

## VOCATION AWARENESS

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, Upon him I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations. -Isaiah 42:1

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Welcome to Most Precious Blood Parish! To register, please go to http://mpbchurch.org or come to the Church office.



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to come.



**LITURGY** 

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

7:30 pm

8:30 am & 6:00 pm Weekday Masses: Mon. – Fri.

8:30 am

Holy Day Masses: 6:00 pm

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

St. Jude Gift Shop: Martha Parra

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

**STAFF** 

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

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Coordinator: Joseph Hernandez **Head Cantor:** Lisa Gonzalez-Saenz Associate Cantor: Sarah Garcia Devotions to St. Jude: Monday-Thursday 5:00pm **Eucharistic Adoration:** Alice Polansky Extra Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Mark Cazalas

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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: Hilary 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:

Deacon Ken Bockholt Deacon Frank Newchurch Deacon David Castillo Alan & Deb Morgan Flsa Canales Palms Nursing Home: Alan & Deb Morgan Mother Teresa Shelter: Maria Escobar Jenny Allen

Part-Time Counselor: Hands of Jesus:

Homebound Ministry: Hospital Ministry:

#### 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, November 4 8:30AM PNovena

Sunday, November 5

8:00AM MPB Parishioners

10:30AM ⊕Novena

Monday, November 6

⊕Walter Stahl by Lynn Dornbusch⊕Rosa Maria Gonzalez Lupe Fiorenza

Special Intention to St. Jude by Mary Vasquez

Powell Families by John Powell

6:00PM †Novena Tuesday, November 7 8:30AM †Novena

**6:00PM** Myra Lombardo, Birthday by Cherrie Gerstner

Wednesday, November 8

6:00PM ⊕Novena
Thursday, November 9
8:30AM ⊕Novena

**6:00PM** ⊕Dr. George T. Barrera by Barrera Family

Friday, November 10

⊕Ramon Cuellar by Family⊕Domingo Cuellar by Family

Customers/Friends/Neighbors by Rick McCabe

⊕Alvino Cuellar by Family
Powell Families by John Powell

6:00PM ⊕Novena Saturday, November 11





## Religious Education Classes Sundays - St. Maria Goretti Youth Center

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

## November 2023 Poor Souls in Purgatory



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 October 29, 2023 - November 11, 2023

The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the Powell Families by John Powell.

The St. Jude Chapel Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Ronnie L. Varnado by Family.

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

#### Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1, 2, 3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

**Monday:** Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14 **Tuesday:** Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:15-24 **Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sunnday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13



#### **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### 2nd Collection

The second collection will be taken up on November 4 & 5, 2023 for the building fund. Thank you for your generosity.

pivine Mercy Holy Hour will be held on **November 5, 2023** at 3:00pm in the St. Jude Chapel.



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



#### **MPB Liturgical Chorale**

Singing is like praying trwice. The MPB liturgical chorale, which sings at 10:30am on Sundays and other major liturgical celebrations, is seeking new members as they prepare for the Christmas season. If you love to sing, come join us for our rehearsals on **Thursdays** at **6:30pm.** Experience is not required but a joyful spirit goes a long way.

Come sing unto the Lord!!



Visit our website: www.mpbchurch.org



Coastal Bend Blood Bank will be here with their Bloodmobile on Sunday, November 5 from 9:00am - 2:00pm. The Bloodmobile will be located in front of the St. Juliana Family Center.

## W.I.N.E. - Women in the New Evangelization

Most Precious Blood is pleased to announce this new Women's Study Group, W.I.N.E. Wednesday. Study will start November 8 in the St. Juliana Family Center. There are two session options; morning session from 9:45-10:45am or evening session from 6:45-7:45pm. This scripture study is titled Walking With Mary. An 8-week intimate journey with Mary, our Mother. Ladies mark your calendars.

