayor, 5th Prize: Edward Sanchez
Congratulations to all the winners!

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose

November 30th – 4:00 p.m. - Pro Life Rosary before 5:30 p.m. mass

December 1st – Procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose to Church before 12 noon mass. Procession will begin at the School bldg.

All are welcomed to participate.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS—Dec. 6th

No Mass Bilingual Mass on Dec. 6th
8:00 to 11:55 a.m. Adoration, and 12:00 Noon Benediction.



FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

December 3rd to December 11th

Rosary - 6:00 p.m. in the church.

We would like to invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us to pray the Holy Rosary, Monday thru Friday at 6:00 p.m. and before Mass on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 a.m., Please note Rosary for Dec 4th and 5th will be at 5:00 p.m.

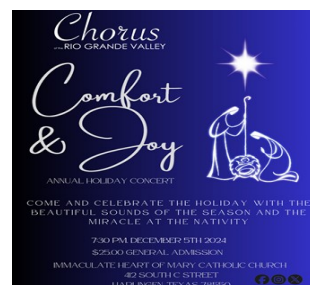
Thursday, December 12th

6:30 a.m. Mañanitas

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass in church

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass and

Social gathering in Parish Hall after mass



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

Friday, December 6th

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
(12:00 Noon Benediction).



Immaculate Conception

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9th

(A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Our Bilingual Mass Schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation is as follows:

Monday, December 9th at 7:00 a.m.

Monday, December 9th at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, November 30th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)

Stella Maldonado (Birthday)
Souls in Purgatory
+Abraham G. Duran, Sr. (Birthday)
+Dennis O'Leary
+Clara King

SUNDAY December 1st - Advent

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English

+Carlos Zamora
+Howard Walsh
+Alberto Zamora
+John Nordlund
+Edna Grimaldo
+Velia Echazarreta Guzman

MONDAY, December 2nd Advent

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Pastor Martinez
+Crisanto Martinez

TUESDAY, December 3rd

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass Advent

+Ana Maria Martinez

WEDNESDAY, December 4th Advent

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Gilberto Amador

THURSDAY, December 5th Advent

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Sean Cantu

Friday, December 6th Advent

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

No daily Mass

Saturday, December 7th Advent

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)

Mr. + Mrs. Sigifredo Cavazos
+Blanca Leal
+Pedro Palacios
+Velia Echazarreta Guzman
Souls in Purgatory