

## 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 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



**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
December 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).

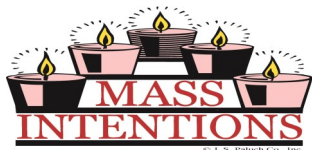
## SACRAMENTS

**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.



**SATURDAY, December 7th Advent**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**

Mr. + Mrs. Sigifredo Cavazos  
+Blanca Leal  
+Pedro Palacios  
+Velia Echazarreta Guzman  
Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Jose G. Morales (99th Birthday)

**SUNDAY December 8th - Advent**

**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**

+Regino & +Maria Gonzalez  
+Juan Luis Hernandez  
+Concepcion Tenorio  
+Edna Grimaldo  
+Otilio Sanchez & +Maria Sanchez  
+Jose Mireles

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**  
Pro Populo

**MONDAY, December 9th SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
Jamie Templin

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass  
Holvera Family

**TUESDAY, December 10th Advent**

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
Carlevalle Family

**WEDNESDAY, December 11th Advent**

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
Holeva Family

**THURSDAY, December 12th -Advent**

**NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
Kasperick Family

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

For our Parish Families

**Friday, December 13th Advent**

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass  
Lettie Ann Sanchez

**Saturday, December 14th Advent**

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)  
Amalia Sanchez  
+Edward (Pilo) Escobedo Ledesma  
+Roberto G. Gonzalez  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD**  
**December 8, 2024**

"Make straight his paths," we hear John the Baptist proclaim today. How do we do so? John's primary message throughout the whole region answers that question: We must repent of our sins. Our sins are the obstacles that block the path of the Lord, that make it more difficult for him to enter our hearts. True repentance allows for God's forgiveness to clear those obstacles, to make straight the Lord's path into our heart. Let us resolve today to repent of our failing and seek God's forgiveness.

Who better than John the Baptist to guide us during this season of preparation for Jesus' coming? Today we see John travel throughout the region proclaiming a baptism of repentance and recalling the prophecy of Isaiah. Baruch's prophecy, which we hear in the first reading, echoes Isaiah as well. All three trumpet God's mercy and forgiveness as they envision the coming of the Lord. Let us heed their call.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY**  
**8 de diciembre 2024**

"Hagan rectos sus senderos", así le oímos proclamar a Juan el Bautista hoy. ¿Cómo podemos hacer eso? El mensaje principal de Juan a lo largo de toda la región nos da la respuesta a esa pregunta: Debemos arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados. Nuestros pecados son los obstáculos que obstruyen el camino del Señor y que le hacen más difícil poder entrar en nuestro corazón. El verdadero arrepentimiento permite que el perdón de Dios despeje esos obstáculos para hacer recto el sendero del Señor hacia nuestro corazón. Hagamos hoy la resolución de arrepentirnos de nuestros errores y pedirle perdón a Dios.

¿Quién mejor que Juan el Bautista para guiarnos durante este tiempo de preparación para la venida de Jesús? Hoy vemos a Juan ir por toda la región proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento y evocando la profecía de Isaías. La profecía de Baruc, que escuchamos en la primera lectura, también le hace eco a Isaías. Los tres pregonan la misericordia y el perdón de Dios al vislumbrar la venida del Señor. Tomemos en serio el llamado que nos hacen.



**PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS' MEETING**

Wed., December 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**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.,

**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

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 9th

(A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Our 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.**

**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, January 1st - Bilingual  
Mass 10:00 am



**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**

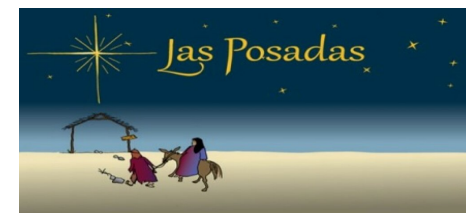
**7:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses**



**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).



**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. 16th - Beginning Posadas-All Parishoners

Dec.17th - CCD Teachers & Students

December 18th - Choirs

Dec. 19th - Caballeros de San Jose

Dec. 20th—Knights of Columbus

Dec. 21st - IHM Ladies Club

Dec. 22nd - Franciscans

Dec. 23rd - Guadalupanas

Dec. 24th - Posada before Mass at 5:15 pm