

## 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 January 2024, due to our parishioners' generosity, 67 families (149 adults and 67 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



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
**February 11, 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).

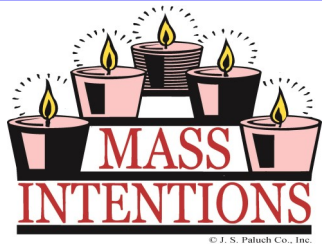
## SACRAMENTS

**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.



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**SATURDAY, February 10th**

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

Angelina Kirsch Lopez  
+Maria Louisa Robles  
Michael Tipton  
+Charles R. Motely

**SUNDAY, February 11th**

**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**

Pro Populo

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**

Bernadette Kirsch Lopez  
+Eduardo Mendez  
+Carlos Zamora  
+Howard Walsh

**MONDAY, February 12th**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

+Eulalia Zamora

**TUESDAY, February 13th**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

+Irene Zamora

**WEDNESDAY, February 14th**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass w/Ashes**

+Juan O. Luna  
+Martha P. Garcia

**12:15 p.m. Communion Service w/Ashes**

**7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass w/Ashes**

For the Parish Families

**THURSDAY, February 15th**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

Faithful Departed

**FRIDAY, February 16th-**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**

For Priestly Vocations

**SATURDAY, February 17th**

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

Zane Kirsch  
+Dolores Zamora  
+Alberto Zamora  
+John Norlund

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD  
February 11, 2024**

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being "made clean." May Jesus' response to the leper in today's Gospel assure us of his love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.

In ancient times, when people contracted leprosy they were immediately excluded from the community, barred from contact with anyone else. But Jesus changed all that when a single leper came to him. Not only did he heal him, he did so by reaching out and touching him, breaking down the barrier between healthy and sick, between "clean" and "unclean." As Jesus did, so did Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, who wrote that he became an imitator of Christ. May the words we hear today inspire us to be imitators of Christ as well, breaking down barriers and reaching out to those who have been excluded.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY  
11 de febrero 2024**

Al aproximarse el Miércoles de Ceniza, tiempo de arrepentimiento y penitencia, escuchamos cómo Jesús respondió a un hombre considerado impuro, tanto física como espiritualmente. Durante los próximos cuarenta días recurriremos al Señor como pecadores necesitados de perdón y de "quedar limpios". Que la respuesta de Jesús al leproso en el Evangelio de hoy, nos dé la seguridad de que contamos con su amor y su misericordia a pesar de nuestras fallas y de nuestros pecados.

En la antigüedad, cuando una persona contraía la lepra era excluida inmediatamente de la comunidad, prohibiéndole así un contacto con más nadie. Pero Jesús cambió todo eso cuando un solo leproso se le acercó. No sólo lo curó, sino que le extendió su mano y lo tocó rompiendo así la barrera entre los saludables y los enfermos, entre los "limpios" y los "impuros". Igual que Jesús lo hizo Pablo, el apóstol de los paganos, que en su carta se declaró imitador de Cristo. Que las palabras que escuchamos hoy nos inspiren a ser también imitadores de Cristo y a derribar las barreras al extenderles nuestra mano a todos los que han sido excluidos.



**SPRING FIESTA MEETING**

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

**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.

**LADIES' CLUB MEETING**

Thursday, Feb. 15th, at 7:00 p.m., at the O.L. of Guadalupe Room (I.H.M. School Bldg.

**K. OF C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 9:00 a.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**BREAKFAST BY GUADALUPANAS**

Sunday, Feb. 18th, at the I.H.M. School Bldg., from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Monday, Feb. 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

**PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS'  
MEETING**

Wed., Feb. 21st, at 7:00 p.m., at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**JOIN THE CHOIR**

The 12:00 noon choir is looking for singers. If you enjoy singing, please join us in making a joyful music. Please call the office 956-423-0855 to sign up.

**GUADALUPANAS**

Guadalupeans are inviting new members to join. Group meets on 1st Wed. of Month at 7:00 p.m.

**OUR LENTEN OFFERING JARS**

Traditionally we save the money we would spend on what we gave up for Lent, as part of our penance and Almsgiving during this holy season, to share it with the poor and needy. Let's bring back to church our Lenten Offering Cans, after Easter Sunday.



**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**

**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

**NOTE:** Let's remember that we are obliged to Fast and Abstain from All meat (beef, chicken, deer, rabbit, turkey, etc.), on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. However, we can have any kind of sea food...

**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:** Guadalupeans

**March 22nd:** Choir Groups

**March 29th:** Good Friday