

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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February 22, 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

“One does not live on bread alone, but
on every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4)

Claretian Community

Br. Manuel Benavides, C.M.F.
Fr. Gaspar Masilamani, C.M.F.
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Fr. Benjamin Romero, C.M.F.
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Staff Directory

Fr. Benjamin Romero C.M.F.
Pastor
Fr. Malachy Osunwa C.M.F.
Associate Pastor
Deacon Salvador Rodriguez
Jose Luis Martinez
Bookkeeper
Lisa Martinez
Parish Secretary
Mary Salas
Religious Education
Miguel Garza
Maintenance

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am—5:00 pm
Closed for Lunch
1:00 pm—2:00 pm
Saturday
Closed
Sunday
9:00 am—1:00pm

Gift Shop Hours

Monday—Friday
9:00 am—4:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Reconciliation

By Appointment Only

Mass Schedule

MONDAY—THURSDAY 12:00 PM (Español)

FRIDAY 12:00PM (Bilingual)

SATURDAY / SABADO

Marian Mass 8:30AM (Bilingual)

Vigil Mass 5:30PM (English)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

8:30AM (English)

10:30AM (Español)

12:30 PM (Español)

4:30 PM (Español)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 10:30am—11:30am
7:00pm—8:00pm

Every First Friday:
10:30am-11:30am
(Everyone Welcome)

We all know that Jesus is our Savior, but He is also the way to salvation. He is the model we are called to follow. It is no coincidence, then, that in every Gospel account of the risen Lord, He still bears the wounds of His Passion. These marks are not blemishes or flaws that the Resurrection failed to erase. Rather, they are indelible reminders that our path to salvation will include struggle, suffering, and even death. This is not to say that struggle, suffering, and death are good in themselves. Instead, it reminds us that hardship and pain are part of the human condition. The way Jesus leads us to salvation does not bypass that condition—it passes directly through it. His way must become our way. This truth is especially clear in today's Gospel. Immediately after His baptism, Jesus does not begin by preaching. Instead, He confronts evil. He does not first heal the sick; He wrestles with the devil. He does not initially proclaim the Kingdom of God; He faces the frailty of His human nature. In confronting the devil, Jesus reveals His willingness to enter fully into human weakness. The Gospel narratives present this struggle in a composed and deliberate manner, showing Jesus in complete command. Yet we can be certain that the historical Jesus did not experience these moments lightly. Like us in all things but sin, He knew real doubt, real turmoil, real temptation, and real suffering. Struggle with human weakness is part of our journey to salvation. In facing that weakness, Jesus not only overcomes it—He shows us the path to glory. Jesus is our model; He shows us the way. His path does not skirt our human condition—it passes straight through it. His way embraces the doubts, the struggles, and the sufferings of life. In light of His example, we trust that God can use even our harshest trials and deepest sorrows as instruments of salvation. Nothing endured in faith is ever wasted. Those who desire to share in Christ's glory yet bear no sign of having shared in His wounds misunderstand what it means to follow Him. Discipleship leaves its mark. Without the imprint of sacrifice and perseverance, one does not truly stand as a disciple, but as a stranger lingering at the gates of paradise.

Fr. Benjamín Romero, CMF

Sanctuary Light

The sanctuary light burns this week in **loving memory of Pedro Flores**. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

La veladora del Santísimo arde esta semana en amorosa memoria de Pedro Flores. Que su almas descanse en paz.

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are offered to the glory of God and in gratitude for His many blessings. May they be a sign of our devotion and prayer as we honor the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Las flores del altar de esta semana se ofrecen para la gloria de Dios y en agradecimiento por Sus muchas bendiciones. Que sean un signo de nuestra devoción y oración al honrar la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María.

