

# Fifth Sunday of LENT



This illness is not  
to end in death,  
but is for the glory of God,  
that the Son of God may  
be glorified through it.

John 11:4



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**8:30AM** Glenn Ermis Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch  
**4:30PM** †Delia "Dee" Wilkinson by Diana & Weldon Klenke

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**8:00AM** †Gloria Mendez by Vangie Mendez  
**10:30AM** Preston Pierce Birthday by Family  
**12:30PM** †Consuelo Romero Tovar by Odila Galvan  
**7:30PM** MPB Parishioners

**Monday, March 23, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Filiberto Garcia, Jr. 3rd Ann. by Sylvia Garcia  
†Raul Amador, Sr. Birthday by Anna Fuentes  
†Oralia Sanchez by Nephew  
†Benjamin Jiminez, Sr. by Son  
†Paul Richard by Brother and Friend  
†Maria Guadalupe L. Romero by Grandkids  
**6:00PM** †Ignacio Domez, Sr. Ann. by Domez Family

**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**

**8:30AM** Meg Straiton Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch  
**6:00PM** †Joe Ray Flores by Vela Family

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**8:30AM** Henry Pocza Birthday by Lynn Dornbusch  
**6:00PM** †Filiberto Garcia, Jr. Bday by Sylvia Garcia

**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Joe D. Lopez/Augustin Perez by Family  
**6:00PM** †Jim Pocza by Lynn Dornbusch

**Friday, March 27, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Buski Itobore by Family  
Thanks to God by Romero Jiminez Family  
†Leo Garcia by Family  
†Diana Young Garcia by Family  
†Pablo Garza by Friend  
Peace in Our Country by Ernest/Dorothy Moreno  
**6:00PM** †Alonzo Yanez, Sr. by Dahlia Fonseca

**Saturday, March 28, 2026**

**8:30AM** †Jose T. Gomez by Rosie San Miguel  
**4:30PM** David Valdez, Sr. by Dora Garcia



**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.*

**March 22, 2026- April 4, 2026**



**The Church Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in memory of Francisco Flores by Family  
**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 Antonio Isidro by Cherrie Gerstner

**Scripture Readings for the Week**

**Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
**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:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30  
**Wednesday: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
**Thursday:** Gen 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** Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

## Fifth 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.



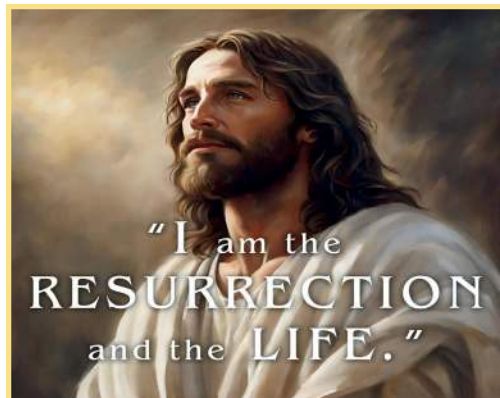
Each week, a Traveling Vocations Crucifix will be presented to a different Parishioner. The Family / Individual presented with the Crucifix, will pray for an increase in vocations within our diocese and particularly within our Parish. To participate, please visit the Parish Website [mpbchurch.org](http://mpbchurch.org) under **ministries-vocation-program selection-traveling vocation crucifix** and sign up.

### Gift Shop Sale

The gift shop will be having a basket and religious items sale after mass on **Saturday March the 28th** and on **Sunday March 29th**, after 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:30am and 7:00pm.  
Thank you in advance for your support!

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the cross will be in the main church at 6:30pm every Friday during Lent.



### 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.  
Amen.

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### Our Parish Activities

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**  
8:00AM OCIA **GH**  
8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**  
**Monday, March 23, 2026**  
6:00PM MS RE **SMG**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026**  
8:00PM AA **C2**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2025**  
9:45AM 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, March 26, 2026**  
7:00PM Real Men's Group **SMG**  
8:00PM AA **C2**  
**Friday, March 27, 2026**  
Fish Fry **GH**  
6:45PM Stations of the Cross **C**  
**Saturday, March 28, 2026**  
4:30PM Gift Shop Sale **C**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2025**  
8:00AM OCIA **GH**  
8:00AM Gift Shop Sale **C**  
8:30AM K3-6th CGS **SMG**  
5:00PM HS RE Y2 **SMG**

#### 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:

Gina De Leon, Jessica Martinez, James Flores, Mia Salinas, On'Ly Espinoza, Samantha Garza, Mackatelynn Vargas, Robert Garza, Jr., Malina Garza, Michael Vargas, Jr., Oralia Gonzalez, Grace Espinoza, Theresa Gilbert, 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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**Spring Festival Raffle**  
**Thank You and Keep the Momentum Going!**

Thank you to everyone who has already picked up and begun selling raffle tickets for our Annual Parish Spring Festival on Saturday, April 18. Your support is already helping build excitement for this wonderful parish celebration.