#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK



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#### Our Parish Activities

Sunday, November 5 8:30AM RCIA FC 8:45 / 11:45AM CGS SMG 8:45AM 6th Grade CGS SMG 9:00AM Blood Drive FC 1:45PM MS RE SMG 5:00PM HS RE SMG Monday, November 6 Tuesday, November 7 Wednesday, November 8 3:00PM Divine Mercy SJC 6:30PM Women's Council C2 7:00PM KC Council C1 Thursday, November 9 6:30PM JCDA SMG 7:00PM Real Men's Group SMG 8:00PM AA **C2** Friday, November 10 Saturday, November 11 Sunday, November 12 8:30AM RCIA FC 8:45AM / 11:45AM CGS SMG 8:45AM 6th Grade CSG SMG 1:45PM MS RE Classes SMG 2:00PM Baptism Class C

#### Legend:

C - Church

C1-C2 - Classrooms in Family Center

5:00PM HS RE Classes FC

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:

Alejandro Sandoval, Jr., Patrick Elizarrarez. Roshenna Mattox' Susie Martinez, Jose Flores, Sr., Jesus Quintanilla, Aurora Chavana, Frances DeLosSantos and 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.

#### Thanksgiving Turkeys

Knights of Columbus Council #11238 will be having their Annual Smoked Thanksgiving Turkey sale. Turkeys will be smoked and ready for pickup Thanksgiving morning Thursday, November 23rd from 8 - 11am at the BBQ Hut.

Tickets are \$60.00 and can be purchased at the Parish Office, from any KC member, or by calling Daniel Solis at 361-658-1295.

#### **Thanksgiving Pies**

As is our tradition at Most Precious Blood, we will be collecting pies for the Mother Teresa Shelter again this year. Pies will be collected from 9am-12pm on *Wednesday, November 22nd* at the St. Juliana Family Center. Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**

Thanksgiving mass on November 23, 2023 will be at 10:00am. There will **not** be an evening mass on that day.

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will be closed at noon on *November 22 - 25, 2023*. Regular office hours resume Monday, November 27, from 8am-12:00pm and 1pm-5pm.

We Extend a Warm Welcome to Our New Parishioners:

Jessica Cantu
Joseph & Belinda Denno
Beatriz Marlow
Johnny & Cynthia Saenz
Jameel & Lauren Tannous
Allen Whitlock & Taylor Dube

God bless you as you join our community of faith at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

#### Parish Family Directory

Our churh directory will not be complete without you! We urge you to set up an appointment for a November 9, 10 or 11 sitting.

Register online at: **www.ucdir.com**. You will need the Church Code: **TX355** and Password: **photos.** 



Veterans' Day is an opportunity for prayer and rememberance of our fallen veterans.

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Everyone is welcome to join the **31 Club** to pray for an increase in vocations.

Pick any date of the month, then commit to go to Mass or a Holy hour on tht day each month over the following year. Devote that Mass or prayer to an increase in vocations, and for priests and religious already serving the Church.

This is open to everyone, including parishioners who are homebound and wish to offer their sufferings and prayer for that day.

Sign up is available through the Parish Website

# Pray for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Eternal rest grant to them, o Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### **NOVEMBER - POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Over the centuries the month of November has been dedicated to the Poor Souls in purgatory. We will explore three questions and with a short answer on what our Catholic faith teaches about devotion to the Poor Souls in purgatory. Who are the Poor Souls? Why are the Poor Souls in purgatory?; and How are we to practice our devotion to the souls in purgatory?

#### Who Are the Poor Souls?

The Poor Souls are the souls of those people who died in the friendship of God. But they still have some suffering to undergo for the sins they had committed during their lives on earth. It is the infallible teaching of the Catholic Church that there is a purgatory. As the word itself indicates, purgatory is the state of those who still have to be cleansed of the penalty which they owe for their past offenses against God. The Poor Souls are poor because they are in suffering and need our help. We know from Sacred Scripture that there is a purgatory, as described in the second book of Maccabees, which unfortunately has been removed from the Protestant Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:41-45).

The existence of purgatory is a defined truth of the Catholic faith. Those who die without the guilt of mortal sin, but with temporal punishment still due for their past offenses "are cleansed after death in purgatorial or cleansing punishments."

It is commonly believed that the principal suffering in purgatory is the pain of loss. The souls are temporarily deprived of the Beatific Vision (seeing God face to face).

