

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 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, , Es-thela Gonzales, Olivia Mueller, Guillermo Lara, Sr., Guillermo Lara, Jr., Gloria Rubalcaba, Griselda Ornelas, Debbie Cruz, Brandon Gonzales, Raul Riojas Juana Morales & Maria Felipa Posada. **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



**THE PRESENTATION OF
THE LORD**
February 2, 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

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).

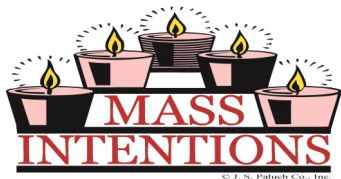
SACRAMENTS

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, February 1st
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)
Holy Souls in Purgatory
+Eduardo Mendez
+Eugene Montes, Jr.

SUNDAY February 2nd
8:00 a.m. Misa en Español
+Edna Grimaldo
+Regino & +Maria Gonzalez
+Gregoria Ruiz
+Rosa Ruiz
+Dr. Israel Garza Lopez

12:00 Noon Mass in English
Pro Populo

MONDAY, February 3rd
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
+Ana Maria Martinez

TUESDAY, February 4th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
For Our Parish Families

WEDNESDAY, February 5th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
Adyson Silva (Birthday)

THURSDAY, February 6th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
+Gene Montes (Birthday)

Friday, February 7th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
For Priestly Vocations

Saturday, February 8th
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)
Holy Souls in Purgatory
+Ernestina Garcia Vasquez
+Danny Castro (Birthday)
+Alfredo Galvan

TODAY'S WORD OF GOD February 2, 2025

When forty days had passed since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord, as was required by the Law. While they were there, the Holy Spirit guided the elderly Simeon and Anna to the baby, whom they recognized as Messiah and Savior. Exultantly they testified to his destiny. Gathered here today by the Holy Spirit, may we too encounter Christ in this place of worship, recognizing him in the breaking of bread.

It's not every day that we get to hear from three different prophets, let alone three who see the Lord physically present in the temple. For Malachi, it's anticipatory: he foresees the day when the Lord will come to the temple to purify the people of the covenant. In the case of Simeon and Anna, they recognize the Messiah in the temple though he is not even six weeks old. Moved by the spirit, Simeon testifies that in the baby he sees salvation. Like the prophets, we hope that one day we too will see our Savior.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 2 de febrero de 2025

Después de haber pasado cuarenta días de su nacimiento, Jesús fue llevado al templo por María y José para consagrarlo al Señor, tal como estaba prescrito en la ley. Cuando estaban allí, el Espíritu Santo dirigió a los ancianos Simeón y Ana hacia el niño, que reconocieron como Mesías y Salvador. Con gran júbilo ambos dieron testimonio del destino del recién nacido. Que también nosotros, reunidos aquí hoy por el Espíritu Santo, encontremos a Cristo en este lugar de adoración y lo reconozcamos en la fracción del pan.

Es inusual que escuchemos a tres profetas en una misma liturgia y mucho menos a tres que vieron al Señor físicamente en el templo. Para Malaquías es anticipatorio: él predice el día en que el Señor vendrá al templo para purificar al pueblo de la alianza. En el caso de hoy, Simeón y Ana reconocen al Mesías en el templo aunque él no tuviera ni seis años de edad. Movidos por el Espíritu, Simeón da testimonio de que en el niño él ve la salvación. Al igual que los profetas, nosotros también esperamos un día ver a nuestro Salvador.

CHURCH NEWS

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.

K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

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

CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND LECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 pm

REUNION DE CABALLEROS DE SAN JOSE

Jueves, 13 de febrero, las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

YOUTH BLAST 2025
ATTENTION YOUTH IN GRADES 9TH THRU 12TH

You are invited to Youth Blast 2025 on Saturday, February 22nd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (with Mass included) at the Weslaco East High School. Fee is \$25.00 per person. The deadline for registration is February 5th. For more information contact Fr. Lui at the parish office.



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



Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores will celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National Shrine on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. for those couples celebrating a wedding anniversary of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more than 60 years in the year 2025. Ribbons designating years of marriage and an anniversary certificate signed by the Bishop will be mailed to you.

To register, please click on this link <https://www.cdob.org/world-marriage-day>, scan the QR Code, call the Family Life Office at (956)784-5012, email Lydia Riojas, FLO Secretary, at familylife@cdob.org or contact the parish office at 956 423-0855 by Monday, February 10, 2025 at the latest.

