

## IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DICESAN BISHOP

### Protecting God's Children' and 'Touching Safety'

Due to the present situation and the restrictions of the civil authorities to prevent the spreading of the coronavirus and until approved by Bishop Flores there will be no in-person presentations of "Protecting God's children" or "Keeping the Promise Alive." Until CCD resumes there will be no "Touching Safety" lessons provided. This applies to the 5-year refresher requirements or the initial training that is required to minister to minors."

## IMPORTANTE COMUNICACION DE LA OFICINA DEL OBISPO DIOCESANO

### Protegiendo al Pueblo de Dios

Debido a la situación actual y las restricciones de las autoridades civiles para evitar la propagación del coronavirus y Hasta que el obispo Flores lo apruebe, no habrá presentaciones en persona de 'Proteger a los hijos de Dios' o 'Mantener la promesa viva.' Hasta que se reanude el CCD, no se brindarán lecciones de 'Seguridad al tocar.' Esto se aplica a los requisitos de actualización de 5 años o la capacitación inicial que se requiere para ministrar a menores.

## 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 examples of what is provided to families and persons in need: Flour, Sugar, Oil, Beans, Canned Food, Oatmeal, Pasta, Rice, etc. **In the month of November due to the generosity of our parishioners, 85 families (172 adults and 86 children) with a total of 258 persons, 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 2:00 p.m.). 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 Coronavirus patients, families and care givers, and for the Health Community System, especially doctors, nurses, etc. For Petra Galvan, Rene R. Rodriguez, a Young Lady. **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 list.**

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### DEC. 13th, 2020

### Parish Staff

*Msgr. Luis Javier García, J.C.L., Pastor*  
*Rev. George Gonzalez, PhD, In Residence*  
*Rev. Fr. Ernesto Magallón, in Residence*  
*Annita M. VanNess, Bookkeeper*  
*Mike Salinas, Secretary*  
*Blas Hernandez, Handy Man*  
*Sam Rosales, Sacristan*

### Councils

*Pastoral Council*  
*Finance Council*  
*Scholarships' Committee*  
*2020 Spring Fiesta' 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*

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Office Hours: 9am. to 2pm. (Mon-Fri)  
Web-page: [www.ihmc-hgn.org](http://www.ihmc-hgn.org)

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. Daily Mass  
First Friday: 7:30 a.m. Mass

**Saturdays:** 5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation for  
Sunday in English

**Sundays:** 8:00 a.m. Misa en Español,  
10:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass (Mostly in English)  
12:00 Noon Mass in English

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 7:00 am & 6:30 pm

**Confessions:** by appointment only...

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** First  
Fridays of each month, from 8:00 to 11:50 a.m., with  
Benediction at 12:00 Noon.

## SACRAMENTS

**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. Parents  
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  
appointment with the pastor, at least six months before  
the intended wedding date.

**Quinceañeras: (Not a Sacrament)** Candidates  
need to be active members of IHM, attend Sunday  
Mass (regularly) and CCD Classes for the last two  
years, at this parish. Please, no exceptions.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



THIS SUNDAY'S WORD OF GOD  
December 13, 2020

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday because today's opening antiphon begins with the word Gaudete, which means rejoice. We rejoice today, for the coming of the Lord is so near that we cannot help but think about it. Perhaps we are starting to feel overwhelmed by all of what we need to do between now and Christmas. Let this be an opportunity to refocus our attention on the true reason we celebrate this time of year. Rejoice, the Lord is near!

We are visited by three messengers today. The first is Isaiah, with a message of hope and joy, "a year of favor...a day of vindication." Next comes Paul, with a message for the Thessalonians that we can take to heart as well, advising us how to live while we wait for Christ's return. Finally we hear from Jesus' messenger, John the Baptist, who came to testify to the Messiah. Let us heed their messages as we prepare for Christ's coming.

