

## 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 August 2024, due to our parishioners generosity, 51 families (101 adults and 51 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-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 8, 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](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).

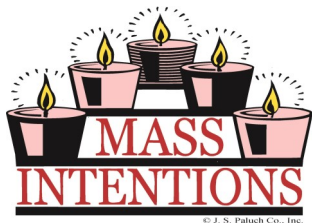
## SACRAMENTS

**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.



## TODAY'S WORD OF GOD September 8, 2024

Take a look around you as you make yourself at home in God's home. As you entered, did you welcome others as perhaps you yourself were welcomed? Did you see anyone you did not recognize? Did you give them the once over and make a judgment, perhaps in the back of your mind? In today's reading, James instructs the Christian community to show no partiality in their assembly. He warns them that those they may tend to avoid or ignore may be exactly those whom God chooses for the kingdom. In that spirit, let us always warmly welcome all who join us to worship the Lord.

Today we hear the story of a miracle in which Jesus performs a healing in a very intimate way. He draws a deaf and mute man away from the crowd, puts his fingers in his ears and, having spat on them, touches his tongue as well. Jesus is here with us in an intimate way as well. He has been just as close to us since we were baptized, when the priest or deacon touched our ears and mouth as well. He is with us as we gather in his name, in his very Body and Blood in the Eucharist we consume, and in each other. Listening to the readings today, let us realize that the One who healed in such a way is intimately close with us too, wherever we are.

## PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 8 de septiembre de 2024

Mira a tu alrededor cuando entras en la casa de Dios y te acomodas en tu asiento como en casa. Al entrar, ¿saludaste a otras personas como tal vez te saludaron a ti? ¿Viste a alguien que no reconociste? ¿Miraste a esa persona de pasada y quizás te hiciste un juicio de ella en tu interior? En la segunda lectura de hoy Santiago instruye a la comunidad cristiana para que eviten los favoritismos en sus asambleas. Les advierte que aquellas personas a quienes somos propensos a evitar o ignorar pueden ser precisamente aquellas que Dios ha escogido para su Reino. Con ese espíritu acogamos cálidamente a todas las personas que vienen a alabar al Señor junto a nosotros.

Hoy escuchamos la narración de un milagro en el que Jesús sana de una manera muy íntima. Él aparta hacia un lado a un hombre sordo y tartamudo, metió sus dedos en los oídos del hombre y con su saliva también le toca la lengua. Jesús está aquí con nosotros de una manera muy íntima también. Igualmente cercano estuvo con nosotros desde que fuimos bautizados y el sacerdote o diácono también tocó nuestros oídos y nuestra boca. Él está con nosotros ahora al reunirnos en su nombre, en la Eucaristía que consumimos donde nos da su cuerpo y su sangre, y en nuestro trato mutuo entre nosotros. Al escuchar las lecturas de hoy démonos cuenta de que el Señor que sana de esa manera, también está íntimamente cercano a nosotros dondequiera que estemos.



## HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY! SEPTEMBER 8TH

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Classes will resume on Monday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.  
Theme: The Gospel of Mark.

### 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 GUADALUPANAS

Domingo, 8 de septiembre, a las 9:30 a.m., en el edificio de la escuela

### REUNION DE CABALLEROS DE SAN JOSE

Jueves, 12 de septiembre., las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela



### MONTHLY BREAKFAST BY THE GUADALUPANAS

Sunday, September 15th  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.,  
at the San Juan Diego Rm./School Bldg



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
OUR ANNUAL FIESTA DE AMISTAD  
First weekend of October; Saturday,  
5th and Sunday, October 6th



## 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).



### 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.

**SATURDAY, September 7th**  
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation  
+Rita Q. Rodriguez  
+Ralph Jones  
+Paul Durant

**SUNDAY September 8th**  
8:00 a.m. Misa en Español  
Pro Populo

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**  
+Andres Leal  
+Juan O. Luna  
+Federico & +Esperanza Mendez  
+Jorge Trevino  
Teresita Hernandez (Birthday)

**MONDAY, September 9th**  
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
San Jose (In Thanksgiving)

**TUESDAY, September 10th**  
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
In Thanksgiving

**WEDNESDAY, September 11th**  
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
+Alicia Castellano

**THURSDAY, September 12th**  
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
For Priestly Vocations

**Friday, September 13th**  
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
For Our Faithful Departed

**Saturday, September 14th**  
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)  
A.J. Maldonado (Birthday)  
Lina Maldonado (Birthday)  
+Ralph Jones