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16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Newcomers

Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish!

To register, please go to <http://mpbchurch.org> or come to the Church office.



*"Glory  
to the  
Father,  
the Son,  
and the  
Holy  
Spirit:  
To God  
who is,  
who was  
and  
who is  
to come."*



### LITURGY

|                     |              |                                                            |
|---------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday Masses:      | Sat. Vigil   | 4:30 pm                                                    |
|                     | Sunday       | 8:00 am<br>10:30 am<br>12:30 pm<br>7:30 pm                 |
| Weekday Masses:     | Mon. – Fri.  | 8:30 am & 6:00 pm                                          |
|                     | Sat.         | 8:30 am                                                    |
| Holy Day Masses:    | Vigil        | 6:00 pm                                                    |
|                     | Holy Day     | 8:30 am, 12:30 & 6:00 pm                                   |
| St. Jude Gift Shop: | Martha Parra |                                                            |
|                     | Thurs & Fri. | 10:00 am-3:00 pm & 30 min.<br>before & after Sunday Masses |

### STAFF

|                               |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pastor:                       | Very Rev. Joseph A. Lopez, J.C.L.                                                     |
| Parochial Vicar:              | Rev. Arularasu Mathias                                                                |
| Parochial Vicar:              | Rev. Javier Ebertowski                                                                |
| Deacons:                      | Bockholt, Newchurch, Castillo, Cazalas, Stark                                         |
| Parish Operations:            | Dcn. John Pierce                                                                      |
| Bookkeeper:                   | Dora Garcia                                                                           |
| Bulletin Editor/Receptionist: | Mari Doney, email: <a href="mailto:bulletin@mpbchurch.org">bulletin@mpbchurch.org</a> |
| Facility Manager:             | Eloy Ozuna                                                                            |

### SACRAMENTS

|              |                                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Baptism:     | 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

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Altar Server Coordinator: | Joseph Hernandez       |
| Director of Sacred Music: | Dr. Meaghan King       |
| Head Cantor:              | Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz    |
| Associate Cantor:         | Sarah Garcia           |
| Devotions to St. Jude:    | Monday-Thursday 5:00pm |
| Eucharistic Adoration:    | Alice Polansky         |
| Extra Ordinary Ministers: | Deacon Mark Cazalas    |
| Lector:                   | Derrick Seidenberg     |
| Organists:                | Marty Wind             |
| Ushers:                   | Sonny Gamez            |

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Theresa Mendez

### FAITH FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP

|             |                   |             |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Director:   | Tina Villegas     |             |
| RE Classes: | PK3 – 6th Grades  | Sun. 8:30am |
|             | K3-K5 Grades      | Wed. 4:30pm |
|             | 1st-6th Grades    | Wed. 6:15pm |
|             | 7th – 8th Grades  | Mon. 6:00pm |
|             | 9th - 12th Grades | Sun. 5:30pm |

H.S. Youth Ministry: Justin De Los Santos  
M.S. Ministry: Stacie Bunting

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Young Adults:   | Cindy Doney      |
| Quinceañeras:   | Joseph Hernandez |
| Saturday Study: | Jim Bunting      |
| Real Men:       | Tina Villegas    |
| W.I.N.E.:       | Javier Salazar   |
| OCIA:           |                  |

### PASTORAL CARE MINISTERS

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Annulments:            | Deacon Ken Bockholt    |
|                        | Deacon Frank Newchurch |
|                        | Deacon David Castillo  |
|                        | Alan & Deb Morgan      |
| Homebound Ministry:    | Elsa Canales           |
| Hospital Ministry:     | Alan & Deb Morgan      |
| Palms Nursing Home:    | Juanita Corkill        |
| Mother Teresa Shelter: | Jenny Allen            |
| Part-Time Counselor:   |                        |

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Catholic Daughters:             | Juanita Corkill       |
| Knights of Columbus:            | Yuma Martinez         |
| Knights-4 <sup>th</sup> Degree: | Daniel Solis          |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe:          | Lisa DeLaGarza        |
| Parish Council:                 | Rev. Joseph Lopez     |
| Plant Improvement Board:        | Eloy Ozuna            |
| Sewing Angels:                  | Irma Garcia           |
| Vocations Awareness:            | Joseph Hernandez      |
| Women's Council:                | Cyndi Munoz Hernandez |
| Companions in Christ:           | Adriana Livas         |



