

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 parish-iones, 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, and for Mrs. Reynolds and her family. ***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 in-***

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 20th, 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

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



SATURDAY, Dec. 19th:

5:30pm. Mass of Anticipation in English:

All Souls in Purgatory
+Victor Manuel Hernandez (QPD)

SUNDAY, Dec. 20th:

8:00 a.m. Misa en Español:

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English:

Garcia-Pelayo Family

MONDAY, Dec. 21st:

No Daily Mass

TUESDAY, Dec. 22nd:

7:30 a.m. Daily Bilingual Mass

Garcia-Garcia Family

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23rd:

7:30 a.m. Daily Bilingual Mass:

For Our Parish Community

THURSDAY, Dec. 24th:

No Morning Mass

For Vocations

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Bilingual Mass

For the Poor & Homeless

FRIDAY, Dec. 25th: Nativity of the Lord Jesus (Christmas Day)

8:00 a.m. Masa en Español:

Pro Populo

12:00 Noon Mass in English

+Juan O. Luna

SATURDAY, Dec. 26th:

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

+Eric Cortez

THIS SUNDAY'S WORD OF GOD December 20, 2020

Our season of fervent anticipation is nearly over. The promise of these four weeks, the coming of our Lord and Savior, will soon be reaching its fulfillment. Have we prepared a place in our hearts for him even as we have made preparations for the holiday? Once more we hear Mary accept the invitation to bear the Son of God. Let her response be a model for us to accept God's invitation to bear Christ to one another.

As we begin our last week of preparation for the coming of the Lord, we listen to the preparations three others took during eras. King David intended to prepare a house for the ark of God, but God revealed a more important house to prepare. Saint Paul completed his letter to the Romans, a church he'd helped prepare for the mystery of Christ. In the Gospel, Mary agreed to prepare a place in her womb for the Son of God. Let us prepare a place in our hearts now for the word of God.

LA PALABRA DE DIOS DE ESTE DOMINGO 20 de diciembre, 2020

Nuestro tiempo de espera ferviente está en la recta final. La promesa de estas cuatro semanas de la vendida de nuestro Señor y Salvador, pronto llegara a su culmen. ¿Hemos preparado un lugar para el en nuestro corazón, así como hemos hecho preparaciones para los días festivos? Una vez más escuchamos a Maria aceptar la invitación para llevar en su seno al Hijo de Dios. Que la respuesta de ella sea para nosotros un modelo para aceptar la invitación que nos hace Dios de llevar la presencia de Cristo a los demás.

Al dar comienzo a nuestra última semana de preparación para la venida de nuestro Señor, escuchamos acerca de las preparaciones que otras tres personas hicieron en épocas anteriores. El rey David quiso preparar una casa para el arca de Dios, pero Dios le reveló una casa más importante que preparar. San Pablo terminó su carta a los romanos, una Iglesia que él había preparado para recibir el misterio de Cristo. En el Evangelio Maria acepta preparar un lugar en su vientre para el Hijo de Dios. Preparemos ahora un lugar en nuestro corazón para recibir la palabra de Dios.

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

PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m., at the San Juan Diego Conference Room, IHM School Bldg.



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.

CONFESSIONS DURING 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.



Mass Schedule

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 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!!!



MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & THE FIRST OF THE NEW YEAR

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th):

8:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass in church

Christmas Day (Dec. 25th):

8:00 a.m. in Spanish in church &

12:00 Noon in English in church

New Year's Eve (Dec. 31st):

5:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass in church

New Year's Day (Jan. 1st):

8:00 a.m. in Spanish in church &