

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 & 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



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
December 22, 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.



SATURDAY, December 21st Advent
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)

Lou Montes (Birthday)
+Placido Daniel Sunny Cortez
+Concepcion Martinez
+Victor Manuel Hernandez
Holy Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY December 22nd -Advent

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

+Edna Grimaldo
+Isaac Villafranca
+Miguel Calderas
+Ruben Garcia
+Felix Sanchez
+Rafael Sanchez

12:00 Noon Mass in English

Pro Populo

MONDAY, December 23rd Advent

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Joyce Carlevalle
+Hortencio Gonzalez

TUESDAY, December 24th

Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

For the Sick

5:30 p.m. Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

+Ofelio & +Teresa Muniz

WEDNESDAY, December 25th

NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS (CHRISTMAS DAY) - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Juan O. Luna
+Adela V. Garcia
+Mary Ann De Leon

THURSDAY, December 26th -

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Guillermo Arguello Guzman

Friday, December 27th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Mike Doyle

Saturday, December 28th

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

Holy Souls in Purgatory
+San Jose—In Thanksgiving
+Yolanda Silva
+Guillermo Arguello Guzman

TODAY'S WORD OF GOD
December 22, 2024

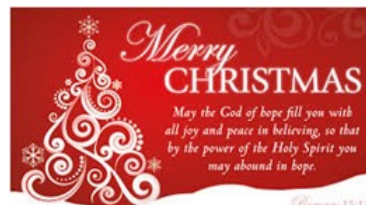
Christmas is so close now that we can nearly taste it! Children can hardly contain their excitement while adults panic about all they still need to do. But for now, let us consider Mary and Joseph, just days before she would give birth, struggling to make their way up an unfamiliar and dangerous road, hoping to make it to a warm, comfortable place to stay in the city of David. As we well know, nice warm places were no longer available, but it all worked out, even if not exactly as they had hoped. May we keep that in mind during these final days of preparing our hearts and our homes for Jesus' birth.

Drawing closer to Christmas, we sing, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Micah turned to Bethlehem and saw the face of the Messiah. Elizabeth saw and heard her pregnant cousin and recognized the face of the Lord. Even John the Baptist in his mother's womb turned to Mary's voice and leaped for joy. May we see the face of God in God's word, in the spirit of the season, and in the people we know and love.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY
22 de diciembre 2024

¡La Navidad está ya tan próxima que casi podemos saborearla! Los niños casi no pueden contener su entusiasmo mientras que los adultos están en un estado de pánico por todo lo que aún queda por hacer. Pero por ahora consideremos a María y José, solo unos días antes de que ella dé a luz, pasando apuros durante su travesía por un camino desconocido y peligroso, y con la esperanza de llegar a un lugar cálido y confortable donde quedarse en la ciudad de David. Como bien sabemos, esos lugares cálidos y agradables no estaban ya disponibles, pero todo se solucionó aunque no fuera ni remotamente lo que ellos esperaban. Recordemos esto durante estos últimos días de preparación en nuestro corazón y en nuestro hogar para el nacimiento de Jesús.

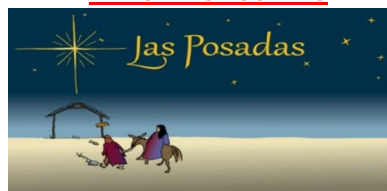
Acercándonos a la Navidad, entonamos en el salmo: "Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos". Miqueas mira hacia Belén y ve el rostro del Mesías. Isabel vio y oyó a su prima encinta, y reconoció el rostro del Señor. Hasta Juan el Bautista, aún en el seno de su madre, reconoció la voz de María y saltó de gozo. Que veamos nosotros el rostro de Dios en su palabra, en el espíritu de este tiempo, y en las personas que conocemos y amamos.



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS
(ENGLISH & SPANISH)

8:00 a.m. – Monday thru Friday
12:00 (Noon) – Monday thru Friday
After Posadas – Every night
12/16/24 to 12/23/24
Saturday, 12/22/24 from 3:00 p.m.
to 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS POSADAS



We would like to invite all parishioners and friends to join us, every evening (6:30 p.m.) in church. The following organizations will be leading the Posadas:

Dec. 21st - IHM Ladies Club
Dec. 22nd - Franciscans
Dec. 23rd - Guadalupeanas
Dec. 24th - CCD (Catechism) Children's
Christmas Nativity Program at 4:00 p.m.
& Posada before Mass at 5:15 pm



CCD (Catechism) Children & Youth
Christmas Nativity Program

We would like to invite all to join us before mass on Tuesday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. in church for the CCD (Catechism) Children & Youth Christmas Nativity Program.

NO CCD

Sun., Dec. 22nd, Dec. 29th &
Sun., Jan. 5th

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wed., December 24th and
Thursday, December 26th



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).



MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS
(CHRISTMAS DAY)

(A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

DECEMBER 25TH

Tuesday, Dec. 24th - Bilingual Mass
5:30 pm Mass of Anticipation
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th - Bilingual
Mass 10:00 am

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY - HOLY
FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st - Bilingual Mass-5:30 pm
New Year's Day Jan. 1st-Bilingual Mass-10:00 am