We Request your prayers for:

Alexandra Kubebatu	Norma Reyna
Federico Mendida	Michael & Marisa Knuffke
Rosa De León	Rita Urias
Mr. & Mrs. Domínguez	Theresa Reyes
Rodney Wayne Wilkinson	Rita Urias
Sebastián Sánchez	Theresa Reyes

Sabemos que Jesús es nuestro Salvador, pero también es el sendero que conduce a la salvación y el ejemplo que debemos imitar. Por eso no resulta extraño que, en los relatos del Señor resucitado, aún aparezcan las huellas de su Pasión. Esas heridas no son imperfecciones que la Resurrección dejó atrás, sino señales permanentes que nos recuerdan que nuestro propio camino incluirá lucha, dolor e incluso la muerte. Esto no quiere decir que el sufrimiento sea algo bueno en sí mismo, sino que forma parte de la realidad humana. Jesús no nos guía evitando esa realidad, sino atravesándola. Su manera de vivir y vencer debe convertirse también en la nuestra. El Evangelio lo muestra claramente: después de su bautismo, Jesús no empieza predicando ni haciendo milagros, sino enfrentando el mal y experimentando la fragilidad humana. Aunque los relatos presentan ese momento con serenidad y firmeza, sabemos que Él vivió tentaciones, angustias y sufrimientos reales, como cualquiera de nosotros, excepto en el pecado. Así entendemos que la lucha contra nuestra debilidad es parte del camino hacia la salvación. Al asumirla y superarla, Jesús nos abre la puerta a la gloria. Siguiendo su ejemplo, creemos que Dios puede servirse incluso de nuestras pruebas más duras para transformarlas en medios de gracia. Nada de lo que se vive con fe se pierde. Quien desea participar de la gloria de Cristo debe aceptar también compartir sus heridas. El verdadero discipulado deja señales visibles en la vida; sin sacrificio ni perseverancia, no se puede hablar auténticamente de seguimiento, sino solo de una ilusión a las puertas del paraíso.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:30 a.m.
All Parishioners of IHM

5:30 p.m.

Deceased
Natividad & Carmen Salas
Mary Ann Jalomo
Charles Vickers
Mary Lou Robles

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 a.m.

Deceased

Joe Favella
Abel Sanchez
Jorge Medina

Birthdays

Mary Cervantes
Richard Favella
Blessings Casillias Family

10:30 a.m.

Health Mariam Yanta
Deceased Maria Deleon

Deceased Anniversary

Maria Delia Morado
Estefano Molina

12:30 a.m.

Birthdays Pari Vender
Deceased Dr. Elias Lorenzana
Health Mariam Yanta

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

4:30 p.m.
All Parishioners of IHM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

12:00 pm
All Parishioners of IHM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 pm
All Parishioners of IHM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12:00 pm
All Parishioners of IHM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

12:00 pm
Deceased

Maria Violeta Paez
Pedro Flores

Birthdays
Jose Alfredo Martinez

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

12:00
All Parishioners of IHM

Liturgy Corner

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 15:15—20

Psalm: 119:1—2, 4—5, 18—18, 33—34

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6—10

Gospel: Matthew 5:17—37

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura: Eclesiástico 15:15—20

Salmo: 119:1—2, 4—5, 18—18, 33—34

Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 2:6—10

Evangelio: Mateo 5:17—37

Breakfast Schedule 2026

February

1st—12:30 Choir

8th—Pastoral Council

15th—Ushers

22nd—Eucharistic Ministers

March

1st—Lectors

8th—Matachines

15th—12:30 Choir

22nd—Martin Pina

Stewardship February 22, 2026

1st Collection: \$2268.28

Maintenance Fund: \$419.54

Other Income: \$1681.83

Total Income: \$4369.65

Thank you for your Generosity! Gracias por tu Generosidad!