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, July 18, 2026**

**8:30AM** Cindy Dominguez Doxey Bday by Cherrie Gerstner  
**4:30PM** Ramon M. Garcia, Jr. by Dora Garcia

**Sunday, July 19, 2026**

**8:00AM** MPB Parishioners  
**10:30AM** †Amador Duran by Rosie Duran  
**12:30PM** †Maria Benita Reyes by Family  
**7:30PM** Britton Stofko by Seidenberg Family



**Monday, July 20, 2026**

**8:30AM** Deceased Dornak Fam. Members by Glenn Dornak  
Wally/Aminda Gonzalez by Rosie Ruiz  
†Jose Maria/Jovita Saenz by Fierova Family  
†Soledad Flores by Fierova Family  
St. Anthony, St. Rita, St. Jude by Cleo/Pancho  
Peace in the USA by Dorothy & Ernest Moreno  
**6:00PM** †Dr. Arnold Villarreal by Leonard & Katie May

**Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

**8:30AM** Protection for Law Enforcement by D/E Moreno  
**6:00PM** †Michelle Graves-Smith by Family

**Wednesday, July 22, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Dora Rich by Carolyn Canchola  
**6:00PM** †Israel & Caroline Gonzalez by Vangie Mendez

**Thursday, July 23, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Filiberto Garcia, Jr. by Sylvia Garcia  
**6:00PM** Braxton Light by Family

**Friday, July 24, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Santiago Aguilar by Aguilar Family  
†Fermin Flores by Bobby & Elizabeth Buck  
Protection for all Military Members by D/E Moreno  
Eva Kimble & Children by D/E Moreno  
†Mrs. Patti Langenbahn by Family  
Healing of Family  
**6:00PM** †Reynaldo & Ofelia Martinez by Carmen Garza

**Saturday, July 25, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Manuel Alvarez by Family  
**4:30PM** †Juan & Maria Martinez by Daughter



**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)

**MPB Youth Ministry Staff:**

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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.*

**July 12, 2026-July 25, 2026**



**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week for Bishop E.B. Leovina and Bishop Mario A. Aviles by MAK

**The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week for Bishop E.B. Leovina/Bishop Mario A. Aviles by MAK

**The Adoration Chapel Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of Romeo Isidro by Cherrie Gerstner

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene** Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday: Feast of Saint James, Apostle** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

**Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46





## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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](http://mpbchurch.org) under **ministries-vocation-program selection-traveling vocation crucifix** and sign up.

**W**e extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of our deceased brothers:

**John David Aleman**

**Juan De La Garza**

**Estevan Lozano**

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

### Middle School Fun & Faith Mondays 6-7:15 PM St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

open to all middle school students  
snacks provided

July 20 Game Night

July 27 Bible Study

August 3 Game Night

### Summer Youth Schedule

Youth Nights - St. Maria Goretti @ 6PM

July 22, July 29, August 5

Contact: [jdelossantos@mpbchurch.org](mailto:jdelossantos@mpbchurch.org)  
with any questions



### Prayer to the Most Precious Blood

**Eternal Father, we offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in our own homes, and in our families. Amen.**

--St. Gertrude the Great



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### Our Parish Activities

#### Sunday, July 19, 2026

2:00PM Baptisms **C**

#### Monday, July 20, 2026

6:00PM MS Fun & Faith **SMG**

7:00PM COR **C2**

#### Tuesday, July 21, 2026

8:00PM AA **C2**

#### Wednesday, July 22, 2026

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

6:00PM Youth Nights **SMG**

7:00PM KC Officers **C1**

#### Thursday, July 23, 2026

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

8:00PM AA **C2**

#### Friday, July 24, 2026

#### Saturday, July 25, 2026

#### Sunday, July 26, 2026

#### 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:

Joseph Medina, J.R. De La Rosa, Theresa Gilbert, Paul Medina III, Adela Salazar, Maria Garcia, Monica/ Elsa Chavez, Edna/Edwin Soto, Maria Cantu, Elodia Villarreal, Alicia Cavada, 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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# NOW ENROLLING

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR  
**K3 – 5 Grade**

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Today is a Great Day to Be a Saint!

