



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 6, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Eluterio Martinez by Family
4:30PM ✚ Ramon B. Garcia by Dora Garcia

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00AM ✚ Reynaldo Davila by Davila Family
10:30AM MPB Parishioners
12:30PM Byron Pierce Birthday by Parents
7:30PM ✚ Michelle Flanagan Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch

Monday, December 8, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Robert May by Kathleen Bailey
Jack Pocza Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch
Vanessa Denisse Rodriguez by Family
Andy Brunkenhoefer by Brenda Uhlarik
Katie Brunkenhoefer by Brenda Uhlarik
Mary Beth Brunkenhoefer by Brenda Uhlarik
12:30PM Special Intentions by Stephanie Story
6:00PM Priests & Seminarians of the North American College

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Sylvia Mitchell by Lorraine Valdez & Family
6:00PM Vanessa Almanza by Family

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:30AM In Thanksgiving by Family
6:00PM Living/Deceased Story Fam. Members by S. Story

Thursday, December 11, 2025

8:30AM Katrina Almanza by Family
6:00PM ✚ Pedro Arturo Flores by Parra Family

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Lupita Beste by Jim Beste
✚ Luis and Maria Talamante by Family
Joseph A. Galindo by Family
Noah Olivarez by Family
✚ Mario Landin by Noelia Landin
✚ Richard May by Kathleen Bailey
✚ Jennifer McGee 1 Year Anniversary by Family



Saturday, December 13, 2025

8:30AM ✚ Beto Montalvo, Jr. by Family
4:30PM ✚ Jimmy Rodriguez by Wife



All Religious Education Classes
St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

Sun. 8:30am-10:00am PK3-6th Grades (CGS)
Sun. 5:00pm-7:00pm 9th-12th Grades
Mon. 6:00pm-7:15pm 7th-8th Grades
Wed. 4:30pm-6:00pm K3-K5 Grades (CGS)
Wed. 6:15pm-7:45pm 1st-6th Grades (CGS)

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Altar Servers

The Altar Server Program is looking for young men; ages 7+ who are in good standing and have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, and who are interested in deepening their faith and serving the Lord at Mass. As an altar server, they will have the unique opportunity to assist the priest during the liturgy and take an important role in our parish community.

No prior experience is necessary--training will be provided! This is a wonderful way to grow spiritually, build friendships, and contribute to the beauty of our sacred celebrations. If your son is interested, please contact Joseph Hernandez at 361-854-3800 for more details. We encourage all families to consider this special ministry!

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.

November 30-December 13, 2025

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in for the intentions of Antoinette Yost by Mike & Antoinette Yost
The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for a special intention by Anonymous
The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of Andres Parra by Family

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rm 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

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: Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

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

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



Second Sunday of Advent

Divine Mercy

Please join us in reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



Each week, a Traveling Vocations Crucifix will be presented to a different Parishioner. The Family / Individual presented with the Crucifix, will pray for an increase in vocations within our diocese and particularly within our Parish. To participate, please visit the Parish Website mpbchurch.org under **ministries-vocation-program selection-traveling vocation crucifix** and sign up.

Prayer to 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.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation mass times:

Monday December 8, 2025:

8:30AM

12:30PM

6:00PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word is available at the 10:30am & 12:30pm Sunday Masses.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of our deceased brothers and sisters:

Diana Charles

Jose Gonzales

Janie Rodriguez

Antonio Sanchez, Jr.

Frank Skrobarcek

Petra Villegas

Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated with a mass on **Friday, December 12, 2025 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.



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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **GH**

8:30AM PK3-6th CGS **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism Class

5:00PM HS RE Y1 **SMG**

Monday, December 8, 2025

6:00PM MS RE **SMG**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

9:45AM WINE **C1**

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

4:30PM K3-K5 CGS **SMG**

6:15PM 1st-6th CGS **SMG**

6:45PM WINE **SMG**

7:00PM KC Council **C1**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:30PM JCDA **SMG**

7:00PM OLGS **C1**

7:00PM Real Mens Group **SMG**

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, December 12, 2025

8:30AM OLG Feast Day

Saturday, December 13, 2025

Sunday December 14, 2025

8:30AM OCIA **GH**

8:30AM PK3-6th CGS **SMG**

2:00PM Baptism **C**

5:00PM HS RE Y2 **SMG**

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:

Marie Gonzalez, Lidia Ducote, Andrew Espinoza, Michael Vargas, Jr., Jesse Avalos, Malina Garza, Mackatelynn Vargas, Joe Lara, Rupert Carnizales, Emma Garza, Maria Reyna, Janie Martinez, Fernando Quinon, James Flores, Nancy Litofsky, Jonathan Torres 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.