Organization Directory

Altar Servers	Adan Martinez	4:30 Choir
Richard Salas	Music Ministry	Adán Martínez
Eucharistic Ministers	8:30 Choir	Pastoral Council
Jorge Madrid	Charlie López	Julio Sierra
Finance Committee	10:30 Choir	Ushers
Richard Salas	Rene García	Julio Sierra
Lectors / Liturgy	12:30 Choir	Women's Club
Miguel Garza Jr.	Efrían Rodríguez	Estella Rodríguez
Matachines		

Parish News

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, the **Second Collection** will be for our **Parish Maintenance Fund**. Your generous support helps us maintain and care for our parish buildings and grounds. Thank you for your continued contributions!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM** in the church. All are welcome to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

There will be confessions every Friday during the Lenten season from 7:00pm—8:00pm in the Church. Reconciliation dates are as follows February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27.

LENTEN FISH SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

Every Friday during the Lenten season we will have a **Fish Sandwich Fundraiser** at the **Parish Office** from **11:00 AM—1:00 PM**. Plates are **\$8.00** and include **chips and a drink**. Come enjoy a delicious fish sandwich and help support our parish!

CRAFT SHOW – VENDOR INVITATION

We are now accepting vendor registrations for our **Craft Show on Sunday, March 15, 2026**. Vendors interested in participating are invited to contact the **Parish Office** for registration details and more information. Spaces are limited—reserve your spot soon!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in the Parish hall we will have a volunteer appreciation Dinner. We invite all the volunteers who have helped us with our Parish events. Thank you once again for all your hard work and dedication. Please RSVP in the Parish office by Sunday, March 15th if you will be attending. Phone: (210)226-8268 Email: lisa@ihmsatx.org

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

Join us for our annual Lenten Fish Fry on **Good Friday, April 3rd**, from **11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The menu will feature **2 pieces of fish and 2 sides**, all for **\$10 per plate**. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Este fin de semana, la **Segunda Colecta** será para el **Fondo de Mantenimiento de la Parroquia**. Su generoso apoyo nos ayuda a mantener y cuidar los edificios e instalaciones de nuestra parroquia. ¡Gracias por sus continuas contribuciones!

VÍA CRUCIS

El Vía Crucis se llevará a cabo todos los viernes a las **11:00 a.m.** y a las **6:00 p.m.** en la iglesia. Todos están cordialmente invitados a acompañarnos en este tiempo de oración y reflexión.

RECONCILIACIÓN CUARESMA

Habrán confesiones todos los viernes durante la Cuaresma de 7:00pm a 8:00pm en la Iglesia. Fechas 27 de febrero, y 6, 13, 20, 27 de marzo

SÁNDWICH DE PESCADO DE CUARESMA

Cada viernes durante la temporada de Cuaresma tendremos una **venta de sándwiches de pescado** en la **Oficina Parroquial** de **11:00 a.m.** a **1:00 p.m.** Los platillos cuestan **\$8.00** e incluyen papas fritas y una bebida. ¡Venga a disfrutar de un delicioso sándwich de pescado y ayude a apoyar a nuestra parroquia!

FERIA DE ARTESANÍAS – INVITACIÓN A VENDEDORES

Ya estamos aceptando registros de vendedores para nuestra **Feria de Artesanías el domingo 15 de marzo de 2026**. Los vendedores interesados en participar están invitados a comunicarse con la **Oficina Parroquial** para registrarse y obtener más información. ¡Los espacios son limitados—reserve su lugar pronto!

CENA DE AGRADECIMIENTO PARA VOLUNTARIOS

El sábado 21 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial tendremos una **Cena de Agradecimiento para Voluntarios**. Invitamos a todos los voluntarios que nos han ayudado en los eventos de nuestra parroquia. Nuevamente, ¡muchas gracias por todo su arduo trabajo y dedicación! Por favor confirme su asistencia (RSVP) en la Oficina Parroquial a más tardar el miércoles 15 de marzo si planea asistir. Teléfono: (210) 226-8268 Correo lisa@ihmsatx.org

PESCADO FRITO

Acompáñanos en nuestra tradicional **Frita de Pescado**. **Viernes, 3 de abril**, de **11:00 AM a 3:00 PM**. El menú consistirá de **2 piezas de pescado y 2 guarniciones**, todo por **\$10 por plato**. Los boletos están disponibles en la Oficina Parroquial.

