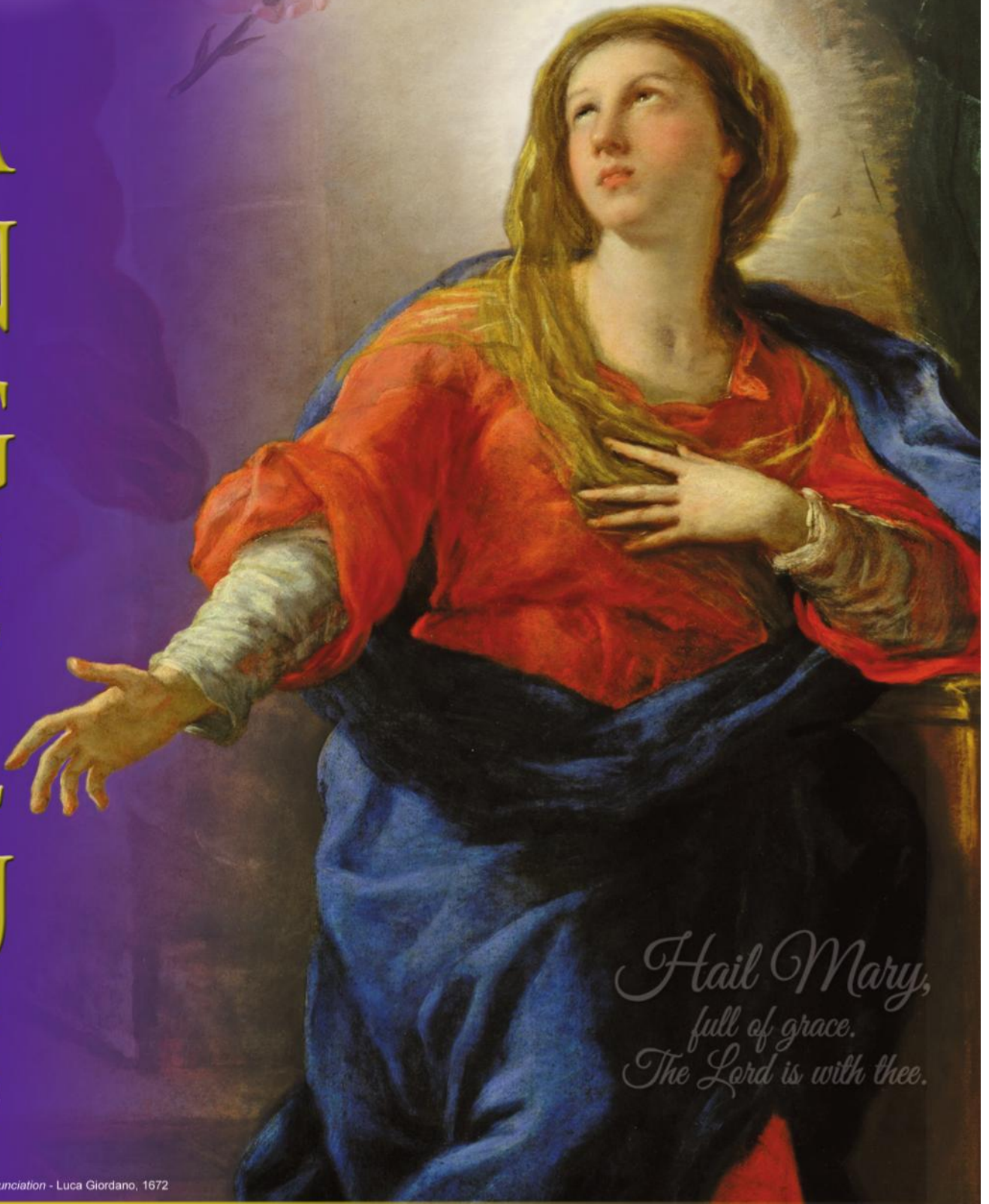




V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me
according to Thy word.

