

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 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



**FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT
February 18, 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 Benedic-
tion).

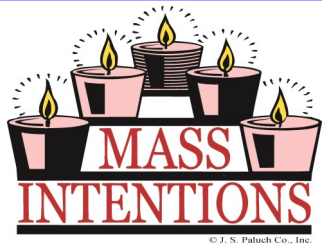
SACRAMENTS

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.



TODAY'S WORD OF GOD February 18, 2024

Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God's eternal forgiveness.

After the Great Flood, God made a covenant with us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. As we hear in the second reading, Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed his message as we listen to God's word.

PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 18 de febrero 2024

Las cenizas y los arcoíris forman una combinación rara. Las cenizas son sucias, suelen manchar y resultan feas. Los arcoíris, por el contrario, son hermosos e inspiran. Pero nos encontramos con ambos al comienzo de la Cuaresma este año. El miércoles emborraron nuestras frentes como signo de nuestra mortalidad y pecaminosidad. Hoy escuchamos que Dios ha puesto un arcoíris en el cielo como signo de su alianza con nosotros. Al dar comienzo a este tiempo de Cuaresma reconozcamos ambas verdades: una, que siempre tenemos la necesidad de arrepentirnos, y otra, que Dios está siempre dispuesto a perdonarnos. Así como las cenizas nos recuerdan arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados, que los arcoíris nos recuerden la indulgencia perpetua de Dios.

Después del diluvio universal, Dios hizo una alianza con nosotros. Nunca más un diluvio destruiría la tierra entera. Siglos más tarde Dios envió a Jesús como la nueva alianza. Tal como escuchamos en la segunda lectura, Jesús sufrió por nuestros pecados a fin de llevarnos hacia Dios. En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús emerge de su estancia de cuarenta días en el desierto, y proclama que esté es el tiempo de convertirnos y de creer. Hagamos caso de su mensaje al escuchar la palabra de Dios.

CHURCH NEWS

Annual Spring Fiesta
Mark your calendars!!

The Annual Spring Fiesta will be on
April 13 & April 14th

Monetary Donation are being accepted
and are greatly appreciated for the
booths. Donation envelopes are
available or contact Parish Office.

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.

REUNION SOCIAL DE FRANCISCANAS

Domingo, 25 de febrero, a la 1:00 pm.

REUNION MENSUAL DE FRANCISCANAS

Martes, 27 de febrero, a las 7:00 p.m.,
en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

SPRING FIESTA MEETING

Tuesday, Feb. 28th, at 7:00 p.m., at
the I.H.M. School Bldg.

Spanish Lenten Reflection
with Bishop Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D. on
Monday, March 4 at 7 PM at
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

**Benediction Adoration· Praise &
Worship**



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, 9:00 am & 5:30 pm
Wed./Miercoles-Queen of Peace, 9:00 am &
5:30 pm
Thurs./Jueves- IHMC, 12:00 noon & 5:30 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

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.

SATURDAY, February 17th

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

Zane Kirsch
+Dolores Zamora
+Alberto Zamora
+John Norlund

SUNDAY, February 18th

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español

+Juan O. Luna
+Edna Giraldo
+Ma. Del Rosario Martinez
Pedro Martinez-Birthday
Jose Luis Rodriguez-Birthday

12:00 Noon Mass in English

Pro Populo

MONDAY, February 19th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Bertha Alvarez

TUESDAY, February 20th

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Roberto Rubio

WEDNESDAY, February 21st

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Norma Torres

THURSDAY, February 22nd

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

+Sergio Portales

FRIDAY, February 23rd

7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass

Gene Montes, Jr.

SATURDAY, February 24th

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

Dell Robert Smith
+Clementina DeLeon
+Charlie Van Ameynen