

ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them.

Mk 1:19-20

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LITURGY

4:30 pm Sat. Vigil 8:00 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm

7:30 nm 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Mon. - Fri.

> Sat. 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses: Viail 6:00 pm

> 8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm Holy Day

St. Jude Gift Shop: Martha Parra

Sunday Masses:

Thurs & Fri. 10:00 am-5:00 pm & 30 min. before & after Sunday Masses

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Contact the Church Office 3 weeks before Baptism Confessions: Daily, 30 minutes prior to each Mass Marriages: Call the Church at least 1 year before marriage

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Alice Polansky

Altar Server Coordinator: Joseph Hernandez Head Cantor: Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz Associate Cantor: Sarah Garcia Devotions to St. Jude: Monday-Thursday 5:00pm

Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Mark Cazalas Lector: Derrick Seidenberg Marty Wind Organists: Ushers: Sonny Gamez

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Nelda Bazan

> **FAITH FORMATION** & DISCIPLESHIP

Tina Villegas

RE Classes: PK3 - 5th Grades Sun. 8:45 or 11:45am

6th Grade Sun. 8:45 am 7th - 8th Grades Sun. 1:45 pm 9th - 12th Grades Sun. 5:00 pm

JrCDA: Hillary Prado Young Adult/Youth Ministry:

Youth Ministry:

Quinceañeras: Tina Villegas George Archiga Scouts: Special Events: Rick & Esther Rodriguez

Real Men: Jim Bunting RCIA: Javier Salazar

PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

Annulments:

Homebound Ministry: Hospital Ministry:

Palms Nursing Home:

Deacon Ken Bockholt Deacon Frank Newchurch Deacon David Castillo Alan & Deb Morgan Flsa Canales Alan & Deb Morgan Maria Escobar

Mother Teresa Shelter: Part-Time Counselor: Jenny Allen Hands of Jesus:

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Daughters: Maria Escobar Knights of Columbus: Daniel Solis Knights-4th Degree: Daniel Solis Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mary Esther Garza Parish Council: Rev. Joseph Lopez Plant Improvement Board: Eloy Ozuna Sewing Angels: Irma Garcia Vocations Awareness: Joseph Hernandez Women's Council: Carrie Bryson Companions in Christ: Adriana Livas



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

8:00AM & Billy Kassner by Dolores Taylor & Taylor Bellflower
10:30AM & Amber Barrera Rosales by Manuel & Alice Pena

12:30PM ⊕John Arguell by Leonor & Fred Chavera

7:30PM MPB Parishioners

Monday, January 22

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

⊕Robert Maldonado, Jr. by Robert & Stephen

Maldonado

Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart by Adela Salazar

⊕Heriberto Gonzalez, Sr. by Lydia Gonzalez

∜Norma Fritsch by Elvin Fritsch, Sr.

6:00PM ⊕Ventura Gonzalez, Jr. by L.G.

Tuesday, January 23

6:00PM ⊕Lupita Beste by Jim Beste

Wednesday, January 24

6:00PM ⊕Norma Fritsch by Elvin Fritsch, Sr.

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

⊕Aida L Rodriguez by Aguilar family

Emanuel Moreno birthday by grandparents

⊕Esperanza Martinez by Elisa Maldonado

⊕Aurora Galvan by Elisa Maldonado

⊕Norma Fritsch by Elvin Fritsch, Sr.6:00PM⊕Joe D. Lopez/Augustine C. Perez by Janie Lopez

Saturday, January 27

8:30AM \$\partial \text{Samuel Cantu Flores by Flores family}





Religious Education Classes
PKD-5th Grade - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center
Middle & High School - Great Hall

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:

Alexis Martinez - Director of Youth Ministry email: mpbccym@gmail.com 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 January 21, 2024 - February 3, 2024

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Powell families by John Powell

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

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Bobby Conner by Rosie Conner

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35 **Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20 **Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 **Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41 **Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessing of Candles

On Friday February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Blessing of Candles, will take place We invite you to bring your candles from home to have them blessed during mass.

Blessing of Throats

On Saturday February 3, in honor of St. Blaise, Patron of Those with Throat Diseases, we will be blessing throats during Mass.

