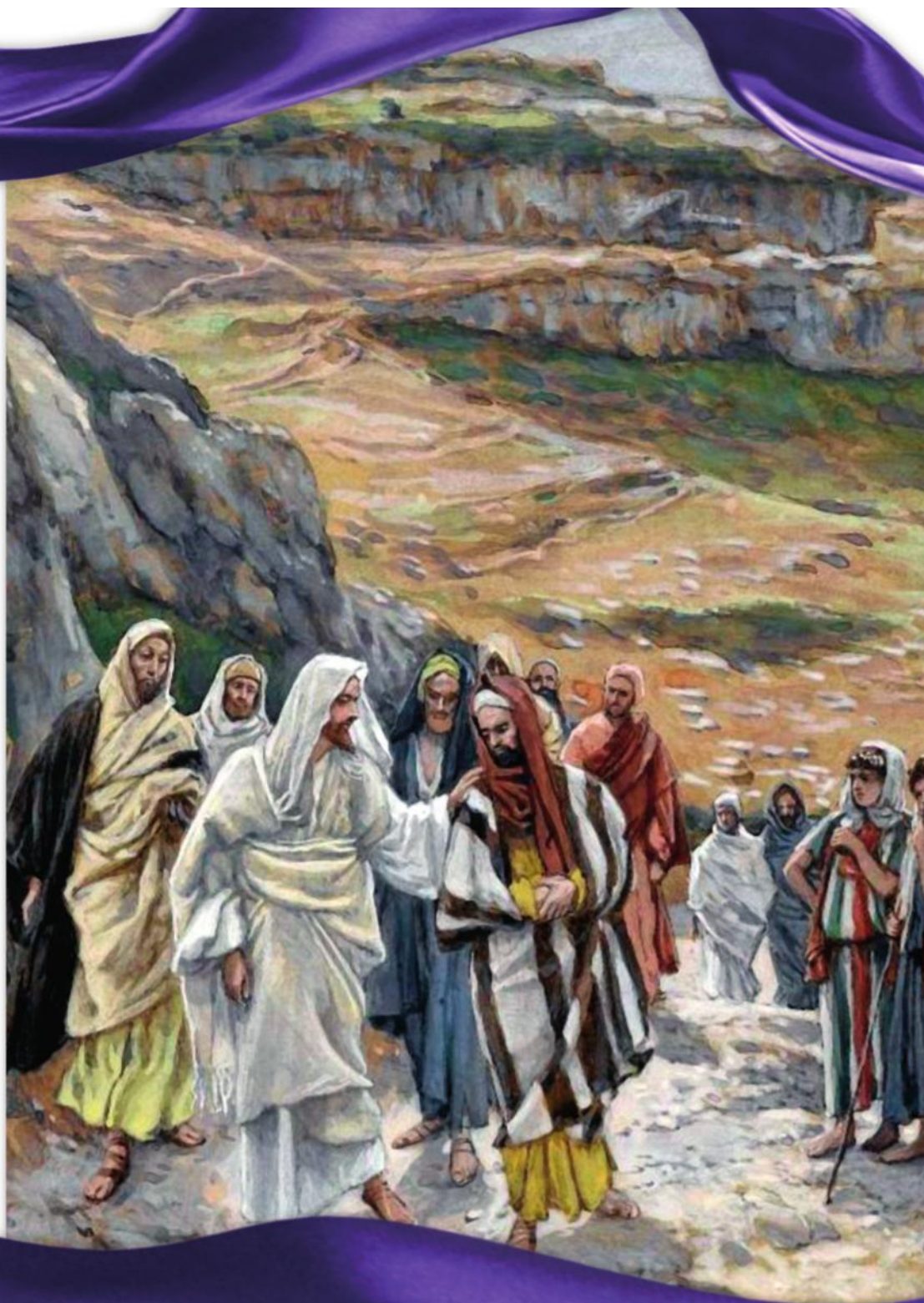


“The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1886-1894



5TH SUNDAY OF
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

8:30AM Eulalia Soza by Patricia Rivera and Family

4:30PM †Felipe Vasquez by Family

Sunday, March 17

8:00AM †Juan Martinez by Hortencia Martinez

10:30AM †Erlinda Garcia by Miranda Family

12:30PM †John Arguelle by Leonor and Fred Chavera

7:30PM MPB Parishioners

Monday, March 18

8:30AM †Rose Mary Zuniga by Family

†Esther Saenz Gallegos by Mr & Mrs Eppy Gonzalez

Powell Families by John Powell

Lynn Dornbusch by Robert Straitton

Thanks to God by Jiminez Family

†Joe Gutierrez by Lamar Graves

6:00PM †Veronica Villarreal by Villarreal/Moreno Families

Tuesday, March 19

8:30AM Becky Salinas Birthday by Cherrie Gerstner

6:00PM †Reyes Hernandez by Family

Wednesday, March 20

8:30AM Kyle, Garrett, and Jerry Ermis by Lynn Dornbusch

6:00PM †Mack Buentello by Carmen Sanchez

Thursday, March 21

8:30AM †Joaquin DeLaGarza Jr. by Ernie DeLaGarza

6:00PM †Alicia Loera by Rodriguez Family

Friday, March 22

8:30AM Powell Families by John Powell

†Lillie Villarreal by Marian Elder

Preston Pierce Birthday by Parents

†Antonio R. Lopez by Jiminez Family

†Ernest Flores 1st Anniversary by Family

†Mario Budd Jr. by Mary Alice and Sons

6:00PM †Eulalia G. Garza by Irene Valdez

Saturday, March 23

8:30AM Raul S. Rodriguez by Aguilar Family

4:30PM †Filiberto Garcia Jr. Anniversary by Silvia Garcia



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

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Tina Villegas - Director of Religious Education

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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 March 17, 2024- March 30, 2024

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of the Powell Family by John Powell

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the intentions of the Powell Family by John Powell

The Adoration Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Antonio Isidro by Family

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or Mk 15:1-39



Fifth Sunday of Lent

If you are doing your spring cleaning, and want to donate any items for this year's rummage sale, please contact Krystle Martinez at 361-562-1142 for more information.

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest, Fr. Joseph Lopez at 361-854-3800 or via email: jlopez@mpbchurch.org.



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 and sign up.

"Father,
glorify your
name."

Divine Mercy

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



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

Mary Esther Bazan

Evangelina Lira

Leonardo Martinez

Maria Roxanne Martinez

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



Online Giving

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Our Parish Activities

Sunday, March 17

8:00AM Women's Council Bake Sale **C**

8:30AM RCIA **FC**

Monday, March 18

Office closed

Tuesday, March 19

8:00PM AA **C2**

Wednesday, March 20

9:45AM Wine Wednesday **C1**

2:00PM St. Jude Relics **CH**

3:00PM Divine Mercy **SJC**

6:45PM Wine Wednesday **GH**

7:00PM CDA **C2**

7:00PM KC Assembly **C1**

Thursday, March 21

7:00PM RM **SMG**

8:00PM AA **C2**

Friday, March 22

6:30PM Stations of the Cross **C**

Saturday, March 23

Sunday March 24

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**

