

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 December 2023, due to our parishioners' generosity, 62 families (128 adults and 50 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. **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
ORDINARY TIME**
January 21, 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 am & 6:30 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Friday: 8:00 to 11:55 a.m. (12:00 Noon Benediction).

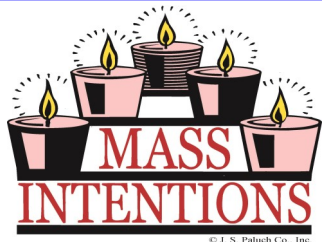
SACRAMENTS

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 January 21, 2024

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

In the first reading we hear today, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call his first disciples, promising that he would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the LORD immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "time is running out." Let us realize the urgency with which we're called to repent and follow the Lord.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 21 de enero 2024

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús pasa por la orilla del lago de Galilea y llama a sus primeros discípulos, que son dos pares de hermanos: Simón y Andrés, y Santiago y Juan. Sígueme y haré de ustedes pescadores de más discípulos, les dice a estos cuatro pescadores. Jesús continúa llamando discípulos; en efecto, todos nosotros fuimos llamados cuando nos bautizaron. En este Domingo de la Palabra de Dios, oremos para que las historias de Jonás, de Pablo y de los cuatro primeros discípulos nos inspiren a dejar nuestras redes y seguir más de cerca a nuestro Señor como discípulos suyos.

En la primera lectura que escuchamos hoy Dios envía a Jonás a la enorme ciudad de Nínive, para advertirle acerca de la ira de Dios y exhortar a todos a que se arrepientan. En el Evangelio Jesús viene a Galilea y también predica el arrepentimiento. Luego llama a sus primeros discípulos, a quienes promete cambiarles la vida. Ellos los siguen inmediatamente, tal como los residentes de Nínive se volvieron al Señor inmediatamente. Tal como Pablo les recuerda a los residentes a los corintios: "el tiempo apremia". Estemos conscientes de la premura con que somos llamados a arrepentirnos y a seguir al Señor.

CHURCH NEWS

APOLOGETICS COURSE IN ENGLISH

An Apologetics course will be offered this January at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall. Classes will meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. for six weeks. Classes will begin Jan. 8, 2024. Fee for workbook is \$10.00. Please call the Parish Office.

APOLOGETICS COURSE IN SPANISH

An Apologetics course in Spanish will be offered this January at Queen of Peace. Classes will meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Classes will begin on Jan. 9, 2024. Fee for workbook is \$10.00. Please contact Queen of Peace office at 956-423-6341.

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.



MONTHLY BREAKFAST BY THE GUADALUPANAS

Sunday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the San Juan Diego Rm./ IHM School Bldg

REUNION DE FRANCISCANAS

Martes, 23 de enero, a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

REUNION SOCIAL DE FRANCISCANAS

Domingo, 28 de enero a la 1:00 p.m., en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE (FEBRUARY 14, 2024)

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass with Ashes

12:15 p.m. Communion Service with Ashes

7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass with Ashes



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



Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. The Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores will celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle National Shrine for those couples celebrating a wedding anniversary of 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more than 60 years in the year 2024. All couples and their families are cordially invited to participate in this bilingual Mass in person. To register for this event, call the Family Life Office at (956) 784-5012

or IHM office at 956-423-0855.

Please provide your full names, mailing address, anniversary date and number years being celebrated.