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*Hail Mary,
full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.*



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

8:30AM ✚Pauline Guinn by Family
4:30PM ✚Ron Flores by Pacho & Cleo Flores

Sunday, December 10

8:00AM ✚Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family
10:30AM MPB Parishioners
12:30PM ✚Rose Zuniga by Family
7:30PM ✚Mike McDonough by McDonough Family

Monday, December 11

8:30AM ✚Vanessa Denisse Rodriguez by Family
✚Juan & Maria Martinez by Daughter
✚Jimmy Rodriguez by Wife
Powell Families by John Powell
✚Jesse Nesmith by Ruth Nesmith
✚Fr. John Morreau by Yen Khang Van

6:00PM ✚Mary Louise Limon Vera by Family

Tuesday, December 12

8:30AM ✚Esther D. Moreno by I. Saenz Family
6:00PM ✚Frances Thrash by Diana G. Garza

Wednesday, December 13

8:30AM ✚Abigail Hernandez by Family
6:00PM ✚Casey Pocza, Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

Thursday, December 14

8:30AM ✚Aurora Vega by Adame Family
6:00PM ✚Choo C. Isidro, Birthday by Family

Friday, December 15

8:30AM ✚Katrina Almanza by Family
✚Tommy Burden by Adame Family
Julian Villarruel by Friend
✚Michelle Flanagan by Lynn Dornbusch
Powell Families by John Powell
✚Amber Rosales by Nolan & Veronica Smith
6:00PM ✚Rolando Saenz by Family

Saturday, December 16

8:30AM ✚Luis Family by Munoz Family
4:30PM ✚William Kassner by David Bellflower



Religious Education Classes
Sundays - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

PK3 - 5th Grades	8:45 or 11:45am
6th Grade	8:45am
7 - 8th Grade	1:45pm
9 - 12th Grade	5:00pm

MPB Youth Ministry Staff:

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Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education
email: mpbreled@yahoo.com

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest and deacon with the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist at the Mass.

Please consider becoming an altar server if you are a Catholic in good standing, male of 7+ in age and have received Baptism, 1st Communion, and in a sacramental marriage (if married).

Training will be provided. For more information and /or to volunteer, please contact Joseph Hernandez at 361-854-3800.

The Sanctuary Candles are lit in the Church, St. Jude Chapel, and Adoration Chapel. These candles are perpetually lit for two weeks for your special intention in a high place of honor which lets us know that Jesus is physically present in the Eucharist. They can be in memory of a loved one, for a special intention, in thanksgiving, or any intention. The cost is \$15.00.

Week of December 10, 2023 - December 23, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Ronnie L. Varnado by Family.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions by Anonymous.

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Powell Families by John Powell.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Second Sunday of Advent



Christmas Schedule

Dec 18-22, 2023

8-8:30am - Confessions

8:00am Mass

5-6:00pm - Confessions

6:00pm Mass

Sunday, Dec 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

5:00pm - Vigil Mass

6:30pm - Christmas Carols

7:00pm - Vigil Mass

Monday, Dec 25, 2023

Christmas

12:00am - Midnight Mass

8:00am - Mass

10:30am - Mass

(No 6:00pm Mass)

The Parish Office will be closed
December 25 - December 31, 2023.



Prayer of the

Immaculate Conception

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Thy Son, we beseech Thee that, as by the foreseen death of Thy Son, Thou did preserve her from all stain, so too Thou would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto Thee. Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families.

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Amelia Cerda
Brielle Contreras
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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, December 10

8:30AM RCIA **FC**

8:45 / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**

8:45AM 6th Grade CGS **SMG**

1:45PM MS RE **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism Class **C**

5:00PM HS RE **SMG**

Monday, December 11

Tuesday, December 12

7:00PM Advent Reflection Series **GH**

Wednesday, December 13

9:45AM WINE Wednesday **GH**

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

6:30PM Women's Council **C2**

6:45PM WINE Wednesday **GH**

7:00PM KC Council **C1**

Thursday, December 14

6:30PM JCDA **SMG**

7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sunday, December 17

8:30AM RCIA **FC**

8:45AM / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**

8:45AM 6th Grade CSG **SMG**

1:45PM MS RE Classes **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism **C**