**LA PALABRA DE DIOS DE ESTE DOMINGO**  
13 de diciembre, 2020

El tercer domingo de Adviento se conoce como domingo de Gaudete porque la antífona de entrada de hoy nos exhorta a estar alegres, que es lo que quiere decir la palabra gaudete. Hoy nos alegramos, porque la venida del Señor esta tan cerca que no podemos dejar de pensar en ella. Quizás nos empeceemos a sentir agobiados por todo lo que necesitamos hacer entre ahora y la Navidad. Que esta sea una oportunidad para reenfocar atención sobre la verdadera razón de celebrar en este tiempo del año. ¡Estén alegres, el Señor está cerca!

Hoy nos vistan tres mensajeros. El primero es Isaías con un mensaje alegre y de esperanza "el año de gracia...lleno de júbilo en mí Dios." Después viene San Pablo con un mensaje a los tesalonicenses, al cual debemos también nosotros hacer caso, pues nos aconseja como debemos vivir mientras esperamos la segunda venida de Cristo. Por último, escuchamos al mensajero de Jesús, Juan el Bautista, que vino a dar testimonio del Mesías. Tomemos en serio el mensaje de todos ellos mientras nos preparamos para la venida de Cristo.

## CHURCH NEWS

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS DURING PANDEMIC SEASON

To plan a celebration of any of the sacraments, please schedule an appointment, in person, with the pastor, Msgr. Luis Javier Garcia. Please make an appointment with enough time, to plan accordingly.

### VIRTUAL BIBLE CLASSES IN ENGLISH (ON ZOOM)

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. For more information and to register: (Dr.) Bertha Campos thru text or WhatsApp at (956) 793-8181

### K. OF C. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 9:00 a.m., at the I.H.M. School Building.

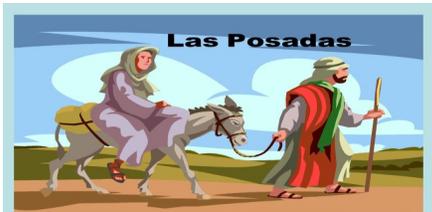
### MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

**Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th):**

8:00 p.m. in church

**Christmas Day (Dec. 25th):**

8:00 a.m. in Spanish in church &  
12:00 Noon in English in church



### OUR POSADAS DURING PANDEMIC

This year we will not have Posadas (Novena of Christmas), due to the Pandemic. However, we would like to encourage each family of this parish to have the Novena of Christmas at home, with the members of their family. If you need some guidance, ideas or tips on this, please visit the Parish Web Site (ihmc-hgn.org). The Novena of Christmas begins on Wednesday, Dec. 16th and concludes on Thursday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve.



### MASS SCHEDULE DURING PANDEMIC

#### 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 (Tuesday thru Friday):

7:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass



### OUR DONATIONS ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED AT THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC

Our support and contributions to the parish are very much needed, at this very difficult time. We need to meet our parish's financial responsibilities. Please, let's not forget to send our contributions and donations by mail, or drop them at the parish office. **Please DO NOT send cash by mail or put it in the mail box of the parish office...the area is not that safe...** Thanks for your kindness and generosity!!!



### CONFESSIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC SEASON

Beginning Friday, Dec. 4th, we will be having confessions during the Pandemic season every Friday at 10:00 a.m., at the Blessed sacrament Chapel Patio. Those of you who come to confession at this time, would need to check-in at the parish office front desk to proceed to the chapel patio for confession.

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 12th:

5:30pm. Mass of Anticipation in English:

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**9:30 AM Mananitas in the Church**

**10:00 AM—Bilingual Mass**

Garcia\_Pelayo Family

#### SUNDAY, Dec. 13th:

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español:

+Regino y +Marquita Gonzalez

+Santiago Ruiz

12:00 Noon Mass in English:

Pro Populo

#### MONDAY, dec. 14th:

No Daily Mass

#### TUESDAY, Dec. 15th:

7:30 A.M. Bilingual Mass

Garcia-Garcia Family

#### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 16th:

7:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass:

In Thanksgiving to God

#### THURSDAY, Dec. 17th:

Corina Salinas

#### FRIDAY, Dec. 18th

7:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass:

+Maria del Rosario Martinez

#### SATURDAY, Dec. 19th:

5:30 p.m. Mass of Anticipation in English:

All Souls in Purgatory

+Victor Manuel Hernandez (QPD)