Dear Most Precious Blood Family,

I am so happy that I was chosen to serve this parish community! As I will be spending a significant amount of time here at the parish, I would like to get to know you all and share a little about myself.

My name is interesting because my parents are interesting. My dad is from Poland, and my mom's side of the family is Hispanic, hence the fun Spanish-Polish name. I went to Montclair Elementary (now no longer around), Cullen Middle School (also no longer around), and graduated from King High School in 2009 (Go Mustangs!) I graduated from TAMUCC with a degree in Kinesiology, thinking at the time that I would become a physical therapist. However, during my junior year at the university, I realized that God had other plans for me.

After graduating, I spent a year doing missionary work in Belize and a few years in religious life with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT). This included doing formation in Detroit for 3 years and being sent to Central America several times for summer assignments. After discerning out of religious life, I spent a year working and praying about what God wanted me to do with my life. After COVID hit in 2020, I decided to go back to Belize and do more mission work and teach philosophy at the junior college at the mission. During that year, I realized that God wanted me to serve as a priest here in my own backyard of Corpus Christi. Upon my acceptance to the Diocese, Bishop Mulvey decided to send me to Rome for my theological studies and formation, which is where I spent the last 4 of the 5 years.

Growing up, I was the second of four, and did a lot of outdoor activities and sports. In college, I worked as a personal trainer and still enjoy working out and staying in shape. When it comes to sports, I am what you might call a jack of all trades but master of none. While in Rome, I would play volleyball, tennis, and pickleball several times a week, something that I would like to continue during my time here in Corpus Christi. Other hobbies or things that interest me are books, movies, and adventure. I love trying new things and will try almost anything once, twice if I like it.

While the pasta and pizza are good in Rome, I definitely missed my barbecue, tacos al pastor, and most importantly, the warm people of my hometown. I look forward to getting to know you all and bringing you closer to Jesus.

In Christ,  
Fr. Javier Ebertowski

What does your life mean? What is the Gospel? If someone asked you these two questions, how would you answer? Many Christian men today, sadly, would have difficulty in putting together a coherent response. The most urgent task in the Church today is compelling proclamation of the Gospel that offers people a way- God's way- of seeing reality and making sense of their world in a manner that is vastly different than the story our modern culture tells. The Christian faith is not just a set of rules- it's the greatest adventure you will ever have in your life, and we invite the men of our parish to come find out why. Beginning August 20th, MPB Real Men's Group will begin the Rescue Project, a passionate study of the basic Kerygma of the Christian faith. Nine weeks long-Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm in St. Maria Goretti Room 3. Details: MPBRealmen@yahoo.com



## FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Here I am, Lord. Send me." – Isaiah 6:8

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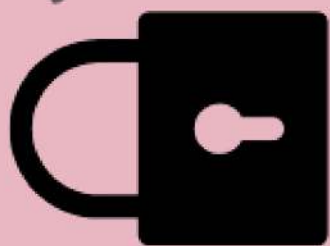
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### Youth & Adult Formation

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Director of Parish Faith Formation & Discipleship  
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DAY RETREAT



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Saturday Aug. 1, 2026

8am-3pm

St. Jude Chapel - 8:30am Mass

Lunch Included

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CLARITY, AND A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.



# Adult Faith Formation



2026-2027 Sessions:

OCIA (RCIA) program registration link:

<https://www.osvhub.com/mpbchurch/forms/ocia2627>

Classes start Sunday 9/13/26 @ 8:30am.

St. Juliana Family Center

Contact Javier Salazar with any questions:

361-633-0416 [mpb-ocia@outlook.com](mailto:mpb-ocia@outlook.com)



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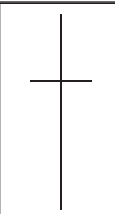
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O loving and gracious God, Father of all, You bless Your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through Your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of young men and women to offer their lives in service of the Gospel as Priests, sisters, and brothers. Open the hearts of Your sons and daughters to listen to Your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern Your invitation to serve You and Your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow Your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to You, "Speak Lord, for Your servant is listening." Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, teach those who are called by Your Son to give a joyful "YES!" as you did to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation. We ask this, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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