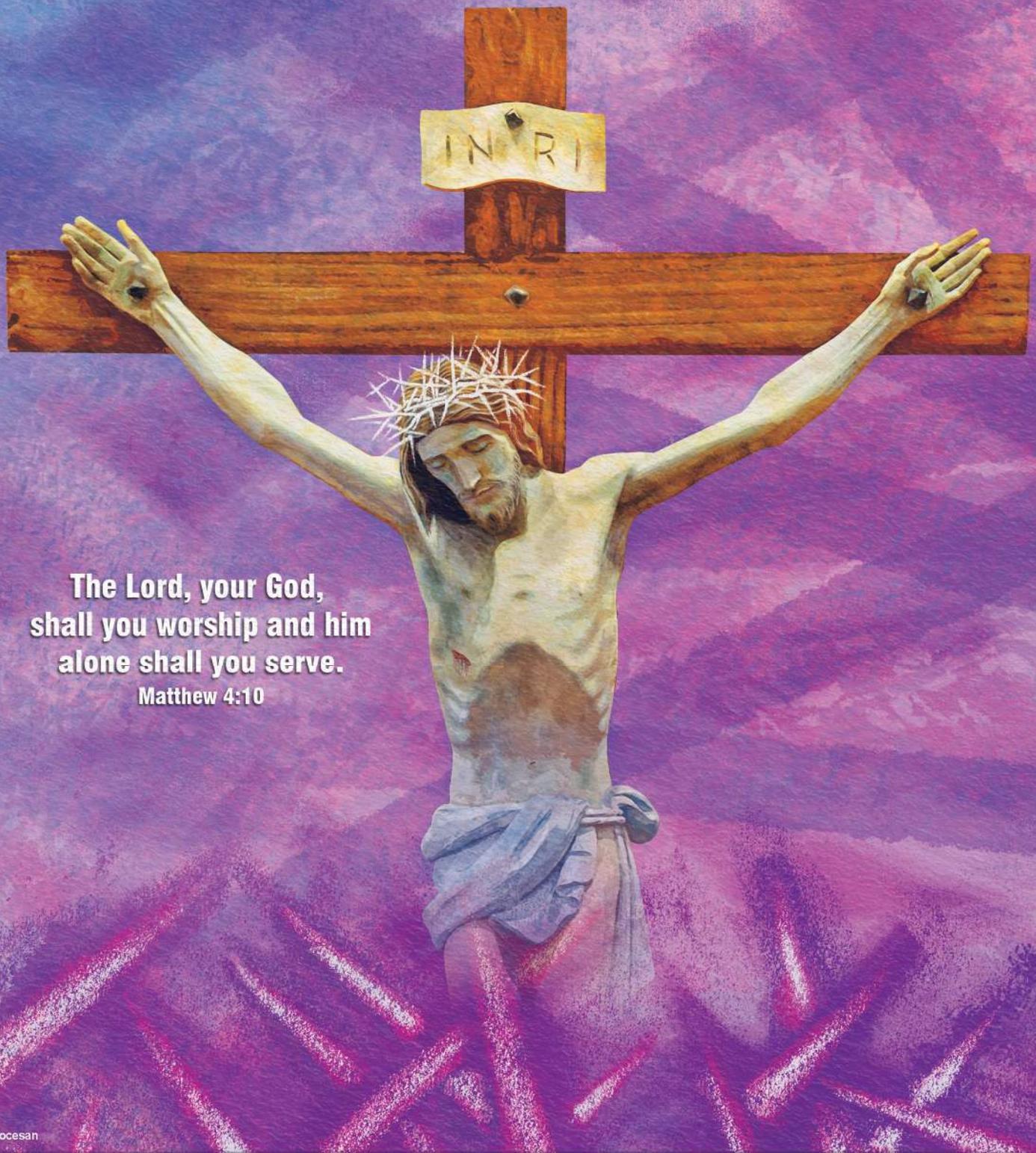


First Sunday of LENT



**The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.**

Matthew 4:10



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21, 2026

8:30AM Eugenio Flores Birthday by Family
4:30PM †Mario Budd, Jr. by Mary Alice Budd & Sons

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00AM †Irma Garcia Anniversary by Donez Family
10:30AM Soraia Pierce Birthday by Family
12:30PM †Alexander Lim by Elma & Rene Garcia
7:30PM MPB Parishioners