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:

Myra Nelson, Stephanie Story, Theresa Gilbert, On'Ly Desirae Espinoza, James Anthony Flores, Amanda Bazan, Rosine Thompson, Nancy Litofsky, Robert Garza, Jr., Samantha Ruth Garza, Anna Martinez, Nevaeh Avalos, Jeremy Flores, Nina Jones, 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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PRAYER OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your son, you rescued Him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the Household of God, purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

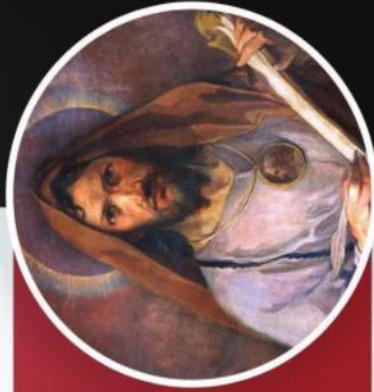
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St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.) More recent scholarship suggests its author was anonymous. In any case, this prayer certainly reflects the spirit with which St. Patrick brought our faith to Ireland! St. Patrick's Breastplate, also known as *The Lorica* of Saint Patrick was popular enough to inspire a hymn based on this text as well. (This prayer has also been called *The Cry of the Deer*.)

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion
with His burial, through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the strength of His
descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in the obedience of angels, in the service of
archangels, In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in the prayers of patriarchs, in the predictions of
prophets, in the preaching of apostles, in the faith of confessors, in the innocence of holy virgins, in the deeds
of righteous men.

I arise today through the strength of heaven, the light of the sun, the radiance of the moon, the splendor of fire,
the speed of lightning, the swiftness of wind, the depth of the sea, the stability of the earth, the firmness of
rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from
everyone who shall wish me ill afar and near.

I summon today all these powers between me and those evils, against every cruel and merciless power that
may oppose my body and soul against incantations of false prophets against black laws of pagandom, against
false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry, against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, against every
knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul; Christ to shield me today against poison, against burning,
against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come to me an abundance of reward.


Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ
on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in
the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every
eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

[Note that people sometimes pray a shorter version of this prayer just with these 15 points about Christ. The conclusion follows below.]

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through
confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. AMEN.

When St. Paul referred to putting on the "Armor of God" in his letter to the Ephesians (6:11) to fight sin and evil inclinations, he could
have been thinking of prayers just like this one! We may not wear combat gear in our daily lives, but St. Patrick's Breastplate can function
as divine armor for protection against spiritual adversity.



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