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We Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners:



Celeste Canales
Luis Canales, III
Natalia Chapa
Justin & Marissa Licon
Daniel & Emily Luna Linares
Shienna O'Deay & Luis Padilla, Jr.
Cindy Rakowitz
Alexandria Ramirez
David & Lynda Rhone
Alexa Rios
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December 7

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Grand Knight Message: Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ to you all. Council 11238 would like to invite you to the Coastal Bend Bloodmobile blood drive to make a donation to give the gift of life this Christmas Season. Every donation has the power to save a life. Flyers with a QR code to make your appointment are available. As part of the Knight's Building the Domestic Church, there is a display with material to enrich your faith and prayer life, please review the selection and take one. If you are a man, 18 or over, a practicing Catholic and want to live out your faith in service to our community, see a Knight and ask how you can join the Knights of Columbus. Our Council meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm in the Juliana Hall, room C1. Again, thank you for your past, present and future support.

Vivat Jesus,
 Yuma Martinez,
 GK, St. Jude Council No. 11238

Upcoming Events

Dec 07: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Dec 14: Keep Christ in Christmas Signs/T-shirts
 Dec 21: Coastal Bend Blood Mobile Blood Drive
 Dec 29: Consecration to the Holy Family (pick up a brochure for more information)



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December 2025

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One Minute Meditations

St. Lucy

St. Lucy was born into 4th century pagan Syracuse, Sicily, and is one of the most famous martyrs of the early Church. Her family arranged for her to marry a pagan, but since she had consecrated her virginity to Christ, St. Lucy refused him. Offended, he betrayed her to the authorities for her Faith. She was questioned and tortured, but all attempts to discourage her failed. She was finally executed. She is the patron saint against eye problems.

The three comings of Christ

This season of Advent, we celebrate the three comings of Christ: in glory at the end of time, in time when He was born in Bethlehem, and His coming in our own lives and hearts. Advent is a time of "busy stillness," of preparing and waiting, like Mary certainly did, for the arrival of the Savior. This Christmas, let's renew our "Yes" to God's request to dwell in our hearts and be "born" in the daily living of our lives.

"The King comes as a helpless infant, born of insignificant parents in a small town of a distant outpost of the Roman Empire. He will conquer through the finally irresistible power of love, the same power with which he made the universe." Most Reverend Robert E. Barron

Find peace before Christmas by slowing down

The busyness leading up to Christmas can be exhausting, but the Advent season is the perfect time to breathe, reset, and prepare our hearts for the coming of the King. Advent is a built-in gift, a chance to slow the pace and lift our eyes to what matters most.

Renew a sense of the holy: Advent is a chance to wake up the soul. When we lean into our Faith with intention, the season stops feeling rushed and starts feeling radiant. Light the Advent Wreath and let its glow steady your heart. Go to Confession and feel the weight lift as mercy takes over. Spend a few quiet minutes before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and let His presence ground you. Pray the Joyful Mysteries, the "Christmas mysteries" that still speak powerfully to our lives today.

Tune out the noise: Advent becomes richer when we clear space for God to speak. The world buzzes with distractions, but your soul needs room to breathe. Build small pockets of

silence into your day and let stillness sharpen your awareness of God's presence. Reach for a spiritual book instead of a scroll through your feed. Cut back on the constant stream of news that crowds the mind. When the noise quiets, the Holy Spirit has space

"Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14).

to guide, steady, and renew you.