If you have not yet picked up your raffle tickets, there is still plenty of time to participate. Please consider purchasing a few tickets and taking some additional tickets to sell to family, friends, and coworkers. Every ticket sold directly supports our Faith Ministry and helps us continue forming our young people in the faith.

Together as a parish family, we can make this year's festival a joyful and successful event for everyone.

Raffle tickets are available after all Masses. Please stop by the table in the foyer and visit with one of our parish representatives. Tickets can also be purchased/acquired in the parish offices during regular business hours.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Rev. Fr. Joseph A. Lopez, JCL

**Save the Date**

**Annual Spring Festival**

*April 18, 2026*

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

**Olga Hinojosa**  
**Joey Lara**

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

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**Lenten Fish Fry**



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Every Friday beginning February 20- March 27  
Lunch: 11 am - 2 pm  
Dinner: 4 pm - 7 pm

MENU:

- 1) FISH - 2 fish fillets, fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw.
- 2) SHRIMP - 6 shrimp, fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw.
- 3) COMBO - 1 fish fillet, 3 shrimp, fries, hushpuppies, and coleslaw.

A la carte:  
Mac&cheese - \$3  
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**\$12**





# Ministry of Catechesis

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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The Institute for Parish Leadership and Ministry Formation is resuming in person courses for catechist certification. The strength of our parish catechetical efforts is dependent on the strength of our catechists. The Institute provides excellent and accessible courses for catechists to gain the necessary knowledge to fully implement our diocesan curriculum and the USCCB High School Religion Standards for Youth Ministry and Religious Education as well as required training in catechetical methodology. **Cost for course is \$35.00.**

*Those who are interested in attending but are not seeking Certification can attend as well but must also register and pay tuition fee.*

**Level I Ministry of Catechesis** will be held over 2-all day sessions:  
Saturday: March 28 and April 11 from 9 am to 4 pm

If you have specific questions about the class, please call between 5:30pm and 9pm

**Julie Stark at (361) 815-3282 or email: [vstark@stx.rr.com](mailto:vstark@stx.rr.com).**

**Course:** Ministry of Catechesis (*Level 1*)  
**Date:** Saturdays, March 28 and April 11  
**Time:** 9am to 4pm  
**Location:** Most Precious Blood Catholic Church - St. Julianna Hall – C1  
3502 Saratoga Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas

**REGISTRATION:** [Diocese of Corpus Christi](http://Diocese of Corpus Christi) and scroll down and click Catechist Certification - <http://faithformationcc.com/>



## QUINCEAÑERA

**Prep Retreat Dates:**

7/12/25, 9/27/25, 11/1/25

1/31/26, 4/25/26, 7/11/26, 9/26/26, 11/7/26

1/30/27, 4/24/27, 7/24/27, 9/25/27, 11/6/27

**(9:00am - 4:30pm)**

This one-day Retreat will cover several topics with the **Main Goal** - to help girls face the challenges of our society, addressing the need by offering a spiritual and moral formation through this new, interactive, mentor-led course, that helps girls build strong foundations for their future and stay on the path to holiness.

**Retreat OBJECTIVES:** ~Understand the real meaning of the Quinceanera Celebration as an act of thanksgiving for their life and faith ~ Understand that God created humanity for love therefore they are called to love ~ Identify and value the vocation of humanity as well as the woman's missions in life ~ Identify concrete practices to accomplish their missions as women ~ Understand the difference between sacraments and blessings~ Understand how the sacraments fit into God's plan of salvation ~ List the 7 sacraments of the Catholic Church and identify the sign and grace of each sacrament ~ Develop life goals and formulate concrete actions to reach those goals ~ Identify immoral behaviors ~ Differentiate conscience from opinion~ Appraise the importance of purity and identify a list of Christian practices to keep chaste ~ Discuss the damages caused by contraception, pornography, and abortion.

Doors open at 8:30a.m. Participant is to arrive **BEFORE 9:00 a.m.** – Retreat Concludes @ 5:00pm. A light breakfast, lunch (Chick-fil-A) and snacks will be provided. Participants will be assigned homework, and they will receive their certificate of participation AFTER the homework has been received by our office. Homework may be returned via email [tvillegas@mpbchurch.org](mailto:tvillegas@mpbchurch.org). **Parents do not participate/attend the Quince Prep Retreat. Drop off starts at 8:30a.m. and Pickup is at 4:30p.m.**

**COST: \$125.00 \*\*Registration CLOSES on Monday the week of the retreat \*\***

Due to limited space, attendance is capped at 15 participants. We encourage early registration to secure your spot, as registration will CLOSE on Monday, the week of the retreat. If spots remain available, late registration will be accepted from Tuesday to Thursday of that same week but will include additional fees. All registrations must be completed online.

**Registration:** <https://www.osvhub.com/mpbchurch/forms/quince-prep-retreat>



For more information contact Tina Villegas (361) 854-3800 [tvillegas@mpbchurch.org](mailto:tvillegas@mpbchurch.org)  
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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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