

Baptism *of the Lord*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6

8:30AM †Julia Abrigo by Evelyn Flores
4:30PM †Juan & Maria Martinez by Daughter

Sunday, December 7

8:00AM †Zenaida Isidro by Cherrie Gerstner
10:30AM MPB Parishioners
12:30PM †Mary Louise Limon Vera by Family
7:30PM Naven Garcia by Rick McCabe

Monday, January 8

8:30AM †Donald Warren
†Tyler Swanson by Anonymous
†Teresa Moreno
Powell Families by John Powell
†Rose Mary Zuniga by Family
†Lupita Beste by Jim Beste

6:00PM †Patricia Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo

Tuesday, January 9

8:30AM †Pour Souls in Purgatory by Nuncio Family
6:00PM †Patricia Aguilo by Adolfo Aguilo

Wednesday, January 10

8:30AM †Donald Warren by Ernie & Edith Villarreal
6:00PM For Healing by Anonymous

Thursday, January 11

8:30AM †Donald Warren by Ernie & Edith Villarreal
6:00PM Holden Weaver by Family

Friday, January 12

8:30AM †Donald Warren by Ernie & Edith Villarreal
†Norma Fritsch by Elvin Fritsch, Sr.
†Walter Stahl by Lynn Dornbusch
†Fr. John O'Grady by Yen Khang Van
†Lupita Beste by Jim Beste
†Indalecio & Anita Ramirez by Neira Gutierrez



6:00PM †Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr. by Ramirez Family

Saturday, January 13

8:30AM Vince Villa by Family
4:30PM †Ron Flores by Pancho & Cleo Flores



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
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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 January 7, 2024 - January 20, 2024

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of John Arguell by Gaila Arguell.

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

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for Special Intentions by Anonymous.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



The Epiphany of the Lord

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on **January 7, 2024** at 3:00pm in the St. Jude Chapel.

Devotion to the Divine Mercy will continue to meet every first Sunday of the month.

2nd Collection

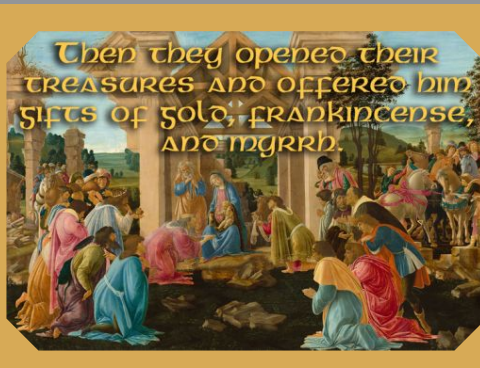
The second collection will be taken up on January 6 & 7, 2024 for the building fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Whether you are just visiting or looking for a permanent church home, we are happy you stopped by. We are a family friendly parish and have something for people of all ages. When you consider making Most Precious Blood your home, please consider making it official by filling out a New Parishioner Registration Form at mpbchurch.org, or at the Parish Office. Registering helps us know how we can best serve your family's needs. We are so glad you visited and hope to see you again!

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

Lydia Rivera
Aminta Saenz
Victor Puentes
Victor Gutierrez
Domitila Rubio
Roderick Resio
Henry Figueroa

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



Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaino*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ: the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12), the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).

Divine Mercy

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

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, January 7

8:30AM RCIA **FC**
 8:45 / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**
 8:45AM 6th Grade CGS **SMG**
 1:45PM MS RE **GH**
 5:00PM HS RE **GH**

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

Wednesday, January 10

9:45AM WINE Wednesday **GH**
 3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**
 6:45PM WINE Wednesday **GH**
 7:00PM Womens Council **C2**
 7:00PM KC Council **C1**

Thursday, January 11

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

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

8:30AM RCIA **FC**
 8:45AM / 11:45AM CGS **SMG**
 8:45AM 6th Grade CSG **SMG**
 1:45PM MS RE Classes **GH**
 2:00PM Baptism Class **C**
 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:

Ernestina Gonzales, Anna Martinez,
 On'ly Espinoza, Rosine Thompson,
 Nancy Liteofsky, Jonathan Torres,
 Samantha Garza, Mackatellynn
 Vargas, James Flores, Michael
 Vargas, Caesar Avalos, Keira
 Espinoza, Nevaeh Avalos, Brenda
 Espinoza, Amanda Bazan Joe Lara,
 Andy Garcia, Leticia Lopez 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

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

Adult Confirmation

Adults who have NOT been confirmed but have already been baptised and received their first holy communion are invited to participate in our Day of Reflection.

February 17, 2024
9am - 5:30pm
St. Maria Gorretti Youth Center

Those who meet requirements AND attend the day of reflection will be eligible to participate in the Adult Confirmation Mass, Saturday, March 9, at 11am at the Corpus Christi Cathedral.

Registration deadline is February 15, 2024.
Registration link: vbspro.events/p/3f8fce

Congratulations to our Recently Baptized Children and their Families.

Katherine Ahumada
Joshua Cantu
Elijah Flores
Genesis Flores
Ava Perez
Leonardo Ramirez

We celebrate your baptism into the Kingdom of God and the Catholic Church! Let us continue to pray for the new members of our faith.

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.

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest, Fr. Joseph Lopez at 361-854-3800 or via email: jlopez@mpbchurch.org.



Online Giving

Visit our website: www.mpbchurch.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

Our parish is in need of additional parishioners for the following ministries:

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EM)

EMs are the individuals who assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of Holy Communion at the Mass.

Please consider becoming an EM if you are a Catholic in good standing, 16+ in age and have received your sacraments of initiation (Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation), and in a sacramental marriage (if married).

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

Reader/Lector

The reader assists the priest, deacon, and congregation at the Mass with the proclamation of Sacred Scripture.

Please consider becoming a reader if you are a Catholic in good standing, 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 Derrick Seidenberg at 361-854-3800.

Altar Server

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

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Silver & Gold

Wedding Anniversary Mass

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

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are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey

Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Corpus Christi Cathedral

505 N. Upper Broadway

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

Couples that register before the deadline will receive a certificate from Bishop Mulvey recognizing
their Silver or Golden Anniversary. Registration is open to any validly married couple celebrating
25 or 50 years of marriage in 2024.

To receive an Anniversary Certificate please submit registration by February 2, 2024

Online Registration: diocesecc.org/anniversarymassregistration

Send Registration Form by fax: 361-693-6787 Attn: Family Life Office

Print your names exactly like you want them printed on the certificate.

Spelling is based on what is submitted by the couple.

Last Name: _____

His First Name: _____ Her First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Parish: _____ City of Parish: _____

Please check one: ☐ 25 years ☐ 50 years ☐ 60 years ☐ 65 years ☐ 70 years ☐ 75 years ☐ 80 years

Are you currently in a valid marriage recognized by the Church? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE


(If "no" or "unsure" please contact your pastor to see what can be done.)

Date of Marriage: _____ (if convalidated, please indicate date of original wedding.)



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