

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 September 2024, due to our parishioners generosity, 59 families (122 adults and 48 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
October 6, 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).

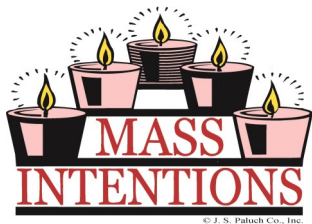
SACRAMENTS

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, October 5th
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation
 +Sebby Rodriguez
 +Joe I. Sanchez
 +Jose Salazar

SUNDAY October 6th
8:00 a.m. Misa en Español
 Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English
 +Juan O. Luna
 +Pedro Hernandez
 +Sara Ester Revuelta
 +Edna Grimaldo
 Isabel Anzaldua (Birthday)

MONDAY, October 7th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 +Perfecta Ruiz
 In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, October 8th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 Leonard Reyes
 Laura Herluginson

WEDNESDAY, October 9th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 Freddy Anthony Reyes, Jr.

THURSDAY, October 10th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 Delilah Reyes
 +Honorio Herrera

Friday, October 11th
7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass
 Ana Calderon

Saturday, October 12th
5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)
 Kaesen Maldonado (Birthday)
 In Thanksgiving
 +Maria E. Trevino
 +Ignacia Rojas

TODAY'S WORD OF GOD October 6, 2024

Especialmente apropiado on Respect Life Sunday, our first reading reminds us that God brought life to us all. Out of love and empathy for the first human, God created the first woman. God has blessed us with the ability to share in the creation of new life and we are called to exercise this blessing with care and respect. Valuing life at every stage, we pray today for all those whose lives are vulnerable, whether they are at the very beginning or end of their lives or because of circumstances that make their lives especially fragile.

Today's first reading and Gospel may be difficult for many, especially divorced and LGBTQIA+ Catholics. The specifics and details speak of the traditional ideal of marriage. But the underlying theme is one of God's infinite love for us and desire that we live in happiness, of which companionship and ultimately partnership are foundational. But whether we are married, single divorced, or widowed, we each have companionship with Jesus. The reading from Hebrews emphasizes the solidarity we have with him, who became fully human so that by the grace of God he could suffer and die like us. No matter our situation, as we sing in the responsorial psalm, may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 6 de octubre de 2024

Especialmente apropiado para este Domingo del Respeto a la Vida es nuestra primera lectura al recordarnos que fue Dios quien nos dio la vida a todos nosotros. Por amor y empatía hacia el primer ser humano, Dios creó a la mujer. Dios nos ha bendecido con la habilidad de compartir la creación de una nueva vida y estamos llamados a responder a esa bendición con cuidado y respeto. Valoremos la vida en cada etapa y oremos hoy por todas aquellas personas cuya vida es vulnerable, ya estén en el mero comienzo o al final de su vida, o debido a circunstancias que hacen que su vida sea particularmente frágil.

Puede que la primera lectura y el Evangelio de hoy resulten difíciles para muchas personas, especialmente para los católicos divorciados y LGBTQIA+. Los específicos y detallados expresan la idea tradicional del matrimonio. Pero el tema subyacente es el amor infinito de Dios por nosotros y su deseo de que vivamos felices, para lo cual las relaciones, y en definitiva el acompañamiento, son fundamentales. Pero ya estemos casados, solteros, divorciados o viudos, todos contamos con el acompañamiento de Jesús. La lectura de la carta a los hebreos enfatiza la solidaridad que tenemos con Jesús, que se hizo verdaderamente humano para que, con la gracia de Dios, pudiera sufrir y morir como nosotros. En cualquier situación que nos encontremos, que el Señor nos bendiga todos los días de nuestra vida, tal como rezamos en el salmo responsorial.



ANNUAL FIESTA DE AMISTAD
 Saturday, October 5th and
 Sunday, October 6th
 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm
 Come join us!!!

Bring your families and friends!
 There will be delicious food, good music, games and excellent prizes for everyone.

GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPAÑOL

Todos los Martes, a las 6:30 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Monday, October 7th

NO CCD

October 6th and October 13th

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS' MEETING

Wed., October 9th, at 7:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

REUNION DE CABALLEROS DE SAN JOSE

Jueves, 10 de octubre, las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

REUNION DE GUADALUPANAS

Domingo, 13 de octubre, a las 9:30 a.m., en el edificio de la escuela

2024 ANNUAL DRAWING

Our Annual Drawing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall after a special Chalupa. Tickets are being sold after each mass. Prizes are 1st -\$6,000, 2nd -\$1,000, 3rd -\$1,000, 4th-\$500, and 5th-\$500.

Each ticket is \$10.00. Please return ticket stubs and money to Parish Office as soon as possible. If additional tickets are needed, they are available after each mass or at the Parish office, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation!



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).

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

We would like to invite all parishioners, families and friends to join us to pray the Holy Rosary, Monday thru Friday at 6:30 p.m. and before Mass on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Sundays at 7:00 a.m. in church, during the Month of October, Month of the Holy Rosary, to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be our intercessor before God, for Peace in the World, our families and in our own hearts.

The following organizations will be leading the Holy Rosary in church:

Oct.. 1st thru Oct. 5th - Franciscanas
Oct.. 6th thru Oct. 12th - I.H.M. Ladies' Club
Oct. 13th thru Oct. 19th - Knights of Columbus & Caballeros. De San José.
Oct. 20th thru Oct. 26th - Guadalupanas
Oct. 27th thru Oct. 31st. - Choir Members