#### Why are the Poor Souls in Purgatory?

In order to understand why the Poor Souls are in purgatory, as Catholics we should know what we believe about the double effect of every sin. Every time we sin we lose more or less of God's grace. This we call "guilt." Every time we sin we also incur a debt of pain. This we call "penalty."

Mortal sins are called mortal because they deprive the sinner of sanctifying grace and the right to heaven. Mortal sins also incur the debt of eternal punishment.

When mortal sins are forgiven in the sacrament of penance (confession), sanctifying grace is restored and the debt of eternal punishment is removed. But normally there is still temporal punishment to be expiated. Moreover, venial sins always carry with them a debt of temporal punishment, which is more or less remitted, depending on a person's spiritual dispositions.

This immediately tells us that because we are sinners we must expect to suffer in expiation for our sins. The choice we have is between patiently suffering here on earth or suffering in purgatory after our bodily death.

#### **Devotion to the Poor Souls**

Devotion to the Poor Souls has two sides: our side and the side of the souls in purgatory. On their side, the Poor Souls are united with us in the one Kingdom of Christ. They can pray and obtain blessings for us here on earth. They are united, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, with the pilgrim Church in the Communion of Saints. We are therefore encouraged to invoke their aid, with a confidence of being heard by those who understand our needs. They know from their own experience what it means to carry the cross here on earth.

On our side, we are to do everything we can to help the Poor Souls in the Church Suffering. The sufferings in purgatory are not the same for all. They depend on each person's degree of sinfulness. St. Thomas Aquinas held that the least pain in purgatory is greater than the worst pain in this life.

What does it mean to pray for the Poor Souls?

It means everything that we can offer for the faithful departed. We can offer our bodily pains in expiation for their sins. We can offer our spiritual sufferings, our disappointments and fears, our discouragement and estrangement from those we love. We can offer our vocal prayers, like the Rosary, the Memorare, the Angelus, the divine mercy chaplet, etc.

We can offer our mental prayers, like the Way of the Cross, our daily meditation and examination of conscience. We can offer our mortifications, like giving up some delicacy at table, or performance of some unpleasant work.

But the most effective offering we can make for the Poor Souls is the Holy Eucharist at the Sacrifice of the Mass; Holy Communion and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Over the centuries, the Catholic faithful have by now offered countless Masses for the Poor Souls.

As a suggestion: during the month of November, compose a Necrology. A necrology is a list of all the deceased persons whom we wish to specially remember in our Masses, and those to whom we wish to specially commend to the mercy of God. Every Catholic diocese in the world has a Necrology of its deceased priests and deacons. Every family should have its own Necrology of deceased members whom we daily remember to our merciful Lord.

Every time you say the grace after meals, be sure to add the invocation, "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen." In every Rosary we recite, do not forget to say after each decade, "O, my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and bring all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of thy mercy."

Remember that devotion to the Poor Souls is really a covenant between them and us. We pray and sacrifice for them; and they can pray and suffer for us. They appreciate whatever help we give them, to lessen their suffering and to shorten their stay in Purgatory. They will continue to show their appreciation when we join them in a heavenly eternity.

#### SAVE A SOUL!!!

#### INDULGENCES FOR ALL SOULS WEEK

By a plenary indulgence is meant the remission of the entire temporal punishment due to sin so that no further expiation is required in Purgatory. A partial indulgence commutes only a certain portion of the penalty. An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day during the Novena (Nov. 2-10). It is partial for the remaining days of November. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of the All the Faithful Departed (Nov. 2), piously visits a church. In visiting, the church, it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited. This is granted also on the Sunday preceding and following Nov. 2.

To acquire a plenary indulgence, it is necessary also to fulfill the following three (3) conditions within seven (7) days before or after the visit: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father. The condition of praying for the intentions of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of a day. A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, can be obtained when the Eternal Rest (Requiem aeternam) is prayed. This is a good prayer to recite especially during the month of November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





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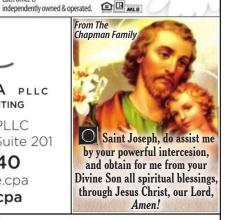
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