

## 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 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



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 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).

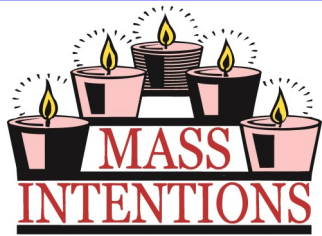
## SACRAMENTS

**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, January 6th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**

+Ignacio Garcia  
+Jose Israel Mata  
+Corina Gomez

**SUNDAY, January 7th**  
**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**8:00 a.m. Misa en Español**

+Juan O. Luna  
+Corina Gomez  
+Regino & +Maria Gonzalez

**12:00 Noon Mass in English**  
Pro Populo

**MONDAY, January 8th**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
+Juan O. Luna

**TUESDAY, January 9th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
For the Poor

**WEDNESDAY, January 10th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
For the Prisoners

**THURSDAY, January 11th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
+Maria Gonzalez

**FRIDAY, January 12th**  
**7:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass**  
For the Faithful Departed

**SATURDAY, January 13th**  
**5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation (English)**  
+Meta Hearne  
+Ofelio Muniz

**TODAY'S WORD OF GOD**  
**January 7, 2024**

Today we recall the magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the newborn king of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts –our prayers, our lives, our future—to him whose birth we have just marked. Let us in turn welcome all those who are making their journeys from near and far to worship the Lord.

When Isaiah wrote the poem that we hear today, the Israelites had just returned from decades of exile in Babylon. Judah was devastated and left desolate, but Isaiah saw it through eyes of faith. The magi must have seen with eyes of faith as well in order to present a newborn in a feeding trough with expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. As members of the one body of Christ, let us listen to God's word with ears of faith, recognizing ourselves in those who come to praise and worship the Lord.

**PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY**  
**7 de enero 2024**

Hoy recordamos a los reyes magos, que, guiados por una estrella, viajaron desde tierras lejanas para encontrar al recién nacido rey de los judíos y ofrecerle regalos preciosos. Cada uno de nosotros hace nuestra propia travesía hacia el Señor, cuyo nacimiento acabamos de celebrar, y cuando venimos a celebrar la Eucaristía le ofrecemos nuestros regalos mas preciosos –nuestras oraciones, nuestra vida y nuestro futuro. También nosotros, a su vez, acogamos a todos aquellos que vienen de cerca o de lejos para adorara al Señor.

Cuando Isaías escribió el poema que escuchamos hoy los israelitas acababan de regresar de un exilio de décadas en Babilonia. Judá se encontraba devastada y abandonada en una desolación, pero Isaías lo vio todo con los ojos de la fe. Los magos también deben haber visto con los ojos de la fe cuando le presentaron los regalos de gran coste de oro, incienso y mirra a un recién nacido recostado en un pesebre. Como miembros del cuerpo de Cristo escuchemos la palabra de Dios con los oídos de la fe identificándonos con todos los que vienen a alabar y adora 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 \$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. Registration will begin on December 10th. Classes will begin on Jan. 9, 2024. Fee for workbook is \$10.00. Please contact Queen of Peace office at 956-423-6341.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, CATECHISM (CCD)**

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

**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.

**REUNION DE GUADALUPANAS**

Miercoles, 10 de enero a las 7:00 p.m., en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

**REUNION DE CABALLEROS DE SAN JOSE**

Jueves, 11 de enero las 7:00 p.m. en el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

**LADIES CLUB MEETING**

Thursday, January 18th at 7:00pm at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

**K. OF C. GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m., at the IHM School Bldg.

**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.



**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**

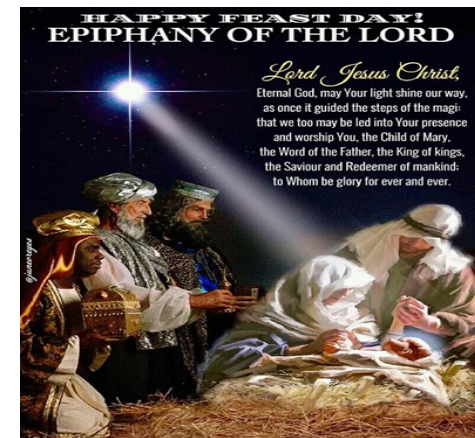
**DAILY MASS (Monday thru Friday):**

**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 bi-lingual Mass in person. To register for this event, call the Family Life Office at (956) 784-5012 or IHM office. Please provide your full names, mailing address, anniversary date and number years being celebrated.