Streamline and prioritize: Choose what draws you closer to Christ. When your heart is ordered toward what matters, even the cooking, decorating, singing, and gift-giving gain a deeper beauty. You may decide to attend fewer events, keep the décor simple, or choose more modest gifts. Far from taking away joy, this clears space for it. You move through the season with more peace, more purpose, and a heart in step with Jesus.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Every Christmas, we remember that Jesus, the Son of God, took on our humanity without losing His divinity. It is a mystery, yet we hold it with confidence because God, who is Truth, has revealed it.

During His earthly life, Jesus spoke and acted with divine authority. He

Why do Catholics believe Jesus is God?

said, *"The Father and I are one"* (John 10:30). He forgave sins, clarified the Law, and worked miracles. His Resurrection stands as the clearest confirmation of His identity, showing that His claim to be God was real. As man, He could suffer and die. As God, He rose and conquered death.

The most meaningful gifts of Christmas aren't wrapped

We know that the most valuable gifts are often the ones we cannot wrap. Alongside whatever you give your loved ones this year, do not let Christmas pass without offering these gifts as well:

Your time: Being present with the people we love is one of the simplest and strongest ways to show care. A short visit, an unhurried coffee, or an evening without phones can mean more than any item we put under a tree. When we give someone our attention, we affirm their worth.

Your forgiveness: Forgiveness does not excuse the hurt. It frees you from the weight of anger and resentment. It

also gives the other person room to grow and seek healing. Letting go is often the first step toward real peace. In many ways, forgiveness is a gift you give yourself.

Your gratitude: Giving thanks to God at Christmas is more than a warm sentiment. It is a heartfelt response to the depth of His love.

Look at the Crucifix, the Nativity, or the Eucharist and consider the humility behind such a gift. Our gratitude matters to God (see Luke 17:17-18). So after attending Mass on Christmas Day, take a moment to say, "Thank you." It is a small act that carries real meaning.

from Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, Obedience is trust in action

By the time Mary gave birth to Jesus, Saint Joseph had already formed a habit of steady obedience to God. So when the angel spoke to him in a dream and instructed him to flee to Egypt, Joseph acted without delay. He trusted that God would care for him and for the family entrusted to him.

This trust is even more striking when we consider the circumstances of Jesus' birth. Mary and Joseph had traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem during the final stages of her pregnancy. Whether by foot or by donkey, the trip would have been long, uncomfortable, and

exhausting. When they finally arrived, they found no suitable place to stay and settled among animals. Soon after, they faced the threat against Jesus' life and fled to Egypt, living for years in a foreign land without the support of relatives or friends. Through every hardship, Joseph relied on God to protect his family.

The Holy Family was perfect in love, yet not spared from difficulty. Mary and Joseph met each challenge with faith and allowed God's Word to guide them. We can follow the same path.

Q & A

Why is it said that Mass brings us closer to God than anything else?

At every Mass, Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). In this moment, the Sacrifice of Christ is made present to us in a mysterious but real way. His self-giving is the greatest act of love, and our participation at Mass is our strongest response, our way of saying, "I love you, too."

Worshipping together also strengthens our faith in the God who is everywhere yet unseen. Faith grows in community. It grows through the physical actions of the Mass as well. When we sit, stand, bow, and kneel, we express with our bodies what we believe in our hearts.

Finally, the Real Presence of Jesus on the altar draws us into a closeness to God that we cannot find anywhere else in this life. Nowhere do we meet Him more directly than when He feeds us with His very life. In the Eucharist, He is as present to us as He was to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem and to His apostles in the Upper Room.

Feasts & Celebrations

December 6 – St. Nicholas of Myra (4th century). St. Nicholas had a very generous heart and always gave to the poor. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold to pay their father's debt. St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of children.

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without original sin, preparing Mary to be the Mother of God. Though given to Mary, this special grace was for our sake. Pope Pius IX declared this doctrine in 1854. This year, it's considered a holy day of obligation.

December 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by Our Lady at Tepeyac Hill, Mexico. She requested a chapel be built and sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When St. Juan emptied the roses before the bishop, his cloak retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

December 29 – St. Thomas Becket (1170). Thomas enjoyed power and riches as a close friend of England's King Henry II, who appointed him chancellor of England. In 1162, King Henry had St. Thomas named Archbishop of Canterbury. St. Thomas refused to allow the King to regulate Church matters and was exiled. He fled to France for safety. Thomas returned to England and was martyred.

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