

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 November 2023, due to our parishioners' generosity, 80 families (170 adults and 83 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



**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
December 31, 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 Benedic-
tion).

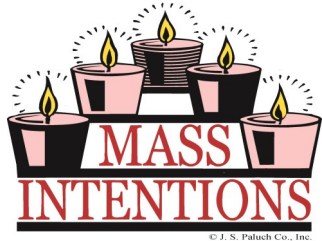
SACRAMENTS

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, December 30th

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

- +Beau Smith
- +Esperanza (Hope) Trevino
- +Guillermo Arguello Guzman
- +Juan Munoz, Jr.

SUNDAY, December 31st

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English

- +Adele Smith
- +Corina Gomez
- +Esperanza (Hope) Trevino

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass-New Year's Eve (Bilingual)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

For Our Parish Families

MONDAY, January 1st -New Year's Day

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

- Paul Sawchenko
- Lauren Sawchenko

TUESDAY, January 2nd

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Delilah Moreno

WEDNESDAY, January 3rd

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Leonardo Reyes

THURSDAY, January 4th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

For the Sick

FRIDAY, January 5th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

- +Olga Lozano & +Sam Lozano

SATURDAY, January 6th

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

- +Ignacio Garcia
- +Jose Israel Mata
- +Corina Gomez

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD
December 31, 2023**

When Jesus was born into the world, he was born into a family. Today we celebrate the Holy Family, a model for us all to emulate. Do we love and respect our children as Joseph and Mary did their Son? Do we love and honor our parents as Jesus did his own? Do we nurture the bonds in our family as the Holy Family did? On this final day of the year, let us resolve to pray to the Holy Family for guidance and support, as we look to them for inspiration.

Today we hear practical guidance and wonderful inspiration regarding treating those close to us, particularly family members. Sirach, which has provided moral teachings since the second century BCE, speaks of the honor we owe our parents, especially as they age. Saint Paul counsels the early Christians in the virtues that should direct how we treat others. Luke relates the profound responses the child Jesus elicited in the temple when Mary and Joseph presented him to the Lord.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY
31 de diciembre, 2023**

Cuando Jesús vino al mundo nació dentro de una familia. Hoy celebramos la Sagrada Familia, un modelo que todos debemos emular. ¿Amamos y respetamos a nuestros hijos e hijas como José y María amaron y respetaron a su Hijo? ¿Amamos y honramos a nuestros padres como Jesús amó a los suyos? ¿Cultivamos los vínculos entre nuestra familia como lo hizo la Sagrada Familia? En este último día del año hagamos la resolución de rezarle a la Sagrada Familia para pedirle que nos guíe y nos auxilie; al mismo tiempo que su ejemplo nos sirva de inspiración.

Hoy escuchamos una guía práctica y una inspiración maravillosa en cuanto a cómo tratar a las personas que son cercanas a nosotros, particularmente los miembros de la familia. Sirácide, que ha ofrecido enseñanzas morales desde el siglo segundo A.C., nos habla de la honra que le debemos a nuestros padres, especialmente cuando van entrando en la edad mayor. San Pablo exhorta a los primeros cristianos sobre las virtudes que deben practicarse en nuestro trato con los demás. Lucas narra las palabras profundas que el Niño Jesús suscita en el templo cuando María y José lo presentaron al Señor.



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. Registration will begin on December 10th. Classes will begin Jan. 8, 2024. Fee for workbook is \$11.00. 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. Registration will begin on December 10th. Classes will begin on Jan. 9, 2024. Fee for workbook is \$11.00. Please contact Queen of Peace office at 956-423-6341.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATECHISM (CCD)

No classes on Sunday, Dec. 31st

Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 7th at 11:00 am.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

Thurs., January 4th at 7:00 p.m.



K OF C BURGER SALE

Saturday, January 6th, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Parish main parking lot (corner of Tyler and "C" Street).



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**



MASS SCHEDULE FOR SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

- Vigil Mass (New Year's Eve)
- Sunday, Dec. 31st
- Bilingual Mass-5:30 p.m.

- New Year's Day
- Monday, January 1st
- Bilingual Mass -10:00 a.m.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION
Friday, January 5th

- 7:00 a.m. Mass; 8:00 to 11:55 a.m. Adoration; and 12:00 Noon Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.**