Twenty minutes before every Sunday mass the deacon will lead us in praying the rosary. Please join us in praying for your special intentions as well as those of the whole world.



Each week. Traveling а Vocations Crucifix will be presented different to а 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 and sign up.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest, Fr. Joseph Lopez at 361-854-3800 or via email: jlopez@mpbchurch.org.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Real Men's Group

We would like to invite all men of our parish to our next four-week study titled "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well".

Eternal Rest presents the Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion, so that participants may think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life. Classes begin Thursday, February 15, at 7:00pm in the St. Maria Goretti Youth Center.

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

Santiago Tijerina

Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon to him. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, January 21 8:30AM RCIA FC 8:45 / 11:45AM CGS SMG 8:45AM 6th Grade CGS SMG 1:45PM MS RE GH 2:00PM Baptism C 5:00PM HS RE GH Monday, January 22 Tuesday, January 23 6:45PM CMSE Class GH 8:00PM AA **C2** Wednesday, January 24 3:00PM Divine Mercy SJC 7:00PM KC Officers C1 Thursday, January 25 7:00PM Real Men's Group SMG 8:00PM AA C2 Friday, January 26

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5:00PM HS RE Classes GH

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:

Nancy Litofskyoff, Jonathan Torres,
Mackatelynn Vargas, Samantha
Garza, Robert Garza Jr., James
Flores, Amanda Bazan, On'Ly
Espinoza, Rosine Thompson, Joe
Luis Lara, Ernestine Gonzales,
Andrew Espinoza, Michael Vargas Jr.,
Grace Avalos, Ana 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.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Mulvey

Sunday, February 11, 2024 9:30am at Corpus Christi Cathedral 505 N. Upper Broadway

A light reception will follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Registration deadline: **February 2, 2024** You may register at: diocesecc.org/ anniversarymassregistration

CMSE Classes

In person CMSE classes for 2024 will be

held on: January 23

February 20

April 23 June 18

Classes will be held in the St. Juliana Family Center at 6:45pm.

Quinceanera Retreat

The Quinceanera Retreat dates for 2024 have been scheduled for February 3, April 6, July 13 and October 26. A Quinceanera retreat is a requirement for a Quinceanera Mass. Retreat Fee is \$125.

For more information and to register please contact Tina at **mpbreled@yahoo.com** or 361-854-3800



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Prayer to the Holy Name of Jesus

JESUS, Yours is the name above all names; We offer you our heartfelt praise and gratitude. Deepen in us an abiding reverence For your Holy Name.

Jesus, our Savior, heal the wounds within
That our sin and fear have inflicted.
Set us free from all that hinders us from
Rejoicing in your boundless love
And sharing your goodness with others.

Jesus, draw us ever closer to you. We entrust all we carry in our hearts To your abundant mercy.

Jesus, our Lord, pour out
The Holy Spirit upon us
That our lives may overflow with your grace,
Our days be filled with your love,
And all our actions shine with your light.
Amen



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January 2024

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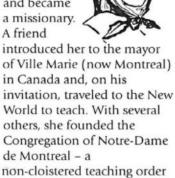
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One Minute Meditations

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Born at Troyes, France in 1620, St. Marguerite

consecrated
herself to God
and became
a missionary.
A friend



that was formally approved in 1676. By her death in 1700, she was called "Mother of the Colony."

Celebrate life

January is the month during which our Church celebrates life. This is when we take time to recognize that we are all reflections of God and have great value in His eyes from the moment of conception to a natural death. Celebrating life means being pro-human every day of the year.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).

This year, don't neglect "the one thing needful"

When St. Martha complained to Jesus that her sister, Mary, was sitting at His feet instead of helping to host Him, He corrected Martha for

neglecting the "one thing ...
needful" (Luke 10:42)
– intimacy with
Him. In the New
Year, resolve not to
neglect the "one
thing needful"
and remain
intimate with
Him.

chapel every day.

Build an
"inner chapel."
While on mission
in the world, St.
Catherine of Siena
maintained an "inner chapel" in her
soul to speak with God, heart to
heart. Jesus urged us to do the same
(Matthew 6:6). Shut out the world for
a while and take refuge in your inner

Sit at His feet. Mary believed in Jesus and gave Him her best. He must be our hope, our salvation, our all. This is absolutely necessary.