5:00PM HS RE Classes **FC**

Legend:

C - Church

C1-C2 - Classrooms in Family Center

FC - Family Center

GH - The Great Hall in Family Center

BR - Brides Room

RG - Rose Garden

Sch - MPB School Building

SJC - Saint Jude Chapel

SMG - St. Maria Goretti

Please Pray For:

Erica Hopkins, Laura Garza, Rosita Garza, Jackie & Lucas Stas, John Esquivel, Terrie Villarreal, Cynthia & Arnold Villagran, Raymond & Alessara Martinez and for all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



Eucharistic Adoration

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." You are greatly needed! Hours for adoration are available, contact Alice Polansky at 361-737-6360.



Meal Prayers
While Lighting the Advent Wreath

As the candle is lit each day

God our Father, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for his coming.

<p>First Week</p> <p>O Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, come and dwell with us. Desire of all nations; gift to every generation, come, make Your home with us. Come to our family, city, state, nation and world. Fill us with a knowledge of Your love and plan of salvation.</p> <p>Bless us O Lord and these Thy...</p>	<p>Second Week</p> <p>O Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come and save Your people. Joy of every heart, strength of those who are poor, come quickly to help us. Prince of Peace, teach us to forgive and forget, help us to live as true brothers and sisters, not counting the cost but united in love. May our eyes be opened to see the many ways You work among us.</p> <p>Bless us O Lord and these Thy...</p>
<p>Third Week</p> <p>O Jesus Christ, Key of David, come and set Your people free. Open the gates of heaven for us; come, deliver us from evil. King David was a mighty king who built a city long ago. You Jesus are the new and eternal King and the New Key to eternal life. Key of David, Jesus Christ, open heaven's gates for us.</p> <p>Bless us O Lord and these Thy...</p>	<p>Fourth Week</p> <p>O Jesus Christ, Holy Wisdom, come and teach us Your way; Word of life, Word made flesh, come, speak Your truth. Jesus, come and teach me, how to sing and play, how to learn new words; tell me what to say. Teach me how to be a child, for You know the way.</p> <p>Bless us O Lord and these Thy...</p>
<p>Christmas Season</p> <p>Jesus You are the tiny infant lying in the manger, born to set us free. Help us to be ever thankful for your gifts and loving care. As we eat this food we do so because of your goodness to us.</p> <p>So we say...</p> <p>Bless us O Lord and these Thy...</p>	

Second Sunday of Advent
During Lent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas 2,000 years ago at Bethlehem. For four weeks, we light candles in an Advent wreath and recall that Jesus is the **"Light of the world"** (John 8:12)

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with a mass on **Monday, December 12, 2022** at 8:30am. We invite you to our Breakfast Reception at the Great Hall immediately following mass. Please bring roses to present to our Blessed Mother.



Catholic Daughters Bake Sale



CDA Court Most Precious Blood invites all parishioners to our annual Christmas Bake Sale after the 4:30pm mass on Saturday, **December 16** and after the 8:00am, 10:30am, and 12:30pm masses on **December 17**. Come by our table in the church foyer for some delicious treats to share with your family and friends!

Proceeds will be used for CDA charities and projects. May God's love and peace be with all of you!

Bambinelli

Sunday

(Baby Jesus' Sunday)

December 16 - 17, 2023

The faithful (especially the children) are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figurines from their home Nativity sets to the church for a special blessing at the end of each Mass that weekend.



Glad you can join us! Most Precious Blood Church
Where we strive to be Christ for each other and to lead others to Christ.

2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel, <i>Mark 13:33-37</i> .	4 Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.	5 Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.	7 On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.	9 Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.
10 Light the second violet candle and meditate on <i>Mark 1:1-8</i> .	11 Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.	13 Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.	14 In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can contribute.	16 Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.
17 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with <i>John 1:6-9, 19-28</i> .	18 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	19 Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or hungry for human kindness.	20 Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.	21 Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.	22 Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.	23 Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.
24 The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>).	25 <i>Rejoice!</i> Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!	<p><i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>				



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