LOTERIA MEXICANA

The Loteria Mexicana will held on Sunday, April 12th from 2:00pm—5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 for 25 games also includes a plate and tea. There will also, be 4 special games.

HOLY THURSDAY BREAD

We are taking orders for Holy Thursday Bread. The Bread will be sold for \$8.00 each pescado and Semita. Please come by the office to place your orders. Bread must be pre-paid and will be available for pick up on Holy Thursday.

EASTER LILIES DEDICATION LIST

Dedicate an Easter Lily plant, used to decorate the altar on Easter, in honor or in memory of a loved one. The names of those honored will be published in the Easter bulletin. Easter Lilies are \$10.00 each.

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies will be available to purchase this year for \$10.00. Please fill out form below and return to the Parish office

Name: _____
 Phone: (____) _____
 In Memory: _____

 In Honor of (living): _____

 I plan to pick up plant _____ Donate plant to Church: _____

LOTERÍA MEXICANA

La Loteria Mexicana se llevará a cabo el domingo 12 de abril de 2:00 p.m. a 5:00 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Los boletos cuestan \$20.00 por 25 juegos e incluyen un plato de comida y té. También habrá 4 juegos especiales.

PAN DEL JUEVES SANTO

Estamos aceptando ordenes para el pan del Jueves Santo. El pan se venderá por \$8.00 pescado y/o Semita. Por favor, venga a la Oficina para ordenar su pan. El pan debe ser pagado por anticipado y estará disponibles para recoger el Jueves Santo.

LISTA DE DEDICACIONES DE LIRIOS DE PASCUA

Dedique una planta de lirio de Pascua, que se utilizará para decorar el altar el día de Pascua, en honor o en memoria de un ser querido. Los nombres de las personas honradas se publicarán en el boletín de Pascua. De los lirios de Pascua cuestan \$10.00 cada uno.

LIRIOS DE PASCUA

Los lirios de Pascua estarán disponibles para la venta este año por \$10.00 cada uno. Por favor, complete el formulario a continuación y entréguelo en la oficina parroquial.

Nombre: _____
 Teléfono: (____) _____
 Memoria: _____

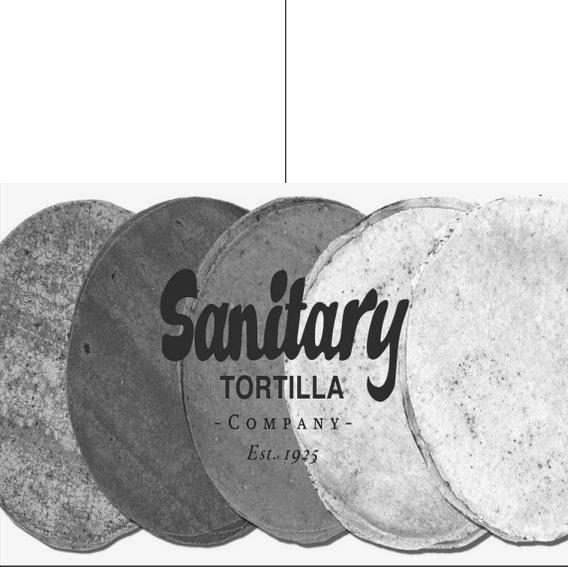
 Honor (Vivienda): _____

 Tengo la intención de recoger la planta: _____ Donar _____

For advertising Information
 Call Lisa Martinez
 210-226-8268

**In Memory of
 Deacon Alfonso
 Cervantes**

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 Fr. Len
 Brown, CMF**

**In Memory of
 Deacon Jorge
 Bonilla -Valentin**

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