Encounter Him in others. Mother Teresa said, "Until you can hear Jesus in the silence of your own heart, you will not be able to hear Him saying 'I thirst' in the hearts of the poor." The closer we grow to God, the better we'll "see" and love Him in others.

Serve Him.

Although Mary wasn't waiting on Christ like Martha, she was ministering to him in a deeper and truer sense. No one serves Christ better than by hearing His Words and doing His will.



Why was Jesus was baptized?

Although sinless Himself, Jesus allowed St. John the Baptist to baptize Him to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). By this action, Jesus signaled His willingness to take away our sins by His death and bring us new life by His Resurrection. It

was also by His baptism
that Jesus instituted
Baptism as a Sacrament –
the Sacrament by which
we're sanctified and
recreated as children of
God. We are mystically
baptized into Jesus'
death, to be raised by
Him in glory.

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Reclaim the Name

January is the month traditionally devoted to honoring the holy name of Jesus. What can we do to reclaim reverence for His name in a culture that considers it to be just another word?

Bow your head. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:10). Make a slight, reverent nod whenever you hear Jesus' name in public, in conversation, on TV or in movies.

Offer a prayer. Don't hesitate to ask others not to misuse God's or Jesus' names. If they don't

respond, offer a prayer of reparation: "I kneel before Thee and offer Thee reparation; I would make amends for all the blasphemies uttered against Thy holy name."

> Don't normalize blasphemy. Curate the media you watch, listen to, or sing along with. Avoid songs, shows, or movies in which Jesus's name is disrespected. We are called to strive for holiness, not worldliness. More importantly, it's a way to give Christ the reverence and love He is due.

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Mark 1:21-28, What God says happens

In this Gospel passage, Jesus and His apostles entered the synagogue at Capernaum where Jesus taught those gathered on the Sabbath. It was customary for learned teachers to say, "Thus says the Lord..."

Instead Jesus said, "I say to you ... " He taught as one who spoke with the authority of God.

His calm authority astounded Jesus' listeners. Just as they began to wonder what it meant, He gave them a sign. He further demonstrated His authority by performing an exorcism. Spirits that bedeviled an unfortunate man at the synagogue recognized who Jesus was. They were forced to obey Him when He commanded them to depart,

> despite their reluctance. In fact, God's power and authority isn't just a formality. What God says, happens.

Our kind and gentle Savior is also our powerful and awesome Lord. As the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus has supreme majesty and

we will one day appear before Him to be judged. Yes, He is our divine savior and mediator. But if we say, "Jesus is Lord," then we give Him our loyalty and obedience.



January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor Mary, but also acknowledge Jesus as true God and true Man.

January 8 – Baptism of the Lord (1st Century). Jesus began His public ministry by getting baptized by St. John the Baptist. Jesus was to be baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15). This was also when God reveals Jesus as His "beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17).

January 26 - St. Paula (404). After

her husband - a Roman senator named Toxotius - died, St. Paula gave up her wealthy lifestyle for the Gospel, devoting herself to prayer, poverty, and charitable works. She also befriended and supported St. Jerome in translating the Vulgate.

January 31 – St. John Bosco (1888). Moved by the plight of the young, abandoned boys in Rome, St. John opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales and provided workshops for them in shoemaking andtailoring. In 1859, he founded the Salesians who were committed to education and mission work.

What to do & when prayer A feels flat.

"I just don't feel close to God." "Is He really listening?" In fact, God is constantly pursuing us in love, wanting to share His joy with us (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1). Yet, even the most passionate prayer life can feel flat sometimes. Try these tips to keep

prayer fresh: Cultivate gratitude. Although God never

abandons us, factors like health or mood can affect our prayer. St. Alphonsus

Liguori recommended, "Often recall the loving way in which [God] has acted toward you." Reviewing our blessings helps us appreciate God's love for us over time.

Don't wait to ask for help. God's heart is always opened to us. "Good" prayer happens when we're honest with Him. This is an exercise of faith, which He generously rewards.

Treat Him with love. God wants a relationship of love, respect, and faithfulness with each of us. If prayer feels empty, try treating God with the love, consideration, and tenderness you give and receive from those closest to you. It will make a difference!

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