

## 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 February 2024, due to our parishioners' generosity, 52 families (112 adults and 44 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, Luisita Jimenez, 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, Mercedes Baez, & Clementina Gonzalez. **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



**THIRD SUNDAY  
IN LENT  
March 3, 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 am & 6:30 pm

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday: 8:00 to 11:55 a.m. (12:00 Noon Benedic-  
tion).

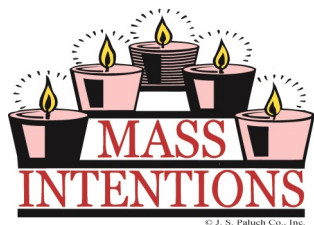
## SACRAMENTS

**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. Par-  
ents 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 ap-  
pointment 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, March 2nd**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**

Gene Montes  
 +Velia Echazarreta Guzman  
 +Jose Torres  
 +Jose Infante, Sr. (10 yr Ann.)

**SUNDAY, March 3rd**  
**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**

+Regino & +Maria Gonzalez  
 +Juan O. Luna  
 +Anacleto Martinez &  
 +Maria Consuelo Hernandez  
 Sandy Ciulla (Birthday)

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

**MONDAY, March 4th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Carol Salatka (Birthday)  
 Toni Rechsteiner  
 +Jean Davison

**TUESDAY, March 5th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Barbara Graham

**WEDNESDAY, March 6th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Sheila & Ken Poggenburg  
 +Jean Davison

**THURSDAY, March 7th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Lisa McQueen  
 JoAnne Petrie

**FRIDAY, March 8th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Ellie Ruane  
 +Jean Davison

**SATURDAY, March 9th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**

+Margaret M. Elizondo  
 +Msgr. James H. Hyland

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD**  
**March 3, 2024**

Today we hear God deliver the ten commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands and determine which commandments we find difficulty to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

Today's readings are very familiar. We hear the ten commandments, which we probably memorized as children. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple, overturning their tables and spilling their coins. Let us challenge ourselves to listen to these words today as if God is personally speaking to us, telling us how to live and reminding us of the purpose of worship. With Easter less than a month away now, let us take to heart the words of the psalmist: "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY**  
**3 de marzo 2024**

Hoy escuchamos como Dios les da los diez mandamientos a Moisés y al pueblo escogido. Los mandamientos les proporcionan una manera de cumplir su parte de la alianza. Nosotros nos enfrentamos hoy con el mismo desafío. La Cuaresma es una oportunidad estupenda para examinar nuestra consciencia a fin de recordar las veces que hemos faltado a uno de los mandamientos de Dios y determinar cuáles son los mandamientos que se nos hacen más difíciles de obedecer consistentemente. Arrepintámonos de nuestros pecados, reconciliémonos con Dios y con las personas que hemos perjudicado, y oremos por obtener la gracia de mejorar, particularmente durante este tiempo penitencial.

Las lecturas de hoy nos son muy familiares. Oímos los diez mandamientos, que probablemente hemos memorizado desde niños. En el Evangelio, Jesús expulsa del templo a los vendedores y cambistas, volcando sus mesas y tirando al suelo sus monedas. Hagámonos nosotros mismos el desafío de escuchar estas palabras de hoy como si Dios nos estuviera hablando personalmente, diciéndonos como vivir y recordándonos el propósito de rendirle adoración. Con la Pascua ahora a menos de un mes, tomemos en serio las palabras del salmista: "Tú tienes, Señor, palabras de vida eterna".



**SPANISH LENTEN REFLECTION**  
 with Bishop Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D. on  
 Monday, March 4 at 7 PM at  
 Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
 Refreshments following  
 Lenten Reflection in Parish Hall.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**  
**CLASSES**

Classes are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg. Theme: The Gospel of Mark. Cost of book is \$25.00. Come, Join us!!!

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Friday, March 1st., 7:00 a.m. Daily Bilingual Mass, 8:00 to 11:55 a.m. Adoration, and 12:00 Noon Benediction. At the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament.

**K OF C BURGER SALE**

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

**REUNION DE GUADALUPANAS**

Miercoles, 6 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

**K. OF C. OFFICERS' MEETING**

Thursday, March 7th, at 7:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**Annual Spring Fiesta**  
**Mark your calendars!!**

**The Annual Spring Fiesta will be on April 13 & April 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monetary Donation are being accepted and are greatly appreciated for the booths. Donation envelopes are available or contact Parish Office.**

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY**

Volunteers needed for the Nursing Home Ministry. For more information, please see Yolanda Lopez after each mass or call our parish office



**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**

**CONFESSIONS – CONFESIONES**  
**(During Lent)**

Mon./Lunes-Queen of Peace, 9:00 am  
 & 5:30 pm

Tues./Martes- IHMC, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm  
 & 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Wed./Miercoles-Queen of Peace, 9:00 am  
 & 5:30 pm

Thurs./Jueves- IHMC, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm  
 & 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Fri./Viernes-Queen of Peace - 9:00 am  
 & 5:30 pm

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday of Lent**, beginning on the 16th of February, after Ash Wednesday, **at 6:30 p.m.** We all are invited to join the rest of our parish community.

**Leading the Lenten Stations of the Cross:**

**Feb. 16th:** Franciscanas

**Feb. 23th:** K. of C.

**March 1th:** Ladies' Club

**March 8th:** Caballeros de San José

**March 15rd:** Guadalupanas

**March 22nd:** Choir Groups

**March 29th Good Friday** - CCD Teachers & students