

## 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 February 2024, due to our parishioners' generosity, 52 families (112 adults and 44 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



**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT  
March 17, 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).

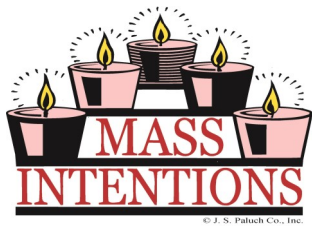
## SACRAMENTS

**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.



## TODAY'S WORD OF GOD March 17, 2024

As we draw close to Holy Week, we hear Jesus talk about his approaching death. Yet his message to his disciples is not so much about his death as it is about eternal life. As Christians, we know that as difficult as death is, our true focus, our true hope is in eternal life, trusting that our Lord is our source of eternal salvation. During this final week before Holy Week, let us keep in mind that just as our Lenten journey will not end with Good Friday, but with Easter, so too does our own life's journey end not in death but in new life.

Jeremiah looked forward to the day when God's covenant with humanity would be internalized in us, when it would be imprinted on our hearts. To prepare our hearts for keeping the covenant, we pray that God will create clean hearts in us. Especially during Lent, our longing for reconciliation and forgiveness can help to prepare our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks from the heart, questioning why he would ask God to save him from suffering and death when that was the purpose in the first place. May we let God's word penetrate our hearts as well.

## PALABRA DE DIOS DE HOY 17 de marzo 2024

A medida que nos aproximamos a la Semana Santa oímos a Jesús hablar de su muerte inminente. Sin embargo, su mensaje a sus discípulos no es tanto acerca de su muerte, sino más bien acerca de la vida eterna. Como cristianos sabemos que por muy difícil que se la muerte, nuestro verdadero enfoque, nuestra verdadera esperanza se encuentra en la vida eterna y confiamos en que el Señor es la causa de nuestra eterna salvación. Durante esta semana final antes de la Semana Santa recordemos que, así como nuestro peregrinaje cuaresmal no termina con el Viernes Santo, sino con la Pascua, el peregrinaje de nuestra vida tampoco termina con la muerte, sino con una vida nueva.

Jeremías anhelaba el día en que la alianza de Dios con la humanidad fuese asimilada en nosotros y se quedara impresa en nuestro corazón. Con el propósito de preparar nuestro corazón para cumplir nuestra parte de la alianza rogamus que Dios cree en nosotros un corazón puro. De una manera especial durante la Cuaresma nuestra apetencia de reconciliación y perdón puede ayudarnos a preparar nuestro corazón. En el Evangelio Jesús se pregunta de corazón por qué ha de pedirle a Dios que lo libre del sufrimiento y la muerte si para eso precisamente él ha venido. Dejemos que la palabra de Dios penetre también nuestro corazón.

## CHURCH NEWS

### K. OF C. GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m.,  
at the I.H.M. School Bldg.

### NO CCD

No CCD on March 10th and March 17th.  
Please mark your agendas/calendars.

### MONTHLY BREAKFAST BY THE GUADALUPANAS

Sunday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30  
a.m., at the San Juan Diego Rm./IHM  
School Bldg

### FEAST DAY OF SAN JOSE

Caballeros de San Jose is inviting all to  
mass on the Feast Day of St Joseph and  
Consecration to St. Joseph on  
March 19th at 7:00 pm .

### VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN TRAINING

Tuesday, March 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30  
p.m., at the Madonna Room, Diocese of  
Brownsville, Fitzpatrick Bldg., 700 Virgen  
De San Juan, San Juan, Tx. Contact Maru  
Torres at 956-400-7115

### LADIES' CLUB MEETING

Thursday, March 21st., at 7:00 p.m., at  
the O.L. of Guadalupe Room (I.H.M.  
School Bldg.

### REUNION SOCIAL DE FRANCISCANAS

Domingo, 24 de marzo a la 1:00 p.m., en  
el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M

### REUNION DE FRANCISCANAS

Martes, 26 de marzo, a las 7:00 p.m., en  
el edificio de la escuela de I.H.M.

### ANNUAL SPRING FIESTA MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Annual Spring Fiesta will be on  
April 13 & April 14<sup>th</sup>

### 2024 ANNUAL SPRING DRAWING

Our Annual Spring Drawing will be held  
on Sunday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. at the  
Parish Hall after a special Chalupa. Tick-  
ets will be distributed after each mass.  
Please return ticket stubs and money to  
Parish Office as soon as possible.



## 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)

#### Tues./Martes- IHMC

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm  
& 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

#### Fri./Viernes-Queen of Peace

9:00 am to 10:00 am  
& 5:30 pm to 6:30 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:

March 15rd: Guadalupanas

March 22nd-Choir Groups

March 29th Good Friday - 10:00 AM

CCD Teachers & students