

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 July 2024, due to our parishioners' generosity, 60 families (131 adults and 49 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 & Christina Martinez. **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



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
August 25, 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).

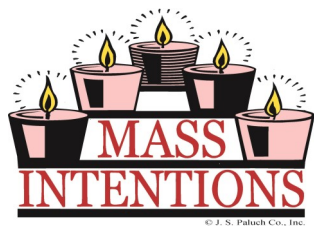
SACRAMENTS

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.



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SATURDAY, August 24th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation

Gabriel Gonzalez (Birthday)
+Luis D. Sanchez (Birthday)
+Nicholas David Sanchez
+Elias Trevino

SUNDAY August 25th

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English

+Eduardo Mendez
+Ramon Mendez
+Josefa Mendez
+Alejandro Gonzalez, III (Birthday)
+Corina Gomez

MONDAY, August 26th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Maria Figueroa

TUESDAY, August 27th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Luis Alberto Trevino

WEDNESDAY, August 28th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Gene Montes, Jr.
+Corina Gomez

THURSDAY, August 29th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Enrique Cheffler

Friday, August 30th-

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Rosa Ruiz

Saturday, August 31st-

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

Michael Tipton, III (Birthday)
Omar Gonzalez (Birthday)
+Guadalupe "Lupita" Rangel
+Linda Munoz
+Rita Rodriguez
+Ralph Jones

TODAY'S WORD OF GOD
August 25, 2024

Life is difficult. We struggle each day as we try to balance our checkbooks, our time, and our obligations. We come here to worship each week when we could be somewhere else, doing something else. Our faith, our sense of what God is calling us to do, and the Holy Spirit draws us here instead. But each Sunday it is ultimately our decision. We have made the decision to give this hour to the Lord. We are not the first to have to make this decision. The readings we hear today remind us that each of the Chosen People and each of Jesus' disciples were faced with the same decision. May their response inspire us.

For the Chosen People and Jesus' disciples, this is the moment of truth. They must make a choice: serve the Lord or leave. Joshua, in addressing this question to all the people, gets one response, while Jesus, in addressing all his disciples, receives a different one. Saint Paul tells the Ephesians that we, the Church, are members of Christ's body and that Christ loves the Church as a husband loves his wife. As we hear God's word, let us insert ourselves in each reading and make our choice.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY
25 de agosto de 2024

La vida es difícil. Todos los días tenemos que bregar con poner en orden nuestra cuenta bancaria, nuestro tiempo y nuestras obligaciones. Pero aquí estamos cada semana para alabar a Dios cuando podíamos estar en otro lugar, pues nuestra fe, nuestra intuición de los que Dios nos llama a hacer y el Espíritu Santo nos traen aquí en vez de a otro lugar. Sin embargo, al final la decisión de venir cada domingo es nuestra. Hemos hecho la decisión de darle esta hora al Señor. No somos los primeros en haber hecho esa decisión. Las lecturas que escuchamos hoy nos recuerdan que cada persona del pueblo escogido y cada discípulo de Jesús se enfrentaron con esa misma decisión. Que la decisión que hicieron ellos nos inspire a nosotros.

Las lecturas de hoy enfatizan la necesidad de hacer un compromiso. A las tribus de Israel les pidieron que se comprometieran con el dios que querían servir. Pablo habla sobre el compromiso mutuo de los cónyuges como un paralelo a la relación entre Cristo y la Iglesia. Jesús le pregunta a los Doce si hacen el compromiso de seguir siendo sus discípulos. Al escuchar la palabra de Dios reflexionemos en cuanto qué clase de respuesta daremos a esos dos desafíos y oremos para que el compromiso con nuestra fe sea fortalecido.

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.

REUNION SOCIAL DE FRANCISCANAS

Domingo, 25 de agosto a la 1:00 p.m., en el Salón de San Juan Diego.

REUNION DE FRANCISCANAS

Martes, 27 de agosto a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de la escuela

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING

Saturday, August 31 at 9:30 a.m in church.

CCD REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN

The registration for Catechism in our parish, begins Monday, Aug. 12th, and will end on Friday, August 30th, at 12:00 Noon., at the Parish Office. Our office is open from Monday thru Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Class begin on Sunday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m.



K OF C BURGER SALE

Saturday, September 7th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Parish main parking lot (corner of Tyler and "C" Street).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OUR ANNUAL FIESTA DE AMISTAD

First weekend of October; Saturday, 5th and Sunday, October 6th

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION

Altar Flower Donations are being accepted. Flower donation can be made in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for a special occasion. Please contact parish office.



Mass Schedule

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



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

Friday, September 6th

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



CELEBRATING THE SACRED HEARTS NOVICES

Join us for an evening of song and entertainment.

Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall
Fee: \$10.00 (Seminary Fundraiser)