

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 October 2023, due to our parishioners' generosity, 61 families (132 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, Pepe Forina, 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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2023

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).

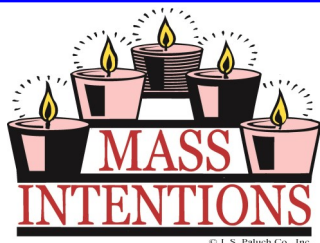
SACRAMENTS

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.



SATURDAY, December 2nd

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)

+Daniel Lozano
+Bernard Williams Kirsch, Jr.
+Pedro Palacios
In Honor of Immaculate Heart of Mary

SUNDAY, December 3rd

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English

+Alejandro Gonzalez
+Ana Maria Martinez
In Honor of Immaculate Heart of Mary

MONDAY, December 4th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Armando Leal

TUESDAY, December 5th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Gregoria Ruiz

WEDNESDAY, December 6th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Rosa Ruiz

THURSDAY, December 7th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Corina Gomez

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - Eve (Day Of Obligation)

6:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

For Priestly Vocations

FRIDAY, December 8th - Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Day Of Obligation)

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Carolyn & Brendon Little

SATURDAY, December 9th

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)

+Juan O. Luna
+Ray Kirsch, Jr.
+Andres Leal & Blanca Leal

TODAY'S WORD OF GOD December 3, 2023

Bombarded with Christmas decorations and music for weeks now, we are undoubtedly already anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. But today we are reminded that Christ's coming was not a single, one-time-only event. In the Gospel Jesus warns us that he will come again when we least expect. He is referring to the end of the world, but in truth he can also come to us in our hearts at any time: during a traumatic event, in a chance encounter with a stranger, or even through someone who's prematurely spreading the Christmas spirit. May we remain vigilant for our Lord's coming in whatever way or whatever time it may happen.

"Watch!" The final word of today's Gospel binds together our readings on this first Sunday of Advent. Isaiah watched for the LORD, anticipating that one day God would come down from the heavens and rescue the Chosen People. Paul exhorted the Corinthians to be watchful for the day when the Lord would return. Jesus himself compared the Second Coming to the head of the house returning at a time you least expect. May God's word remind us to wait watchfully for the Lord.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 3 de diciembre, 2023

Bombardeados con las decoraciones y la música navideña ya desde hace semanas, sin duda alguna estamos ya anticipando la celebración de la navidad de nuestro Salvador. Pero hoy se nos recuerda que la venida de Cristo no fue un acontecimiento de una sola vez. En el Evangelio Jesús nos advierte que él vendrá de nuevo cuando menos lo esperemos. Él se refiere al fin del mundo, pero en realidad Jesús puede también venir a nuestro corazón en cualquier momento: durante un acontecimiento traumático, en el encuentro casual con un desconocido o aun a través de alguien que propaga prematuramente el espíritu navideño. Oremos para poder permanecer en vela para la venida del Señor de cualquier manera o en cualquier lugar que ocurra.

"Permanezcan alerta". Estas últimas palabras del Evangelio de hoy hacen un nexo con las otras lecturas de este primer domingo de Adviento. Isaías esperó en el Señor y anticipó el día en que Dios descendería de los cielos para rescatar al pueblo escogido. Pablo exhortó a los corintios para que esperaran el día en que el Señor vendría de nuevo. El mismo Jesús comparó su segunda venida con el dueño de una casa, que regresa en el momento más inesperado. Que la palabra de Dios nos recuerde que debemos estar atentos y permanecer en vela para la venida del Señor.

K OF C BURGER SALE

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

K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

Thurs., December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wed., Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

PARISH MEETING/BREAKFAST

Parish Meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on December 10th. All parishioners are invited to attend to hear from Father Bob about his vision for the parish as well as to share with the priests any thoughts or questions you have regarding the life of our parish. We encourage you to come and participate so you can get to know the priests and take part in the discussion. The meeting will take place in the hall next Sunday, December 10th, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. We are encouraging those who attend to bring breakfast with some to share.

APOLOGETICS COURSE IN ENGLISH

An Apologetics course will be offered this January here at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. Classes will meet Monday nights at 6:30 pm for six weeks. Registration will begin on December 10th.

APOLOGETICS COURSE IN SPANISH

An Apologetics course in Spanish will be offered this January at Queen of Peace. Classes will meet Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Registration will begin on December 10th.

ANNUAL DRAWING & CHALUPA

A Big Thank-You to each and everyone of the Annual Drawing & Chalupa organizers, helpers, volunteers, and supporters, for their kind and generous participation, dedication and tireless hard work!!! May Our Dear God, Holy Trinity, abundantly reward your kindness and gentleness! The Annual Drawing & Chalupa were a great success...thanks to all of you, your families and friends.



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



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(Tuesday, Dec. 12th)

As it has been our parish tradition, the group of Guadalupanans is inviting every one to Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with the following events:

6:30 am-Mañanitas to Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 am-Bilingual Mass, followed by Coffee & Pan Dulce at the IHM School bldg.

6:30 pm-Bilingual Mass, followed by social gathering at the IHM Parish Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ANNUAL DRAWING WINNERS

1st Prize - Marie Theis

2nd Prize - Juana Martinez

3rd Prize - Becky Leal

4th Prize - Pablo Hernandez

5th Prize - Eileen Hitchcock