Monday, February 23, 2026

8:30AM Mario Magana Birthday by Grandma
Souls in Purgatory by Kathleen Bailey
†Jaqueline K. by Kathleen Bailey
Families Who Lost Loved Ones by Kathleen Bailey
Karen Pierpoint by Emmett Harris
†Maria Cruz Villanueva Mirabal by Granddaughter
6:00PM †Filiberto Garcia, Jr. by Sylvia Garcia

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

8:30AM †Antonio Sanchez, Jr. by Juanita Hernandez
6:00PM †Juan Jose Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo, Jr.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

8:30AM †Adrian Alaniz, Jr. by Family
6:00PM †Maria R. Perez by Valdez Family

Thursday, February 26, 2026

8:30AM †Joe D. Lopez/Augustin Perez by Family
6:00PM †Dee Wilkinson by Juan & Elma Macias

Friday, February 27, 2026

8:30AM †Jose T. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel
Families Who Lost Loved Ones by Kathleen Bailey
†Isabel Montez by Richard Montez
Diana Rosales by Emmett Harris
†Adolfo Romero, Sr. by Widow
†Santos F. Perez by Daughter



6:00PM †Ricardo Nava by Irma Valdez

Saturday, February 28, 2026

8:30AM †Ronnie L. Varnado by Family
4:30PM †Ronnie L. Varnado, Jr. by Family



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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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.

February 22, 2026-March 7, 2026

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Gloria Sarabio/Elizabeth Cervantes by R/S Vargas
The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Ronnie L. Varnado by Family
The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Pablo Parra by Andres Parra

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



First Sunday of Lent

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.

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

Isaias De La Rosa

Linda G. Escamilla

Rhonda Palacios

Annie Ruth Williams

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

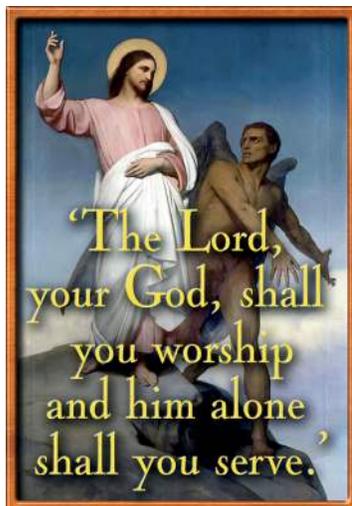
First Wednesday Rosary

Recitation of the Holy Rosary through the intercession of St. Joseph in the St. Jude Chapel after the 8:30AM mass every first Wednesday of the month



Divine Mercy

Please join us in reciting the Divine Mercy chaplet on Sunday, **March 1, 2026**, and every First Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



February is Dedicated to the Holy Family

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you.

Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometime pass.

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, February 22, 2026

8:00AM OCIA **GH**
8:30AM K3-6th Grade CGS **SMG**
9:30AM Bloodmobile
2:00PM Baptisms **C**

Monday, February 23, 2026

6:00PM MS RE **SMG**

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

9:45PM WINE **SMG**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
4:30PM K3-K4 CGS **SMG**
6:15PM K-4th Grade CGS **SMG**
6:45PM WINE **SMG**
7:00PM KC Officers **C1**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**
8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, February 27, 2026

Fish Fry **GH**

Saturday, February 28, 2026

9:15AM Consecration to St. Joseph **SMG room 4**

Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:00AM OCIA **GH**
8:30AM K3-6th Grade CGS **SMG**
3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

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:

Samantha Garza, Mia Salinas, On'Ly Espinoza, Victor Salinas, Marie Gonzales, Mary/Melinda Rodriguez, Joe Lara, Jesse Avalos, Nevaeh Avalos, Maria Reyna, Fernando Pinon, Sr., Janie Martinez, Nancy Litofsky, Keira Espinoza, Andrew Espinoza, Caesar Avalos, Theresa Gilbert, JR DeLaRosa, and for all those who have asked us to pray for healing and their special needs.



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🌾 **Opening Social Gathering** 🌾
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 • 6:45 PM
M.P.B. - St. Juliana Family Center

🌾 **Weekly Study Sessions** 🌾
February 25 - April 1, 2026 (6 weeks)
Wednesdays at 9:45 AM or 6:45 PM
M.P.B. - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center — Room 3

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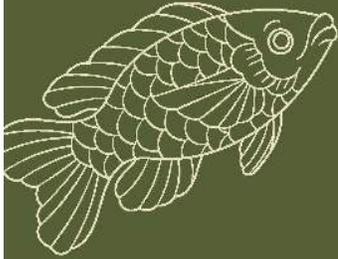
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